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Date: 21st September 2022

Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back! Wow, we have grown again. We now have 205 children on roll. This does impact a few areas of school e.g. parking, club attendance and answering queries, so please be mindful of this. Please walk to school and ensure you book clubs well in advance.

It has been so lovely to all be back in school together again despite the bittersweet end to our first week with the death of the Queen. We will answer any questions from the children sensitively and at an age appropriate level. Thank you children for arriving promptly and quickly settling into your new classes and for bringing in PE kits and arriving with bottles and bags. It has been super to see new friendships developing. Please bring in welly boots and waterproofs if you haven't already done so. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the Curriculum Evenings. Such a good turn out. We will hold these three times a year and any slides will be shared in class pages on the school website. Please make sure any inhalers or medication come in through the office and not left in book bags as we need to ensure medicine is stored appropriately and safely.

Year 3– a huge well done for settling quickly and arriving to school promptly at 8.45am. We are very excited to open our Key Stage 2. The children have definitely risen to the occasion.

Now that I have been joined by Mr Adkins and Mrs Christmas, our Senior Leadership Team has more capacity. If you have any questions or concerns please continue to go to the class teacher in the first instance, then Key Stage lead or Assistant head teacher. Finally, if your questions or queries have not been addressed or answered then please book a meeting with myself.

A newsletter is emailed out every other Friday and a brief parent bulletin on the Friday in between —please look out for these and update us if you change your email address. The first newsletter of the year is always fairly lengthy but we do appreciate you reading through the reminders on page 3 together with the school policies that have been attached separately. We have also attached a list of school events and holidays that have already been decided for this academic year which you might like to print out (or please ask for a printed copy if easier). We will also keep the School Diary page updated with any new events throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Louise Dance

Nursery

What a wonderful welcome back to Apple Tree Class! It has been fantastic to see so many returning children as well as lots of new faces.

We have been very proud of how the older children have helped our new friends to settle in. They have embodied our school value 'be kind' and have shown themselves to be fantastic role models. Our new children have worked really hard to settle in to nursery and we have enjoyed playing with them and getting to know what they like to play with. We have particularly enjoyed exploring outside in the mud kitchen and sand pit as well as lots of fantastic role play in the home corner. We are starting to learn lots of Nursery Rhymes which will help us to build our communication skills. We will be sharing with you to sing together at home.

Well done on a great start Apple Tree!



Please log on to your Parentpay account to pay £5 for nursery snack for this term

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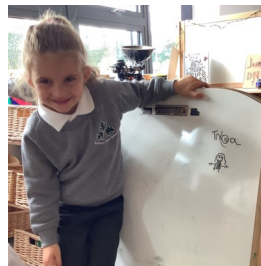


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Reception

We have had such a wonderful first few weeks in Ash and Oak tree class! We have enjoyed making new friends, getting to know each other, and exploring our classroom and outdoor area. Well done to all the children for coming in with lovely, smiley faces and for having a super start to school!



Year 1/2 :

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to Badbury. They have settled back into school life brilliantly and have been busy learning new routines and revisiting and reviewing.

We shared the story 'The Lion inside' and explored different ways of showing bravery. The children built machines to generate courage and created wands and other 'super hero' kit to support them to be adventurous.

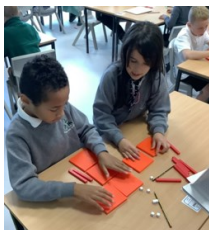
We have been curious when looking at our class trees and we used our senses to explore similarities and differences in the forest. We created paper dolls to represent our families and friendships and the children made us proud with all of their examples of 'kindness'. We have been ambitious throughout it all, well done all!



Year 3 Maple Tree class have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have been learning about The Romans which we have linked to our local surroundings.

The children have explored the fields looking for signs of Roman existence. Linked to our topic, we have been reading the book 'Romans on the Rampage' during our whole class reading lessons where we have been developing the skill of asking questions.

In writing, the children have written recounts and stories about the books 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and 'Message in a Bottle'. For Maths, the children have been using Base 10 resources to help progress their knowledge of 1, 10s and 100s, looking for different ways numbers can be represented. The children have also been working on thinking positively in different situations with lessons on Growth Mindset. We are looking forward to sharing more with you in the next few weeks about other areas of the curriculum!



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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's water bottle should contain **plain tap water**, not juice, squash or flavoured water. School provides a piece of fruit at break time for all Y2, Y1 and YR. Y3 pupils may bring a piece of fruit from home.

Naming your child's property: Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on everything including all clothing, water bottles, shoes and even scooters.

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.

