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**Date: 13th September 2019**

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school — our first cohort of children, our first year as a school, our first team of staff and our first academic year! How exciting it has been for us to see the children finally begin their educational journey at Badbury Park Primary School. The children look so smart in their new uniforms and have begun to settle in really well. They are happy and smiley and are so excited playing with all the new resources.

Apologies that there are quite a few reminders in this week's newsletter. We will send a newsletter out every other week, but at the beginning of the academic year there may be an extra couple to provide you with important information.

**We look forward to working with you and your children this academic year and into the future as we develop our new school.**

**Mrs J Fraser**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mrs L Dance**  
Head of School

## Thank you



A huge thank you to everyone who has helped to set up Badbury Park Primary School—the builders and contractors who installed the portakabin, the team at Blue Kite Trust for all their hard work behind the scenes and the new Badbury Park Staff team who have worked so hard over the past few weeks to set up the classroom to such a high standards to ensure the children have the best learning opportunities. We hope you spotted the lovely article and photograph in the Swindon Advertiser on 7th September reporting on the opening of Badbury Park. The gallery on our school website [www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk) also has a great selection of photos from the day.

Thank you also to our new parents for choosing Badbury Park and working with us to set up our new school. We have also had some very kind donations of books and toys from parents for which we are very grateful.

## Welcome to our new Oak Tree class



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## STAFF

Executive Headteacher	Mrs Fraser
Head of School/Class teacher	Mrs Dance
School Business Officer	Mrs Artus
Student Teacher	Mrs Critchley
Teaching Assistant	Mrs Fenwick
Midday Meal Supervisor	Miss Starsmeare
SENDco	Mrs Mann

As Executive Head, I am currently spending time across both schools and have been trying to see parents, staff and children. Once we get a little further into term, I will have set days in each school. However, I will still be available to meet with parents and would like to hear any thoughts, concerns or ideas you have for our lovely school. Mrs Dance or Mrs Artus will be happy to take any queries or concerns you may have in my absence and all information will be passed on.

## Recognition Board

As part of our praise and reward system throughout the week, staff will recognise when children have met targets or shown good effort, perseverance or resilience. This will be rewarded through our recognition board and a weekly assembly. Your child will bring home a certificate and can share the reason with family at home.

### Our Ethos

- "Curiosity Approach" using authentic resources to create a natural feel throughout
- Child-led play, outdoor learning and forest school principles are central
- Developing the whole child; building resilience and values in a supportive and nurturing environment

### Oak Tree Class Curriculum Update Parent Meeting

On Tuesday 24th September at 2:15pm Mrs Dance would like to invite parents to a curriculum update meeting. We will be talking about the Foundation Stage curriculum and phonics and giving you information on reading schemes. We will also offer you some advice on how best to support your child at home with their learning. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

### Harvest donations

We will be learning about Harvest and will be collecting for the local food bank during the week beginning 7th October. Donations of tins and non-perishable food items should be brought in during the week. Thank you.



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## Helpful Reminders for the Start of the New Academic Year

### Water and snacks

Please can we remind parents that your child is only allowed plain tap water in school, not juice or flavoured water. Children are given a piece of fruit for a snack at break time, this is provided by the school.

### Naming your child's property

At the end of each term schools always have a large basket of lost property that is unnamed. Please name everything including all clothing, water bottles, shoes and even scooters. Lost property will be put into a basket in the office.

### Coats

Please can you make sure your child brings a named waterproof coat and jumper to school EVERY DAY as the weather is very changeable. A Pac-a-Mac can be kept in school if this is any help.

### Teacher Training Days

Schools have 5 Teacher Training days a year when the school is closed to children. Future date this academic year are: **Monday 6th January 2020, Monday 20th April 2020, Monday 1st June 2020, Wednesday 22nd July 2020.**

### Absence

If you need to request absence for leave during term time, please collect a request form from the information rack in the office. You will need to state the reason why the leave is needed. It is essential that all pupils have good attendance, to ensure they have the opportunity to benefit from the education we provide. Please can we work together to ensure good attendance for every child. May I remind parents that schools are not allowed to authorise absence for holidays during term time. If your child needs to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please let the office know and provide evidence.

