



NEWSLETTER

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Saturday 12/09/20

- Second-hand uniform sale
1pm-4pm

Tuesday 15/09/20

- Y2 Forest School for **2G**

Wednesday 16/09/20

- Y4 Forest School for **4C**

Tuesday 22/09/20

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

Wednesday 23/09/20

- Y4 Forest School for **4H**

Tuesday 29/09/20

- Y2 Forest School for **2G**

Wednesday 30/09/20

- Y4 Forest School for **4C**

Tuesday 06/10/20

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

Wednesday 07/10/20

- Y4 Forest School for **4H**

Tuesday 13/10/20

- Forest School for **2G**

Wednesday 14/10/20

- Y4 Forest School for **4C**

Tuesday 20/10/20

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

Wednesday 21/10/20

- 4 Forest School for **4H**

Friday 23/10/20

- End of Term 1

Friday 11th September, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good week.

The children have all been fantastic again. I can't tell you how heartening it is to see hundreds of happy, smiling faces each day.

This week, we are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth who has joined Class 1R and Deniz who has joined Class 2T. We hope that they will be very happy at our school, along with their families.

I am sure you will be pleased to see that this week we have made great progress with the coming into school and the leaving arrangements. The mornings are particularly smooth and quick and it's great to see the children showing resilience and independence when entering with little adult support or unaccompanied. We are going to modify the collection arrangements slightly, from Monday, for the Charmouth Road gate. Please see details of this below.

All systems across the school are better established too, and, sadly, these will all feel quite normal very soon. Again, the children and staff have worked hard to embed these.

It undoubtedly remains the case that the safety and well-being of children, families and staff is our priority, and we please ask that everyone continues to support the requests we make and the procedures we have put in place, to ensure this.

Please see below some safety and school procedure reminders, and information regarding school life and learning.

Symptoms of Covid-19

With cases of Covid-19 rising across the country and with government restrictions being imposed from Monday, it remains imperative that any pupil or adult displaying symptoms of Covid-19 knows they cannot enter the premises.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough;
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If anyone has any of the symptoms above they should self-isolate at home and request a test. This is the government website to request a test.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Hands, Face, Space campaign

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The 'Hands, Face, Space' campaign urges the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

Hand washing and sanitising routines remain incredibly important and therefore we would appreciate it if you could revisit the NHS link to promote this too

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

To help, please can all children wash their hands before coming to school.

Latest Government Guidance

Please find guidance for parents and carers relating to school reopening and support. This was last updated on 1st September, 2020.

<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>

Absence notification

It is vital that parents contact the school on 01225 421675/421620 by 9.30am to share the reason for a pupil's absence, on each day of absence. The school office will need to be fully informed of the reason for any absence, as any Covid-19 symptoms will need to be recorded and parents will need to be informed of procedures that must be adhered to, as appropriate.

Drop off and going home arrangements

Please can I ask that all parents and carers adhere to the following procedures, as these will support this system and everyone's safety.

- Pupils must only to be dropped off by one member of their household.
- When approaching the school, and waiting, families must ensure that they observe the 2 metre distancing rule.
- Parents/Carers must not gather at the school entrances and are requested to leave promptly.
- Parents/Carers must arrive at the allocated collection times, to ensure the system for the collection of all children is prompt.
- At the Newbridge Hill gate we ask that parents considerately give way to others when exiting the site at collection time.

From Monday 14th September, the arrangements for collecting from the Charmouth Road gate will be amended. The vehicular gates will be open and parents/carers, at their allocated collection times, should file through here. There will be two lanes. Please enter via the lane that is on the side your child's class is dismissed from. Please collect your child from the teacher and leave the site via the nearest pedestrian gate. This system is almost opposite to that of the morning.

Therefore, for parents and carers collecting Ladybird Class, 1R, 2T and 3KR, please use the left hand lane on entry, and leave via the nearest pedestrian gate on exit.

And, for parents and carers collecting Bee Class, 1K, 2G and 3OG, please use the right hand lane on entry, and leave via the nearest pedestrian gate on exit.

Travelling to school

We have received more complaints of parents/carers parking on the zig-zags at the Newbridge Hill entrance. This puts families in danger when using the zebra crossing. The community police have been contacted about this matter.

Whenever possible, please can parents/carers and pupils walk to school to help ease congestion.

Going home notification arrangements

All going home notification arrangements have to be emailed to the school office at newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk by 10.00am that day. The office is managing a vast amount of email correspondence, and we would appreciate your help with this.