Absence: Swindon Borough Council review our attendance data very closely, with a particular focus on unauthorised absence, and specific action is taken where attendance is below 95%. Any holiday taken in term time will not be authorised and a fine may be issued, particularly if your child already has any unauthorised absence. The only time a child may be absent from school is under exceptional circumstances - cost, employment, extended family illnesses and extended family gatherings are **not** deemed as exceptional circumstances. **There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Therefore EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you should call the school office before 09.00am on the first day of absence. You will need to either provide a return date for your child or contact the office on each morning of your child's absence. Any unexplained absence will be registered as unauthorised. You will be asked to provide proof of appointments.

Drop off and pick up: Year 3 pupils should line up in the playground promptly by 08.45am. For all other years, gates open at 08.45, classroom doors open at 8:50am and close at 8:55am when the register is taken. If you arrive after 9.00am, please come to the main office to sign your child in. We operate a "drop & go" system in the staff car park on Day House Lane from 08.45-8.50 for Year 1-3 (Reception children may use this later in the year). Enter the car park, follow the one way system and stop near the bridge gate. A member of staff opens the car door and takes children across the playground and into their classroom.



The back car park should not be used at pick up or any other time by parents.

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 advise the office **by midday** We will not let your child go home with anyone we are not expecting to collect or who is not listed as a contact.

Mobile phones: We would ask parents not to use their mobile phones on the school site whilst dropping off or collecting children. As well as being a safeguarding issue, it has a big impact if you greet your child with a smile and take a moment to listen and talk to them at the end of the day.



Packed lunch and allergies: We encourage healthy eating in school and would ask you to refer to the packed lunch policy which has been attached separately. 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.

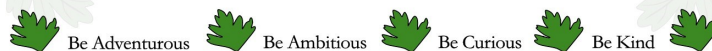
Communication Our main communication method is via email; all newsletters will be emailed out and put on the school website. If you change your email address please let the office know. If your child is new to the school you will also shortly receive details to logon to the Interactive Learning Diary website and "My Child at School" portal.

Birthdays/Celebrations 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.

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Travel to school, parking & road safety (please also see the parking promise attached)

Thank you to everyone who has made an effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school. As more pupils join the school full time and as the weather deteriorates, we anticipate that the traffic will increase. To ensure the safety of everyone, could we ask that you:

- Consider parking on Homington Avenue and walking the rest of the way to school
- Avoid walking on the path behind parked cars or down the centre of the road
- Please do not block driveways or double park
- Please do not park on corners and prevent a clear view for those crossing the road
- Please do not park in such a way as to block the road and prevent emergency vehicle access
- Please do not park on the pavement or curbs
- Please do not sit in the parking area with your engine running



Justine Trueman, our local PCSO, carries out frequent parking patrols at drop off and pick up.

Trim Trail

Our new trim trail is a great addition to our playground; it will encourage pupils to be more active and will greatly add to their enjoyment of playtimes. The risk assessment carried out by the Trust's Estate Manager states that the equipment can only be used when school staff are present and only by 15 pupils at a time. As there are no school staff available to supervise or provide first aid at the start and end of the day we would ask you to please **keep children off the trim trail while you are waiting with them in the playground**. We are fortunate to be located next to a public playpark and request that children play there at the end or start of the day.



Breakfast and After school Clubs



It has been wonderful to welcome back the children to our Breakfast (Sunrise) and After School (Tree Top) Clubs this term. Places are limited so to ensure that your child has a place and to avoid disappointment, please book your sessions via Parent Pay by **12pm every Wednesday** for the following week. This will enable us to plan for the week ahead.



Breakfast clubs runs from 07.45-08.45 and costs £4 per session per child (last drop off time is 08.30)

After School Club runs from 3pm-4pm and costs £5, or 3pm-5pm costs £8.50 and includes a light snack.

New face at Badbury Park : Ian Hanks—Inclusion Worker



I am a passionate, resilient and highly motivated professional, who has worked in education for close to 10 years. I have a deep-rooted passion for supporting pupils and providing them with the tools they need to be successful whilst using my position as an active role model to teach, mentor and support them to achieve to the best of their ability. I have previously practiced as an unqualified teacher and social inclusion officer, supporting pupils with diverse SEN and SEMH needs. My roles working with children have taught me to communicate, connect and advocate for the young people I work with, understanding their individual circumstances and additional needs and using my skillset to ensure they are supported, validated and given equal opportunities to succeed to the best of their abilities. I am passionate about ensuring that every child has their individual needs supported and respected to ensure they are able to achieve and experience equal opportunities as part of this. I am aware of the influence an outstanding partitioner can have on the development of children and hope to be able to bring this as part of the team at Badbury Park Primary School.

