

20th September 2019

The newsletter has been sent out on paper this week to make sure as many parents as possible get the message about the changes to the morning routine at the start of the school day. Future newsletters will continue to go out on ParentPay only so please make sure you check this on a Friday. If you would like a paper copy, Michelle in the office will have them available on request.

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children spent the first three days of this week at 'Spirit of Adventure' camp near Dartmouth. They had an absolutely brilliant time and came back tired, muddy but smiling on Wednesday. The children had three days of tree climbing, shelter building, fire making and zip lining as well as lot of outside fun. Thank goodness the weather was nice for them too!! Sam McCarthy said it was wonderful to see them working together and having fun outside of school.



Sad News

Mrs Bragg, a devoted dinner lady at Buckfastleigh Primary School who loved and cared for all the children over 45 years passed away on Monday 16th Sept after a short peaceful fight against cancer. Mrs Bragg was a wonderful servant to the school and will be greatly missed. The funeral will be held on Friday 27th Sept at Top Church (Holy Trinity) at 1.30pm. No flowers instead please can we have donations which will be split between Buckfastleigh Primary School and Cancer Research. Everyone including children are welcome. The wake will be at The Globe. No black, the brighter the better.

Harvest Service

Don't forget our Harvest Service at St Luke's Church on Tuesday 15th October. It will start at 10am, not 10pm which was put on last week's newsletter!! Parents, carers and other family members are invited to come along. Every class will be doing an individual performance and there will be some whole school songs.

After-School Club and Breakfast Club

Please try and make bookings for After-School club and Breakfast club in advance. While this is not always possible, it does help staff to be more prepared for the children attending. If you can book your child in by the Thursday of the week before, we would really appreciate it.

'Soft Start' in the morning

We have had a week using the 'soft start' to the school day and it has been great to hear so many positive responses from parents. I have enjoyed seeing parents feeling comfortable in school and hope this continues. As with anything new, there are going to be a few teething



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problems and your feedback on this has helped. After talking things through with staff, we are going to make a few small 'tweaks' for next week. Hopefully this will make things run even more smoothly.

Morning Routine

- All KSI and Reception children to come in through the KSI playground door from 8:45am (not classroom doors) – this will mean there is less back and forth through classrooms.
- All KS2 children to come in through the double doors next to the hall. Parents can come in if they wish or pass a message to the staff member on the door.
- There will be a staff member on both the KSI and KS2 doors until 8:55am when they will close the doors. Parents should have left by this time.
- The front and back gates will be closed at 8:55am. This means no doors are left open unsupervised by a member of staff. **Please do not prop open the front gate** – this will stop it locking automatically at 8:55am.

Afternoon Routine

- Reception will leave through their classroom outside door – please wait down by the Reception classroom door.
- Year 1 will leave through their classroom outside door – please wait down by the Year 1 classroom door.
- Year 2 will leave through the KSI playground door – please wait on the playground.
- Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will leave through the double doors by the hall.
- All children who are being picked up will not be handed over until their adult has been seen by the class teacher.

At least one of Jess Alford, Rosina Kellman or myself will be around each morning and afternoon to say hello. We will be on different doors on different days so look out for us if you need any help.

Parking outside school

Parents have raised concerns about the number of cars parking directly outside school on the zig-zag lines and around the corner on the double yellow lines. This is at the start and end of the school day. While parking is difficult near to school, please avoid the area directly outside. It makes it more difficult for children to cross the road safely as they are unable to see cars coming without standing in the road.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair for these pesky little critters and treat if necessary. Children shouldn't need to stay off school but please tie up long hair to discourage their spread.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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