

## Buxted Church of England Primary School

Hurstwood Road, Buxted,  
East Sussex TN22 4BB

**Acting Headteacher:** Mrs Simpson



Inspire and Aspire  
Monday 6th September 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the start of this academic year. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break! Thank you for sending your children in promptly and for looking so smart and ready for school. This is such a positive start to the year and will enable lessons to start promptly, as well as reinforcing our school motto, 'Inspire, aspire', encouraging our children to be the best they can be at all times.

We have carried out two very productive INSET days within school, training the staff on looking at the priorities for the year ahead and within our school development plan, as well as safeguarding training. We have also spent time looking at well being and the importance of recognising our own interests and talents and developing the wider curriculum. We are trialling new learning journey books this term which is aimed at the children writing at greater length, with more independence and with improved presentation. Thank you to Mr Shevells for cleaning the school so thoroughly over the summer and for painting the year 5 classroom as well as re-roofing our outdoor gazebo.

Reading records will be checked regularly by our class teachers to ensure that children are reading daily and recording what they have read. The more practise they have with reading, the more it will help in all areas, even 10 minutes a day will have a huge beneficial effect on your child. Please assist the school in encouraging your children to read and develop a love of reading. The school has purchased the top 100 books for upper and lower key stage two so that children can read quality texts and discuss books that others will want to read. These books must not be lost as they cost a lot of money and will be logged in and out. Please ensure they are brought back in to school including any other library books.

There is a big drive this year on healthy eating from the Government and the new Ofsted requirements. KS1 are given fruit daily from the government to have at break times, so should not need to bring anything in unless they would like to. Fruit snacks and vegetable sticks will be the only snacks permitted at break times as we are a healthy school. We used to accept cereal bars, but often these have chocolate in them or nuts, which is a major issue as we have children with a severe nut allergy in school. Even traces of nuts are a hazard. We are happy for cereal bars, mini cheddars, etc. to be in lunchboxes so long as they are nut free.

We are looking forward to working with you all this year and know that in order for the children to do as well as they possibly can, we need to work together. Thank you for your support in advance in doing this and we look forward to a great year ahead. We will be holding class meetings on the week beginning 16th September and a letter is attached with the details.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs H. Simpson  
Acting Headteacher



### Diary Dates

#### Meet the Teacher:

Week beginning 16th  
September 2019

#### Uckfield College open evening:

Monday 16th Sept

#### Swimming Year 3

**only:** Wed 18th  
Sept. Drop off at Free-  
dom Leisure

#### Harvest KS1:

9am 23rd September  
at Buxted Church

#### Harvest KS2:

2.45pm 23rd Sept at  
Buxted Church

#### Macmillan Coffee afternoon:

Friday 27th September

#### Cinema Trip

Wednesday 23rd Octo-  
ber—Year 6 only

#### INSET Day

Monday 6th January  
2020





### **Pond area and garden**

Before the holidays, a group of parents, friends and staff spent a great deal of time clearing the pond area as it had become very overgrown! We have a volunteer helping us with the garden area this week, but any offers of help to clear the weeds would be greatly appreciated during the afternoons within school time. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

### **Homework**

This will start on week beginning 16th September, with the exception of year 6. In the meantime, please encourage your children to read and practise times tables as much as possible.

### **Harvest Festival**

The date has been set for the Harvest Festival, September 23rd, and a letter will be following shortly with all the details. The Church are collecting non perishable goods to assist those in need. Thank you for your generosity with this.

### **Guitar/Ukulele/Drumming Lessons**

If you are interested in your child having guitar, ukulele or drumming lessons, please contact RBMS on the website:- [www.rbmsmusic.com](http://www.rbmsmusic.com) / [office@rbmsmusic.com](mailto:office@rbmsmusic.com) 01273 805666.

### **Car Park**

A few reminders:

The car park is reserved for Oak class parents to park at the beginning and end of the school day unless using the disabled parking bays.

Please do not park next to the hedge on the main High Hurstwood road as cars cannot flow round and this stops traffic getting passed. We will be writing directly to parents and carers if this continues. Please pass on to relatives or child minders collecting or dropping off children.

When dropping off in the morning, please ensure children exit the car quickly and safely so that this is efficient and does not hold people up in the morning. Key stage one children should be collected from the class teachers at the end of the day, which is at 3.15pm for Oak class and 3.25pm for Apple and Cherry class.

Remember we do have a crossing, so if you are able to walk and park at Buxted Park hotel, that would really help ease congestion. We are not permitted to park in the cricket carpark. We need to use the crossing, otherwise this may not be financially viable. If your child is not at the gate when you drive around, please keep moving so that the traffic can flow and park as near to the gate as possible when collecting or dropping children so that cars can continue to flow round to the right.

Thank you in advance for being courteous of others when using the car park.