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Newsletter 1

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all enjoyed a happy, restful summer.

Your children have started their new term very much where they left off last term - positive, happy and enjoying their learning. They have settled in to their new classrooms well and made new classmates, who have joined Bowmansgreen this week, feel very welcome.

We also welcome our new reception pupils as fully fledged members of the Bowmansgreen School Community. They have made a fantastic start and have been busy familiarising themselves with their new classroom, making friends and enjoying lots of new activities. Their behaviour has been so impressive this week that they even came to the whole school assembly this morning. Well done reception!

During this week's assemblies, we have reminded pupils about our school rules and reinforced our expectations of their behaviour towards their learning and each other. School rules: **'Be kind, be safe, be respectful.'**

If you use the school entrance/exit by the library, you may have noticed that we have a new back gate. The gate is higher, more robust and is being set up to have a push-button exit like the pedestrian gate at the front entrance.

I am very excited to announce that we will be launching our new school website this half term. The website will be much easier and quicker to navigate and comes with a school app that has been specially designed to help school communicate with parents more efficiently and effectively. Look out for more information and the launch date very soon.

Please check that your child has come home with a reading book and reading record today and let their class teacher know on Monday if this has not been the case.

Parents are invited to attend year group curriculum meetings for their children, which will take place week beginning September 17th. These meetings will be focused on how parents can support their children access their new year group's curriculum and information about key subjects, topics and events. See below for specific dates. It is also another opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and ask any questions that you may have about the year ahead.

Enjoy your weekend.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11 th September	2BC $\frac{1}{2}$ class Eco Day
Tuesday 11 th September	Year 4 Swimming Starts
Thursday 13 th September	Year 6 PGL Meeting 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday 14 th September	Celebration Assembly
Monday 17 th September	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting
Tuesday 18 th September	Year 6 Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 19 th September	Year 1 and Year 2 Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 20 th September	Year 3 and Year 4 Curriculum Meeting
Friday 21 st September	Celebration Assembly

Reminders from the Office

During the day, we are requested to deliver many messages/items to children which can cause disruption in the class. These can be packed lunches, coats, water bottles, PE kits or messages informing the teacher that they are going home with a friend, neighbour etc. Please can we ask you to make sure that children have what they need on arrival at school and that any changes to pick up arrangements are given in the morning to the class teacher (with the exception of emergencies, of course). The school office is extremely busy throughout the day and we are concerned that we may not be able to deliver the message/item in time, despite our very best efforts. Thank you.

Absence from School

Please could we remind parents/carers that you are required to telephone or text the school office on each day of your child/children's absence. This does include absence for religious holidays.

Medication Reminder

Unfortunately, the school office is not allowed to give the children any antibiotics or Calpol/Nurofen during the school day. Parents/carers are more than welcome to come to the school and administer the medicine themselves.

School Mornings

The classroom and entrance doors are shut promptly at 8.45 am. If your child arrives after 8.45 am at the front entrance they need to come through the School Office. If they arrive at the back entrance please make sure they see the adult on the junior door so that we can be sure they are marked in. The back gate (Library side) is shut promptly at 9.00 am.

End of Day Arrangements

We would like to remind parents/carers that unless you have filled in the forms for your child to leave school independently the class teacher will only let the children leave if they are being collected by someone over the age of 16. Reception and KS1 finish at 3.00 pm and KS2 finish at 3.05 pm. Please ensure your children are collected on time.

School Back Gate

The school back gate by the Caledon Club/Library will be opened at the end of the school day from 3.00pm to 3.15pm and from 4.00pm - 4.15pm when clubs are being run. Parents/carers/children should leave the school site promptly at the end of the day.

Playground Equipment

Children should not be climbing or playing on the playground equipment before or after school as the equipment is unsupervised.

Packed Lunches

Please could we remind you that children should not bring in nuts or nutella sandwiches to school as we have several children in school who have severe allergies.

Birthdays

Unfortunately the school policy is that we do not allow children to bring in sweets/cakes to their class to celebrate their birthdays. This is because we are a healthy eating school and we also have a lot of children with allergies.