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Issue 1



DATES

Week beginning 6th September

Class information sessions
See emailed letter for dates and times (virtual)

Thursday 16th September

Moon Class new parent meetings

Friday 17th September

Stars Class new parent meetings

Friday 17th September

Jeans for Genes Day

Wednesday 22nd September

Individual Photos

Wednesday 22nd September

Year 6 transition meeting - virtual
4:30 - 5:15pm

Thursday 23rd September

KS1 Phonics Workshops taking place - further details will be emailed
9:15 - 10:00am

Thursday 30th September

Reading Workshop Reception parents (school hall)
9:00 - 9:45am

Thursday 30th September

Reading Workshop Year 1 parents (school hall)
2:30-3:00pm

Wednesday 13th October

Year 6 SATs meeting (school hall)
3:30 - 4:15pm

Thursday 14th October

Year 2 SATs meeting (school hall)
3:30 - 4:00pm

NEWSLETTER

Please see message below from Stephen Royal who will be working with our school every Monday.

Hi, I'm Stephen Royal and I am an Education Support Practitioner that works for Bright Futures. Bright Futures is a branch of Islington Council. As an education practitioner, I will be working with your child's school to support them with a wide range of issues that are faced by many of Islington's school children; Post Covid anxiety, attendance, SEN, Emotional School Based Avoidance etc.

I'll initially be in your child's school one day a week for the autumn term to make things easier for families who would like some advice or guidance around some of the challenges they may be facing.

I have ten years of experience working with children and young people within education. I have worked in primary and secondary schools and have a vast amount of experience working with families providing support to them. I am available to talk with parents who have school aged children and can either provide some advice or connect them with part of Bright Future's specialist team.

I am looking forward to working with your child's school, meeting you and having a chat.



If you would like to speak with Stephen please email the office to arrange an appointment. Stephen will also be at the school gate on Monday morning.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Thursday and must be handed in the following Wednesday.

Homework will be set for the first time this year on Thursday 16th September.

Further information will be shared at the information sessions.

If your child is in Early Years or Key Stage 1, they will have a Seesaw account for their homework. Key Stage 1 will also have a Mathletics account for their number homework.

If your child is in Key Stage 2, they will have a Google Classroom account, a Bug Club account (for levelled reading texts) and Mathletics.

Please make sure you look at the homework expectations on the inside cover of the children's books and encourage children to complete their best work.

All login details for homework will be in your child's reading record.

Star of the Week

I am very excited that we are able to celebrate Star of the Week again. Each week your child's teacher will choose one child who has excelled in their learning or behaviour and they will join me for hot chocolate with cream and sprinkles.

New to school Reception families

Ms Lynch (Moon Class teacher) and Ms Sharp (Stars Class teacher) will meet with Reception children's parents who are new to the school for a ten minute discussion about how their child has settled into Reception and how parents can support with children's learning at home.

An appointment will be sent to you via email tomorrow

Moon Class Thursday 16th September
Stars Class Friday 17th September

Lunches

This term, children have returned to eating lunch in the school hall. You must notify the office by Friday to change children to school dinners / packed lunches for the following week.

Packed lunches must not contain crisps or chocolate bars. If children have these they will be asked not to eat them in school.

Reading Records

Children need to read every night (between 15 and 20 minutes). In Early Years and Key Stage 1, parents need to write a comment to let the teacher know how their child did with their reading. In Key Stage 2, children are expected to write their own comments and parents then need to sign. We have a reading raffle each week for children who have had their reading records signed every evening.

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School Fund

Please ensure you contribute to the school fund. The payment is on your ParentPay account.

School Fund contributions support with building works, extra-curricular activities and enhancing the curriculum.

Class Liturgies

Key Stage 2 classes are on a weekly rota to attend Mass in the Church. The children prepare and take part in the Mass (bidding prayers, readings and offertory). Please join your child's class where possible. This will take place weekly in the Church at 10am. A timetable will be included in the next Newsletter.

Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes day will be held on Friday 17th September. Children are asked to wear an item of jeans clothing and make a donation (of £1 or more) using the school money app. Children should still wear the rest of their school uniform and school shoes. Thank you!

Contact Details

It is very important that you inform us of any change to your contact details in case of an emergency e.g. change of telephone number, change of address, who can collect your child from school'.

We are required to have at least two contact details for your child. We only amend our records after receiving written advice from you. Please do not pass important information on verbally to any member of staff.