Uniform and dress code

Children will come to school in PE kit, or Forest School kit for Reception, Year 2 and Year 4, on the days these activities take place. On other days, children should wear full school uniform.

For PE, all children can wear trainers and should have leggings or tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. Children can wear school sweatshirts and cardigans, or a plain sweatshirt over PE T shirts.

All children should be provided with a coat each day.

Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back at all times for health and safety reasons.

Uniform Sale

The NPSA is holding an outdoor sale of second hand items on the drive on Saturday afternoon. Please see the poster below and follow all of the safety messages if you are attending.

We are in need of long-sleeved layers and gloves for Forest School. If you have any spare items, please could you bring these items along, bagged and labelled.

School meals

Since the start of term we have offered a limited school menu, as we had to be sure we could deliver this service safely in classrooms. The menu is now being reviewed and will be amended for two weeks' time.

This will be sent to you as soon as it is ready.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of, or are currently applying for, any of the below listed benefits, your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. This is different to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receiving the government funded school meals.

The qualifying benefits are: Income Support; Job Seekers Allowance; Employment Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit; Pension Credit; Working Tax Credit run-on; Asylum Seeker or Universal Credit.

I have attached the application form below which provides further information. If you are not able to access this form, have any queries or would like to register by telephone, please contact: (01225) 394317 or email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk.

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

Senior leaders and class teachers will reply as soon as possible, and within three working days.

Contact details

Please ensure that the school office has your up to date contact details – phone number, email address and home address. If these have changed, please email the school inbox at newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk with the subject title **Pupil contact details**. All children are required to have **two** emergency contacts recorded.

'Back to School' information

Today, you will receive information that is relevant to your child's year group. Usually, we would hold 'Back to School' meetings, but of course these cannot take place and this is the information that would have been shared.

Curriculum Overviews

Next week, you will receive an overview of the curriculum that will be covered in your child's year group this term. Please know that our current priority is to ensure the children feel safe and secure in school and that, the most important aspect, is that the children are happy. I feel strongly that these formative weeks are crucial to building strong and secure relationships. Therefore, teachers will take time to get to know their children and will set a pace that is appropriate to achieving this successfully. If you have any concerns, at all, about how your child is settling, please email the school office, for the attention of your child's class teacher, on newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk

The whole school is continuing to complete learning tasks based on the book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and this will enable the children to reflect on and make sense of the world we are all living in. We hope that this shared learning will offer unity, at a time when in many ways we are separated.

Over the coming weeks, the teachers will begin to understand more about the children's learning through assessment tasks and will, from these, plan for and support needs accordingly.

Reading Books

Due to the current situation and government safety guidelines we have reviewed our book change system in school. We remain committed to maintaining the high profile of reading and want to ensure that every child always has a book to read or share at home on every day of the week.

From Monday 14th September we will introduce the following system for changing books in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Children in Reception will begin bringing books home from 5th October when all children are attending school full time.

Reception and Key Stage 1

Monday – Your child will be allocated a phonics based reading book. This must be returned on the Thursday of the same week.

Thursday – your child will choose a levelled reading book from the class and a library book to share at home. These must be returned on the following Monday.

This system ensures that we can quarantine books between uses and enable us to have sufficient books for your children to choose from.

We still ask that you continue to write a short, positive comment in the reading record book so that we know that books have been read and are ready to be changed.

Key Stage 2

If your child is reading levelled books there is a similar system for changing them.

Monday – Your child will choose a levelled reading book. This must be returned on the Thursday of the same week.

Thursday – your child will choose a library book. This must be returned on the following Monday.

Home-Learning

Soon we will issue further details of home-learning activities. As we cannot have items which have been created at home, in school, we will need to change the approach.

In the first instance, please know that we will continue with our commitment to Doodle English and Doodle Spell and that we will be purchasing Doodle Maths for every pupil very soon. Many thanks to our Newbridge Primary School Association for contributing towards this purchase.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

In order to minimise mixing, as you know we are not able to offer extra-curricular clubs or music lessons from peripatetic teachers until Term 3, at the earliest. If your child has undertaken B&NES peripatetic music lessons in the past, you will have received a letter this week about potential lessons in the near future. Please know that this letter does not alter the decision we have made.

Mental health and wellbeing

Please do not hesitate to get in touch via email or by calling the school, if you are worried about your child's wellbeing.

