

# Bonnars Church of England Primary School

Part of South Ashdown Schools' Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families all continue to be well. We are almost at the end of the academic year and it's been great seeing the other year groups coming in to experience school life before the summer break. This has been a really valuable experience for the children as it has given children the opportunity to interact and to catch up with friends and become familiar with the school environment again, even though it may feel slightly different and not necessarily with their own class teacher leading them. The children have shown such resilience to this change and we have been so proud of them coming in confidently in this new way, giving children and parents a little insight into changes for when the whole school fully returns in September.

### **Wider opening to all year groups**

Thank you for your support in letting us know if your child was coming in on their allocated days this week. This has helped us immensely in order for us to pre-prepare and clean individual tables and packs of resources for the children to access on the days they are in. They will have the same packs when they come in again next week and these have been put away ready. This week we welcomed up to 64 children in daily, so lots of tables and resources to prepare. Thank you to Mr Barbarossa for this and the whole staff team as well as parents for supporting us with this.

Unfortunately, if you did respond after the cut -off date, your child's name wouldn't have automatically been added to the electronic list and we wouldn't have seen this initially, as we soon realised on Monday, so my sincere apology for this as I know sometimes cut off dates can easily be missed, especially with so many new procedures to follow recently. To avoid confusion going forward, may I suggest a quick call to the office if a deadline has been missed through ParentMail so a name can be added on manually if spaces are available. This is not a problem at all and we are more than happy to do this. This all helps for a smooth happy transition for all children, parents and staff. We got there in the end!

## End of year reporting to parents

We will be sending out end of year report next week, the final whole week of term. We would usually send them all out on a single day to the whole school, but this year we will be sending reports with children on their allocated last days in school- see table below as a reminder of these days from previous timetables issued. The rest of the reports will be sent electronically. There will be a paper copy at school if required at a later date. If you do not receive a report by the end of the week please do let us know so that we can send this through.

The reports will be based on achievement up until the end of March. Attendance indicators will only include the days up until the lockdown period began so up until March 20<sup>th</sup> – as a school we were just over 96% when tracked at this time - well done and thank you for your efforts; I am sure that without this pandemic we would have been on track to hit our target of 97%!

## Year 6 Leavers and last day of school

We will very soon be saying goodbye to our year 6 leavers. We have prepared special days for them to mark this on the last 2 days of term. We look forward to sharing this with you afterwards, as we wish them well for the future.

All other year groups have staggered finish last days- see timetable below

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
<b>13.07.20</b>  <b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Last day for year 3	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Last day for year 2		<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Last Day for year 4	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>  Last Day for year 5, Year 1 & EYFS
<b>20.07.20</b>		<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <b>LAST DAY FOR</b> <b>Keyworker</b> <b>Group</b> <b>Last day</b> <b>for Year 6</b>	<b>INSET</b> <b>All staff</b>		

## Return to school in September

I am sure that you will be aware of the Government intention that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full time in September. We are currently planning how we can do this as safely as possible for all children, families and staff as new guidelines are issued to schools. I appreciate that many parents will still be apprehensive about sending their children to school but I would like to reassure you that we will follow all relevant guidance carefully and put in place protective measures to minimise the risks of Covid-19 transmission.

It is not possible to have a completely risk-free environment but, for the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school, full time, far outweigh the very low risk from Covid-19. We are keen to get our children back on track with their learning and catch up the education that they have missed during the last few months including socialising with their friends at school again.

We are aiming to have our wrap around Breakfast and After School clubs back up and running in September. We will not be running any after school sport or curriculum clubs for the first half of the term. We will continue to share updates with you as plans are put into place ready for a September return of all pupils in all year groups.

### **Classes for September**

I am delighted to inform you that the school has again exceeded our published admissions number for the foundation class this year. The foundation class will be taught by Miss Vickery and Mrs Goldsmith.

Mrs Gomez will be teaching year 1 pupils and Mrs Menzies will be teaching year 2 pupils. Mrs Hart will be supporting both year groups within the week.

Years 3 and 4 who will be taught by Mrs Ball and years 5 and 6 who will be taught by Miss Harrison.

Our valued teaching assistants and HLTA's are being allocated across the school to maximise their skills in supporting learning. Each year group will have dedicated TA intervention time as well as teaching assistants supporting our nurture groups, individual pupil support, outdoor learning, Speech and Language, spelling and phonics, etc.

Mrs Goldsmith will work at Bonners on a Thursday and Friday and continue to work across our Federation as our Inclusion Manager.

The class organisation for 2020/21 is listed below.

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Teaching</b>
Hedgehog Class- Foundation	Miss C Vickery and Mrs J Goldsmith
Red Squirrel Class- Year 1	Mrs T Gomez and Mrs Hart
Grey Squirrel Class- Year 2	Mrs Menzies and Mrs Hart
Badger Class -Year 3 and 4	Mrs Ball
Fox Class-Year 5 and 6	Miss Harrison

### **Transition Week**

Miss Vickery has already been busy with transition to welcome our new intake pupils and parents ready for a September start. This is so exciting and we are so looking forward to meeting and welcoming our new families into Bonners School and seeing everyone face to face soon.

We have planned virtual transition for all other year group so that pupils can meet their new teacher for next academic year. We will be carrying this out week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July, where the teacher will be posting up a welcome video for their pupils on their SEESAW page. Pupils will have an opportunity to ask questions. Please do direct your child to this opportunity within the week. We look forward to this and to enable transition to run as smoothly as possible for all children, parents and staff.

More detailed information regarding opening in September will be sent out when the plan has been finalised and approved by Governors.

Take care – Warmest regards

Mrs Wilson  
**Headteacher**