



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone!

We have reached the end of a momentous week. I cannot tell you how right it feels to have all of the children back in school. There are so many highlights, but the best has to be, again, how remarkable the children have been. It is so evident how much the children want to be in school. They have beamed, chatted (a lot), engaged, laughed, smiled..... I expect they will be tired at the end of today. They have all had to learn many new systems, in new classes, with new teachers – and we could not have asked any more of them all. When I think back to the week we closed the school in March, I have polar opposite emotions today – it really could not be any more different.

Well done to our brand new Reception children. They started school on Thursday and again have been brilliant. Mrs Earle, Mrs Dinsdale and Miss Mylan, their teachers, have been delighted with this week too.

We offer a very warm welcome to Otis, Marley and Rhodri who have joined other year groups this week. We hope they will be very happy at our school, along with their families.

Next week we will continue to build on all that we achieved this week. We know that with time and practise the beginning and the end of the day will become much easier. Therefore, we ask that you bear with us and continue to support all new systems. Please can I ask, that when approaching the barrier to collect your child(ren), that you tell the teacher your child's name, as not all teachers know all parents yet. This will help to speed up the process. We will of course, continue to review all systems.

You will have seen a newsletter from our amazing NPSA Committee this week, highlighting their great work for our community and how we will need to do things differently going forward. I want to thank the team of parents who organised another Newbridge Scarecrow Trail during August. This was brilliant, and as always, I was in awe of everyone's creativity in the scarecrow designs. I heard that so many Bee and Ladybird children joined in – what a special first event for them. Thank you to everyone who made this a special day.

These are some reminders and updated information.

Reporting absence

When reporting a child's absence. via the school office on 01225 421675, it is vital that we fully understand the reason for the absence. Please phone before 9.30am.

Latest Government Guidance for parents and carers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Coats

Please can all children be provided with a coat, daily. We will be getting children outside as much as possible, and this includes on wet days.

Travelling to school

To support congestion and safety at the school gates, we ask that wherever possible, parents/carers and pupils walk to school. We also ask that, if driving, parents/carers to not double park or block the school gates or park on the zig zag lines by the zebra crossing on Newbridge Hill. It has been reported to me this week that some cars have been travelling too fast up Charmouth Road. With both pavements crowded, and with social distancing, it is imperative that all drivers are considerate of pedestrians, at all times.

Forest School and PE days

You will know that children should wear Forest School clothes and PE kits, on the days of these activities. Forest School will start next week. In Year 2, 2T will have their first session on Tuesday, and in Year 4, 4H will have their first session on Wednesday next week. The other classes in Year 2 and Year 4 will have their sessions the week beginning 14th September.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Forest School			PE	
Year 1		PE			PE
Year 2	PE	Forest School	PE		
Year 3		PE	PE		
Year 4	PE		Forest School	PE	
Year 5				PE	PE
Year 6			PE		PE

Communication

Due to limited face to face communication, all queries and concerns should be emailed to the school inbox in the first instance, at newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

Please be assured that class teachers and senior leaders will make contact to support any concerns as soon as possible and within three working days.

Back to School information

Unfortunately, 'Back to School' meetings cannot take place currently. However next week, year groups will be issuing information that they would have previously shared in these meetings. This will be sent to you electronically.

Thank you for your on-going support and for the many positive messages we have received this week, telling us how happy the children are, and in recognition of the task undertaken to fully reopen the school.

I hope you have a really lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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