

Monday 1st November

- Start of Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November

- Y2 Forest School for **2A**

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- Prospective Parents meeting via Zoom 2pm

Wednesday 3rd November

- Y4 Forest School for **4B**

Tuesday 9th November

- Y2 Forest School for **2T**

Tuesday 9th November

- Prospective Parents meeting via Zoom 2pm

Wednesday 10th November

- Y4 Forest School for **4KR**

Friday 12th November

- Outdoor Learning Day

Thursday 18th November

- EYFS and Year 1 Cursive Hand Writing Workshop

Thursday 25th November

- Flu Immunisations

Friday 22nd October, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I do not want the events of the past week to overshadow the incredible six weeks we completed prior to this. To consider that in this term, school life became normal for first time in over 18 months is just the best thing. Together, we have ensured that all children returned to school, that our Bee and Ladybird classes settled in well, that our Year 3 children transitioned smoothly to the upper school, that the curriculum has been taught in full, that assemblies recommenced, that children played with others from across the school, that the dining hall reopened and that a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities became available. Therefore, socialisation, learning and opportunity, making for happy children, are the stand outs to me. Thank you and well done to every pupil for giving their all, and for making the most of school life, as it should be.

This week has of course been difficult, and I wish to thank you for following advice and for supporting the measures we had to impose. These, on Monday, came as quite a shock, I am sure. However, there was no alternative other than to act swiftly and responsibly. Already, we have seen the impact these measures and the number of positive cases reported has slowed. Sadly, pupil absence rates have continued to be high throughout the week and we feel greatly for the children and their family members who have needed to complete periods of isolation at home. We never anticipated the end of term to be like this, but in studying our data, Public Health has said it is clear that we were significantly affected by the laboratory error.

I am sure you will join with me in recognising the dedication of the staff this week. For the many staff members who work directly with children, this week, without doubt, will have caused stress and worry. I wish to acknowledge each and every one and to thank them, sincerely, for continuing to provide the very best for our children in the face of adversity. We have always been proud of what we offer and what we achieve – and at a time like this it could not be more noteworthy.

Current measures will continue

As you might expect, with the high number of positive cases of Covid-19 in B&NES, and in line with all Public Health advice, the current measures will continue for at least the first two weeks of Term 2. Therefore, on return to school on Monday 1st November, the following will apply:

- School meals and packed lunches will be served in classrooms.
- All extra-curricular activities will be cancelled.
- Mixing in Breakfast Club and After School Club will be limited. This cannot be by year group and will be by lower and upper school, mainly. It will be greatly appreciated if parents who use this facility could make alternative arrangements, whenever feasible, to reduce numbers.
- Face to face meetings cannot take place. Parents should contact staff via email to the school inbox at newbridge_pri@bathnes.gov.uk
- Parents are requested to wear a face covering when gathering at the school gate and must wear one when entering the school site.

We are not implementing any measures which will impact on the children's education.

Public Health Newsletter

Please refer to the newsletter for parents and carers attached to today's email. It promotes messages around being vigilant for symptoms over half term, and measures families can take to limit transmission of the virus. It also sets out an update on Covid-19 cases in B&NES; information on flu; information on testing; information to provide to Test and Trace and information about Covid-19 vaccines.

Symptoms of Covid-19

Whenever your child has any of the symptoms of Covid-19, a PCR test should be sought. LFD tests are to be used for those over the age of eleven years and for those who are asymptomatic. A PCR test should be booked when there is one or more of the following symptoms:

A high temperature: any new, high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Inside Out Day

Those that wished to, took the opportunity to turn their clothes inside out today. This was a focused day to encourage others to stop and think about how someone may look like they are feeling okay on the outside, but inside they may be feeling sad or worried. This was a real hit with the children and opened up conversations that will be particularly poignant as they find themselves trying to make sense of the current situation and how this is impacting them. There are some photographs further in the newsletter, it's a shame we didn't get some of the parents who joined in too!

