

Brent Knoll Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers. It has been lovely to see the children return this week and, despite the unseasonal heat, they have really settled down well into their new classes and new routines. I know there is a lot of information shared at the start of the year, so if anything does not seem clear, please do call into the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards, Chris Burman

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New topics: The start of the new school year brings a range of new topics to be studied. The range of subjects we cover is really quite large, with science, history, RE, Maths, computing and art being just a few. If you haven't already received information from your child's teacher then it will be sent out to you. We hope you will be able to talk to your children about their topics and if you do any extra work with them, please do share.



The inspiration for this term's art across the school is Henri Rousseau's, 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'.



Our school values: In this week's school collective worships, the children were reminded of our key values, which are: Hope, Justice, Endurance, Trust, Compassion and Thankfulness. Each term we focus on one of the six, and this term's key Christian value is Hope.

Alongside the values we also think about our themes of Faith, Partnership, Love of Learning and Respect. Each day when the children contribute to these themes they can collect tokens which eventually lead to whole-school rewards. All of these values and themes create our ethos and our ambition to allow all to 'Let Your Light Shine.'

Our new caterers: We have new caterers this week and they are Aspens, a large catering company that manages the meals in hundreds of schools. Our meals still come from Berrow primary and it is the same Berrow staff - whom we know well - who will do the cooking and delivering. The food is looking really good and we hope the children are enjoying what has been offered.

Coming into school and parking: It is always a bit busy at drop-off and pick-up times, so it is appreciated that there has been a reduction in parking on the yellow zig-zag lines this week. We do ask that you do take note of local parking restrictions as well as the drive-ways of local residents. Many of our local residents are quite elderly and they do worry when their drive-ways are blocked, even for a short time.

We were delighted to see some former pupils (photo below) achieve great results in their GCSEs and A-Levels, as reported by our colleagues at Burnham-on Sea.com: <https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/highbridges-king-alfred-school-academy-celebrates-a-level-results-success/> Just a reminder, children can now leave Brent Knoll at the end of Y6 with a choice of either attending Hugh Sexey Middle School or King Alfred's. The paperwork for making secondary school choices will be available online in October.



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Attendance: As you will have seen, a letter went out earlier in the week explaining the importance of really good attendance. We are aiming to have an annual attendance rate of 95%, which means children can maximise their opportunities to engage in their learning. Children whose attendance falls below 90% is a real concern and both the school and the Wessex Learning Trust will want to support families when this happens.

Clubs: Our after-school clubs start next week, though we hope to add more to the list as the term goes on. We already have drama, gardening, cookery, basketball and multi-skills on offer, as well as our daily wraparound provision.

Wraparound takes place from 8am (including breakfast) and then after school until 5pm. Details of clubs are on Parent Pay, or just ask at the office.

Kitsune trip: The first school trip of the year will take place next Thursday when Kitsune class go to the Cheddar caves as part of their new history topic on the Stone Age. Payment for this trip can be made on Parent Pay.

Diary Date: Our first service at St. Michael's church is at 10am on Friday 22nd September, and it will be for the presentation of Bibles to our new Reception class.