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A message from our Chair of Governors—Tim Owen

Could you support your school community?



Badbury Park Primary, *your* school, has just entered a new phase in its existence. It started life in a mobile classroom and now occupies a very impressive site with 33 staff. But even more importantly, it now has its own Headteacher and a separate Board of Governors. As the school has developed, the Governing Board has had to grow too. We need more governors, in particular, Parent Governors, and I am inviting all parents to consider – could I be a Governor?

The governing board has a strategic role with three key functions:

- Approving the budget and overseeing the financial performance of the school to make sure money is well spent
- Appointing and holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Governors meet a few times a year, are shown information about the school and ask questions. Lots of questions!. Questions from a variety of parents with different skills eg health and safety, finance, education, HR, etc. In this way the decisions the school makes are reviewed.

Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, **holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school**. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. If you are interested, talk to someone in the Office, to Mrs Dance, or meet me, Tim Owen and find out how you could be a Governor for your school.

Could you be a School Governor?

- * Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?
- * Could you be a strategic leader and play a vital role in making sure every child receives the best possible education?
- * Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?
- * Do you have valuable/professional skills to offer?
- * Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?
- * Can you volunteer some of your time?

Badbury Park Primary School would love to hear from you. To find out more and register your interest, please contact the school office on 01793 299101 or email admin@badburyparkprimary.co.uk.

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COACHING FUTURE SUPERSTARS

Monday Dodgeball!

5:00pm - 6:00pm
Badbury Park Primary School
Ages 5-11



Come and join us for Dodgeball every Monday for lots of fun and learning a range of new skills.

Free Trial Session!

Book now for Term 1
£4.50 per session*
(Block bookings available)

Term 1: Monday 12th September - 17th October
Term 2: Monday 31st October - 12th December

*If you block book for Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off of a block booking for one evening class and 20% off of a block booking for two evening classes.

To enquire or for more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com

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HICKS SPORTS
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Wednesday Multi-sports!

5:00pm - 6:00pm
Badbury Park Primary School
Age 5-11



Free Trial Session!

Children will learn in a fun environment, exploring new skills, improving confidence and social skills within a variety of sports and activities.

Book now for Term 1
£4.50 per session*
(Block bookings only)

Term 1: Wednesday 14th September - 19th October
Term 2: Wednesday 2nd November - 14th December

*If you block book for Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off of a block booking for one evening class and 20% off of a block booking for two evening classes.

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Saturday Morning Club!

9:00am - 11:00am
Badbury Park Primary School
Ages 5-11



Free Trial Session!

Come and join us every Saturday morning for 2 hours of Multi-sports fun!

Including: Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Dodgeball and more!

£9.50 per session
OR
Block book* for the whole term and receive 2 sessions free

Term 1: Saturday 10th September - 15th October
Term 2: Saturday 5th November - 17th December

To enquire or for more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com

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18 THINGS

that could help if you or someone you know is struggling with day to day living costs.

www.swindon.gov.uk/costofliving

Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera or a QR code reader app to check what help and support is available:



Or call Citizens Advice Swindon: 0808 278 7813
Monday to Friday from 10am - 4pm

Drop in Service
Sanford House Thursday 10am - 1pm
or Cavendish Square Tuesday 10am - 1pm

They provide advice for all types of problems, including if you're struggling to pay for food.

citizens advice Swindon

SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL



NEW OPPORTUNITY

We are Looking for committed young performers to join a talented group for competition entries!

A Swindon based drama group looking for new members to enter group work into Speech and Drama Festivals

Junior Actors: 7-10 yrs
Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Senior Actors: 11-16 yrs
Thursdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

CALL:
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Just £6.50 per week!



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School Diary

September 2022

1st & 2nd, Teacher training days (no school for pupils)

5th : First day of term 1

12th: Curriculum meetings for Y1 to Y3

5pm in classrooms

Week beginning 19th: School council elections

21st : Open day for prospective YR parents

28th: YR parent meeting at 6pm

October 2022

17th & 18th : Parent/Teacher consultations

20th—28th : school holiday

31st: TD day (no school for pupils)

November 2022

1st : Start of term 2

2nd: Individual school photos

14th: Odd socks Day

14th-18th: Anti-bullying week

17th: Nasal Flu Clinic in school

18th: Children In Need

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

📅 Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

📅 Monday 31st October 2022

📅 Tuesday 3rd January 2023

📅 Friday 7th July 2023

School closure day

* Thursday 4th May 2023 (Polling Day)