### Drop off and pick up

- In the mornings, the side gate will be open from 8:30am where you can drop the children for a play in the playground before entering class. The classroom doors will be open at 8:50am and close at 8:55am when the register is taken. If you are late, please take your child to the office where you will be asked to sign them in. This is to ensure we know who is in school in case of an emergency.
- The class has a diary to write pick up arrangements, please let the staff member on duty know if your child is going home with someone else. If pick up arrangements change during the day, please ring the office so we are informed. We will not let your child go home with anyone we are not expecting to collect.
- Once the children are in full time, please collect them at 3pm.
- Please can we ask parents to keep the children off of the ramp and stairs in the morning as we often receive deliveries at this time. Parents who need to speak to Mrs Artus can do so by pressing the buzzer at the front of school. Mrs Dance will also be available from 8.30am if a parent needs a quick chat, otherwise please ring to make an appointment.

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## Communication

Our main communication method is via email which we will use to ensure you are up-to-date with information and news. All newsletters will be sent out on email and put on the school website. If you change your email address or your contact details change, please let the office know. Dates will be added to the last page of the newsletter and updated each fortnight. In case of emergencies or school closure, we may use an emergency text message service.

## Birthdays

As a healthy school and due to allergies, please could we ask that children do not bring sweets or cakes in for their birthdays. We will celebrate the children's birthdays with them in school and sing to them as a class.



## Open House

Each half term there will be 'open-house' session where the classroom is open from 2:30-3:00pm. During this time you may look at the displays and your child can show you the learning they have been doing during the week. This half term's open house will be on Friday 11th October.

## Allergies

We have some children and staff with allergies in school – to nuts and milk. We are a nut free school and no nuts of any kind are to be brought into school. Thank you.

## Cool Milk

Your child has been registered with Cool Milk. Once they are 5 you will need to register and pay for milk online if you would like your child to continue having a carton at snack time. If your child does not consistently drink the milk, the class teacher will advise you and you can cancel their registration.

## Admissions & School Tours

We are really keen to show our lovely school environment and share our plans with parents for our permanent building. Please note our forthcoming tour dates which are also on our website. If you know of anyone looking for school places, particularly for Reception in September 2020, please do pass on these dates and ask them to contact the School Office.

- ◆ Thursday 17th October at 13.15
- ◆ Tuesday 5th November at 9.15am
- ◆ Thursday 7th November at 13.15
- ◆ Tuesday 3rd December at 9.15am
- ◆ Thursday 9th January 2020 at 9.15am

**Primary** – If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 you will need to apply for a school place by 15th January 2020. [www.swindon.gov.uk](http://www.swindon.gov.uk) and search for school admissions.

We recommend that all parents apply in good time, well before the deadline, as every year there are a number of late applications which will not be dealt with until after all the on time applications have been processed.



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## Turf Cutting Ceremony

On Thursday 3rd October at 3pm, we will be holding a Turf Cutting Ceremony on the permanent site on Rainscombe Road.



Parents and children will be welcome to come along and watch from the pavement. Please collect your child at 2:45pm from school and walk around the corner to watch.

## PTA

### Macmillan Cancer Coffee Cake Sale—27th September

We would like to support this worthy cause. If parents could drop cake donations on Thursday 26th or Friday 27th, our PTA reps will set up a cake sale stall from 2:30pm. Friends and neighbours are invited.

### PTA/Friends name

We would like to come up with a name for our PTA group. If you have any fun suggestions, please let us know!

## Wish List

There was a suggestion that we put together a little wish list of items we are looking to buy. If parents or grandparents have any of the following at home, or want to purchase an item for school, we would be very grateful. Here are our a few items:

- Wooden planters for the front of the school
- Wooden bench for playground
- Tyres and large wooden cable reels
- Child's wooden table and chairs table
- Old fashioned typewriter and telephone (1930's/1940's)

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# School Diary

## September

9th—13th: YR all until 12pm  
16th—18th: YR in until 1pm and staying for lunch  
From 19th: YR in all day until 3pm  
24th : YR curriculum meeting at 2.15pm  
27th (am): Fire Safety Education visitor  
27th : Macmillan Coffee cake sale from 2.30pm

## October

3rd: Turf Cutting ceremony at permanent site at 3pm (collect children at 2.45)  
Week commencing 7th October: Harvest festival donations  
8th : Open morning for prospective parents  
11th : 2:30-3pm Open House  
17th: Open morning for prospective parents  
17th: Parent consultation evening 2-5pm  
23rd: Break up for half term  
**24th—1st November Half term holiday**

## November

4th : Children back to school  
5th : Open morning for prospective parents  
7th: Open afternoon for prospective parents  
11th: Anti bullying week & online safety week

## December

3rd: Open morning for prospective parents  
13th: Christmas Jumper Day  
13th: PTA Christmas event  
17th: Christmas nativity/songs  
20th: Break up for holidays  
**23rd December—6th January 2020  
Christmas holiday.**

## January 2020

6th Teacher training day  
7th Children return to school