Better Health Every Mind Matters

Public Health England has launched a new mental health campaign to support children and young people called Better Health Every Mind Matters. This is a part of the wider Every Mind Matters campaign that is already available for adults. The aim of the campaign is to:

- Equip parents/carers and young people to take action to protect and improve children and young people's mental wellbeing
- Build mental resilience to navigate the Covid-19 outbreak and evolving mental health challenges
- Provide support for those children at greater risk of worsening mental health

The **Better Health Every Mind Matters** website is for young people aged 13 - 18 and the parents/carers of children and young people from 5-18.

Online resources

These are other online resources that you may find useful may be useful:

MindEd, a free educational resource from Health Education England on children and young people's mental health **Bereavement UK** and the **Childhood Bereavement Network**, provide information and resources to support bereaved pupils, schools and staff

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond'

Barnardo's 'See, Hear, Respond' service, provides support to children, young people and their families who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). You can access via the <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond/self-referral> or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

School Nursing

B&NES School Nursing Service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Please contact the Bath Area on 01225 831666 or the Norton Radstock Area on 01761 408111

This service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Thank you again for all of your support and understanding as we continue to navigate the current situation.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Gill Kennaugh



STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Whole Class

1K Amelie S, Cash G

2T Rhed M, Romi H

3OG Shahan S, Reece W

4C William S, Rhodri W

5B Clement S, Eve M

6B Edith W, Sam S

Ladybird Whole Class

1R Arthur L, Elizabeth D

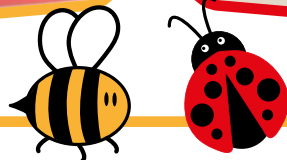
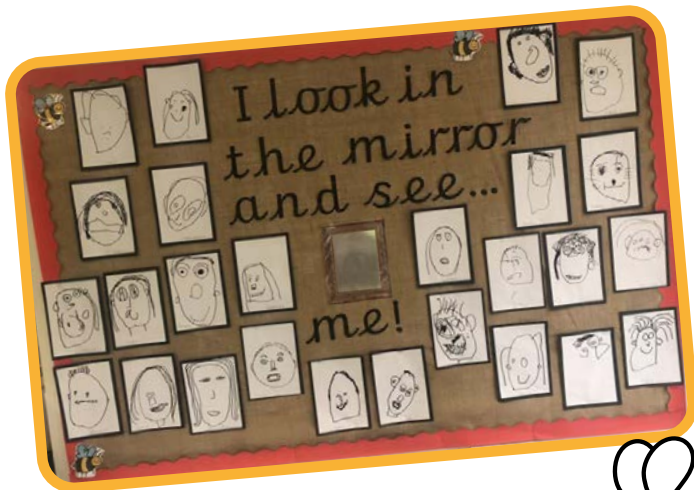
2G Ruby E, Sonny M

3KR Skye T, Bertie O

4H Isabelle G, John J

5H Amuri V, Sophie P

6A Louis F, Sarah S



We have had a wonderful first full week of school in Reception! We have very much enjoyed getting to know each other in Ladybird and Bee Class and settling in to school life. Here are our self-portrait displays that we have been working on this week.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

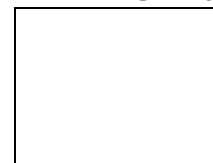


**THIS NPSA FUNDRAISING EVENT
WILL BE**

- **SOCIALLY DISTANCED**
- **CARD PAYMENT ONLY** (minimum spend £1)
- **ONE PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD**
- **ONE WAY ROUTE**
- **TRACK AND TRACE REGISTER**
- **HAND SANITISING / WASHING**

Any questions can be sent to npsabath@gmail.com

**Free School Meal Registration Form
Eligible by Benefit (EBB)**



All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools in England qualify for Universal Infant Free School meals (UIFSM), please contact the School.

Please register all primary and secondary aged pupils for Free School Meals - Eligible By Benefit (EBB) if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits as registration will attract additional funding for your child's school for Pupil Premium (£1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil for the financial year 2020-21).

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals if:

- you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset or The Mendip School, Shepton Mallet, **and**
- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed overleaf.

How to register

- Call 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration.
- Complete this form and return it to the address overleaf.
- Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to download and complete a form online.
- Email registration form or any query to freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Parent/Guardian(s) Details					
Title	Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	National Insurance or NASS number	Relationship to child(ren)
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Current Address including postcode			Previous Address including postcode (If you have moved in the last year)		
Email:			Date of Move (dd/mm/yy) / /		
Telephone:					

Dependent Children			
Please list all school age children who you wish to make a claim for.			
Surname	First Name	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	Name of School(s) and Start Date
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