Harvest Donations

Many thanks indeed for the very generous donations received at school for the Bath Food Bank. An astonishing 145kg of produce was donated, meaning that many, many families around Bath will be supported this half term.

Volunteers in school

Thank you to the many parents who have completed DBS applications, to enable them to volunteer in school. Our aim was to commence this support from Term 2. However, in line with our current measures, a start date will be reviewed as this will not be able to happen for at least the first two weeks of term.

The NPSA Fireworks Display

As you will have read, the NPSA, in line with all Public Health advice, has had to postpone the Firework Display due to be held in the first week of term. I know this will be disappointing, however I am sure you will understand why, and be supportive of this decision. The revised date is Thursday 2nd December.

Prospective Open Afternoons – change of plans

Unfortunately, another casualty of our current measures will be the opportunity to meet with prospective parents face to face on Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th November. We have today contacted all of those who have already signed up, to let them know the current revised arrangements. A Zoom meeting will be held on each date instead, with a view to offering tours later next term when case numbers are lower. A revised form can be completed below. I apologise for any inconvenience however, this cannot be helped at this time.

<https://forms.office.com/r/1bdvgynhRD>

Early Years Foundation Stage – entering school

As Bee and Ladybird Class have very successfully managed their start to school, we will be asking them, from Monday 8th November, to demonstrate their independence by entering school via the door to the lower school, from the driveway. The children should still come to school via the Charmouth Road gate, and parents and carers should enter the site to meet the class teachers who will then guide the children in to school.

Lost Property

The mound of lost property has been building, and unfortunately a good deal of it is unnamed. Upper school items will be placed on the fence outside the office, and lower school items on the grass outside Year 1, on the return to school.

Change of email address for parent enquiries

To support the volume of emails we currently receive, we have started to use a new email address for parents' enquiries. Please can we ask that you use enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk with immediate effect.

Google Classroom Blogs

As you will know, we have cut back on the contents of this newsletter and therefore please remember to log in to your child's Google Classroom Stream to see this week's updates. It's a really great way to know more about your child's week and the learning they are currently completing.

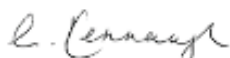
Reporting positive Covid results

During the half term holiday period, please continue to report all positive LFD and PCR results to the school. Please email these to enquiries@newbridge.bathnes.sch.uk with the subject heading **Positive Covid-19 Result**.

Many thanks indeed for your continued support throughout the term, and especially for the appreciation and regard shown for the staff this week - the supply of sweet treats and anonymous biscuit delivery were very much welcomed!

I hope you are able to enjoy a restful half term break.

Take care,



Gill Kennaugh

STARS OF THE WEEK



Bee Tessa G & Ava B

Ladybird Clarice J & Henry J

1EO Amelie R & Georgie K

1R Angus P & Albie S

2T Whole Class

2A Precious F & Hayley M

3OG Sam G & Poppy H

3C Flora K & Nancy B-J

4B Ernie L-S & Nora B

4KR Billy G & Lynne A

5G Phoebe W & Ben L

5HT Chantilly M & Joseph B

6B Josh S & Alfie T

6H Isla F & Isobel F



CURRICULUM CORNER

Super Spellings

Can you find any words within your spellings this week? Remember do not rearrange the letters!



FEEL GOOD FRIDAY

INSIDE OUT DAY









CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all of our wonderful Doodle Summer Challenge Winners.

Wow, what a fantastic achievement for the children. We had winners in every class from Year 1 to Year 6. We are super proud of all of the children who won Doodle English and Maths badges. The children had to work so hard over the Summer holidays to meet their target, it's great to see them wearing their badges with pride.

Our Newbridge Doodle Class Challenge was celebrated this week by the mighty 1R class. They had the most children in the green zone during the two week challenge!

On Wednesday they had so much fun playing games and puzzles in the afternoon.

Well done to 1R!

KEEP DOODLING!

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT DOODLE CHAMPIONS!