Names on uniforms

Please ensure your child's name is on all pieces of their uniform. There are 30 children in a class and most wear the same size. If your child's name isn't on it, the teachers will not be able to find it.

Class News this week**Sun Class – Nursery**

We are very excited to welcome your child to nursery this week. In Sun Class there are lots of adults to support the children. Ms Scholte is the class teacher, Mrs Dornellas is the Nursery Nurse and Ms Hines is the Teaching Assistant. This week we will be focusing on settling in, familiarising ourselves with the indoor and outdoor environment and getting to know each other.

Moon and Stars Class – Reception

Welcome to Moon and Stars Class. Miss Lynch is the teacher in Moon class and Miss Sharp is the teacher for Stars class. The children have all settled in well and are enjoying exploring their new classroom both inside and outside. This term their topic is called 'All about me' and they will do lots of interesting learning and get to share their own experiences. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled and children bring a water bottle and their book bag into school every day.

Mercury Class – Year 1

Welcome to Mercury Class. I am your child's teacher, Miss Haylett and I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This half term we are learning about plants in Science, last week we made and labelled a plant. This week we will be planting seeds and making predictions. Please ask your child if there is anything in particular that they would like to plant in our wonderful new garden.

Venus Class – Year 1 and 2

Welcome to Venus class. I am your child's teacher, Miss Daniels and I am really excited for our year ahead! This half term we will be learning about Flight. In Science we will be looking at Plants and in RE we are thinking all about new beginnings. Our PE day is on a Wednesday so please ensure you have full PE kit. Please let me know if you have any questions or queries. Thank-you for all of your ongoing support!

Earth Class – Year 2

Welcome to Earth Class. I am your child's teacher Miss Hanifin and I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This half term we will be learning about Flight in topic, and finding out who invented the first aircraft, and lots of other interesting facts. In RE we are thinking about Beginnings and this week we will be looking at the Story of Creation. Over the next few weeks we will be working on place value in Maths.

Mars Class – Year 3

Welcome to Mars Class. I am your child's teacher, Miss Leane and I'm looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This half term our RE topic is 'Homes'. We began last week by thinking about what makes a house a home and what makes our homes so special. This week we will be creating homes using different resources such as bricks. We will be creating our own homes using collage materials and discussing in groups the importance of our homes.

Jupiter Class – Year 3

Welcome to Jupiter class! I am Mrs Porter, your child's teacher, and I am really looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming year. In our English lessons we will be learning to create a narrative piece of writing. We began this week by investigating the story 'Wild Girl' through a sensory circuit, and will continue to learn and explore the text as the week goes on. Please ask your child what their favourite part of the story is so far.

Saturn Class – Year 4 and 5

Welcome to Saturn Class. I am your child's teacher, Miss Barker and I'm really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. In English, we will be looking at a meeting tale adaptation called 'This Morning I Met a Whale'. We have already created some brilliant actions to go along with the opening of our story and we will be continuing our actions throughout the week. Your children should remember the actions to the opening so get them to show you the actions to the start of the story.

Neptune Class – Year 5 and 6

Welcome to Neptune Class. I am your child's teacher, Ms Zakari and I am looking so forward to working with you and your child this year. This half term we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks in our topic sessions. We began last week by making our very own Parthenon temples using straws to create the column and roof, this week we will be using primary and secondary resources to research to explore Ancient Greece further. Please ask your child what they want to find out during this topic.

Pluto Class – Year 6

Welcome to Pluto Class. We are your child's teachers, Ms Hall and Ms Dannatt and we are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. This half term we will be learning about suspense writing in our English sessions. We began last week by thinking about all of the elements that come together in our writing to create suspense and this week we have been using charcoal to create our own spooky settings. Please ask your child what they are most looking forward to

School Uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform purchased from Rough Cuts. Children should wear black/ navy sensible flat shoes and navy socks (white socks can only be worn with the summer dress).

If children wear trainers to school they will be asked to change into their plimsolls or will not be allowed to play outside at break times.

Please ensure all children have sensible haircuts (no markings shaved into hair and hair must not be coloured).

Children are allowed to wear hair bows, clips and headbands but these must be red or navy.

Essentials

Please ensure that your child has the following:

A book bag – this should only contain their reading record and the book they are reading

A PE kit (red school PE t-shirt, navy blue shorts, navy/ black plimsolls) which should be in a school PE bag which is clearly labelled with their name and class

A water bottle – These can be purchased from the office for £1 by emailing. Children are only allowed still water in their water bottle and water bottles must be clear.