



Bickley Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our fifth week back in school, I thought I would update you on a few bits and pieces.

Hard Work

I want to start by saying a big well done to the children. They are working incredibly hard and are producing some really excellent work, which they are very proud of. They are behaving very well and are following the additional rules and routines beautifully.

Google Classroom

Thank you for supporting your child with Google Classroom. We have been impressed with all the homework that has been 'turned in.' Teachers will continue to demonstrate to the children how to log in, access homework and upload work, but if you are experiencing difficulties, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Moon on homelearning@bickley.bromley.sch.uk or talk to Mrs Moon on the gate in the morning.

Harvest Collection

A huge thank you to all of you who contributed to our Harvest collection for the Bromley Food Bank. If you forgot to bring any change with you today, please feel free to send some money in next week. There are many local families who are relying on donations to the food bank at the moment, so every contribution makes a big difference.

Start and Finish Times

The temporary start and finish times and arrangements that we have needed to put in place because of the pandemic have been working well, but we are working on some very minor adjustments to make it work even better. We will send details home to parents just before half term, so we can start them when we return on Monday 2nd November.

In the meantime, please can I remind you of the following:

- Parents line up brilliantly on the drive down from Nightingale Lane. However, some parents are not lining up by the gate in the La Fontaine car park. This is unfair on the parents who do line up, as they have been waiting longer and so their children should be dismissed first.
- Please can parents make sure they leave the school promptly when they have their children.
- If you drive into the La Fontaine car park, please follow the one way system!
- Please stick to the correct times for your child. The gates close promptly at 9:00am. Mrs Peirce and Miss Milne are on the gate from 8:30 am and need to deal with attendance at 9:00am.

Dogs on the school premises

Unfortunately, as lovely as some of them are, dogs are not permitted on school grounds for many reasons. I have also been informed that there is often dog poo on the pavement outside school, which is extremely disappointing – as well as unpleasant and unnecessary. If you really do need to bring your dog with you, please leave it secured to the railings at the top of the Nightingale Lane drive (or alternatively, let your child walk up or down the drive on their own) and please bring a bag to pick up after them.



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Hand Soap

Many thanks to all of you who have donated a bottle of hand soap for your child's class. As explained, we have a soap dispenser (and a hand sanitiser dispenser) in each class, which is filled up twice a day by the caretaker. However, the soap sometimes runs out between top-ups, so each class needs additional pump soap dispensers available. If you are able to donate soap at any time to your child's class, this would be HUGELY appreciated.

Attendance

After an initial bout of back-to-school colds, I am delighted to say that attendance is very good at the moment. Absences are down to single figures, and one day this week, there were only 3 pupils absent in the whole school.

Please remember to inform the school office before the start of the school day if your child is not coming to school. If we don't hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not at school. This phone call is also to check that your child is safe and at home with you, so please make sure that we have your up to date phone number and that you answer your phone.

Coats

Please send your child in with a coat if it is cold or likely to rain. The children go outside at play time and at lunch time – and often at other times in the day. If it is drizzling with rain, children still go outside – especially at the moment – so it is important that they have a coat, otherwise they will get wet and miserable.

Finally, thank you to all of you for your support at the moment (and always!). I wish I was confident that these strange times were nearly over, but while things are different and a bit more stressful than usual, I genuinely appreciate your help and support with all the changes.

Yours sincerely



E. Blake