

Bickley Primary School

5 September 2018



Welcome Back!

We would like to say a big welcome back to you all after what has been - for once! - a lovely, hot summer! We hope you all had a great summer break and that your children are excited about coming back to school. They have made a great start today and it was lovely to see them all.

A big welcome to Mrs Lawrence (Reception), Miss Kaynak (Yr 3) and Mrs Burbea (Yr 4) who have all joined the staff. Welcome also to Ms Auburn, who has moved from PPA teacher to Yr 2 teacher, and to Mrs Nash who is returning from maternity leave.



We have a Twitter account now - please follow us!



No more Contact Books

Because teachers are unable to look at every child's contact book every day, some messages from parents have been missed. From now on, all children will have a yellow reading record book, but not a contact book. Please record (or ask your child to record) what has been read at home and write a comment in the reading record. If you have a message for the class teacher, please can you

- 1) tell the teacher at the beginning of the day in the playground or
- 2) write a letter for your child to hand to the teacher or
- 3) phone the school and leave a message with the office or
- 4) (most effective) email the message to the school office for them to send on to the teacher

Lining Up

We are making a big effort to improve the efficiency and order of lining up and coming into school at the start of the day and after break and lunch times.

The bell goes at 8:45 am and children line up in their classes. **AT THIS POINT, WE WOULD LIKE ALL PARENTS TO MOVE BEHIND THE LINES OF CHILDREN OR TO LEAVE THE PLAYGROUND.** The class teacher will stand at the front of the line and hold up their hand, as a signal for them to stop talking. The children will do the same, and when everyone is ready, they will walk in quietly.

We would be really grateful if you could support us by leaving your child in their class line when the bell goes. There is usually a lot of congestion on the pathways because some parents follow their children towards the school building.

We have also asked all Yr 4, 5 and 6 pupils to put their packed lunch boxes on the trolleys outside as soon as they arrive at school and before they join the line.

Dates for the Diary:

26/9/18 - FOBPS AGM
2/10/18 - Yr 1, 2, 3 Harvest 10:00 am
3/10/18 - Yr 4, 5, 6 Harvest 10:00 am
w/b 15/10/18 - Parents' Evenings (incl. evening of 17/10/18)
w/b 22/10/18 - HALF TERM
25/11/18 - Christmas Fayre
18/12/18 - Infant Nativity 9:30am
19/12/18 - Infant Nativity 2:00pm
19/12/18 - Junior Carol Concert 7:00pm
20/12/18 - Infant Nativity 9:30am
20/12/18 - Class parties pm
21/12/18 - Last day of term
7/1/19 - INSET day
8/1/19 - First day of term



Mobile Phones

Only children who walk home on their own (Yr 5 or 6) have a reason to bring a mobile phone to school. They should bring it to the school office for safe keeping as soon as they arrive in the morning **and not use it in the playground before school.**

New Reception Tours

Tours of the school for parents of children who start Reception in September 2019 are on 16/10, 18/10, 30/10 and 1/11 at 11:00 am + 30/10 and 1/11 at 2:00pm + 1/11 at 6:00pm.