



BISHOP'S WALTHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

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At Bishop's Waltham Junior School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a great pleasure to welcome back pupils to Bishop's Waltham Junior School. It has been wonderful to see classrooms filled with pupils learning and a powerful reminder of the importance of education on academic, social and personal development. We have missed our pupils, and some have even been brave enough to admit that they too have missed school!

Of course, the school we are welcoming pupils back into is quite different in some operational aspects than the school which we knew in early March 2020. I would like to thank pupils, staff and parents for following all of the new guidance so carefully and taking steps to protect themselves and others through reducing the risks of transmission.

We do appreciate that pupils and parents had read the advice and were so well prepared to begin the new year. As I have mentioned to pupils and staff, this is a form of education that has never been tried previously, and of course it will be a learning curve for us all. We are by necessity working with imperfection as schools were simply not planned or designed with a 'bubbled' education in mind. However, the systems that we have in place have worked effectively, but of course there will be refinements as the week's progress.

Welcome to new Pupils and Staff

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and welcoming school and despite the requirements of social distancing, we have warmly welcomed a number of new pupils and staff to our school. We have been pleased to welcome the new Y3 cohort and I know that they have enjoyed a positive first week. They have impressed us all by their level of independence and maturity.

We have also welcomed some excellent new staff to the school and a reminder of their names and job titles can be found below.

Miss Tegan Pascoe – Y4 Class Teacher (Jackalberry)

Mrs Suzanne Gill – Teaching Assistant (1:1 support)

Just a reminder, Mrs Katherine Daniels (Deputy) is currently on maternity leave and is expecting twins any time now. Miss Lucy Pearmain has taken on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Information from Public Health England

I have also been asked to forward details from Public Health England regarding their advice regarding testing, illness and returning to school. Full details can be found in their letter here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders/letter-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace-to-school-and-college-leaders>

I have also included the key points below:

Testing

- Individuals should quickly get a test if they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
 - A high temperature
 - A new or continuous cough
 - Loss or change of their sense of taste or smell or they have been recommended to get tested by their healthcare provider
- If one person in a household or a school bubble develops symptoms, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.
- As schools across England return, pupils may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils do not need to book a test but may need to stay off school or and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

I am sure that there will be plenty to keep us busy in the weeks and months ahead, and as we have done throughout, I will continue to keep parents, pupils and staff informed of national and local developments. The principle will remain that too much information is better than too little – and I beg your forgiveness for such lengthy correspondence.

I would like to thank you for all of your support over the past few months and as we approach this new future together. I have spoken with pupils this week about meeting challenges with positivity, kindness and resilience. Those are qualities which we have demonstrated throughout and which we will draw upon for life. It is a great pleasure to once again see Bishop's Waltham School filled with smiles and learning as we work together on the best education possible, in the safest way possible.

Please look at the YEAR GROUP pages on the school website (www.bwjunior.hants.sch.uk) as this area contains ALL of the information you need to know about your child's year group. Hopefully, each year group will be submitting a 'blog post' on the school website this afternoon, providing a bit of detail of what the pupils have been up to this week.

Have a restful weekend, and please do celebrate the fact that our children are now back at school!

Mr D Campbell

Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Bishop's Waltham Junior School hosted it's very first 'Virtual Celebration Assembly' this afternoon. Teachers presented their Green Value Certificate to the chosen pupil(s) within their class whilst the remainder of the school watched on the interactive whiteboard – and gave them a round of applause.

It is a real shame that we are unable to meet and celebrate as a whole school but at least we were altogether 'virtually.'

I'm sure the format of these assemblies will develop as the school becomes more accustomed to the technology. If any of your children are awarded any certificates outside of school, pleased do make me aware and I can give them a special mention in upcoming assemblies.



Covid19 – School Information

As a school, we have made, and are continuing to make, alternative arrangements for keeping children, staff and parents safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All Covid-19 school related guidance can be accessed via the front page of the school website.

- 1) [DfE Guidance - Full re-opening of schools](#)
- 2) [Home School Agreement](#)
- 3) [Risk Assessment](#)
- 4) [Protocol to follow if child develops Covid-19 symptoms at home](#)
- 5) [Should my child attend school, self-isolate or get a test?](#)

School Morning Routine

From Monday 14th September, we are altering the procedures for entry into school. Registration will take place every morning at 8.50am. Pupils are asked to be in class, ready by this time. In order to reduce the pinch points at the school entrances, pupils can proceed directly into class at any time between 8.35-8.50am. All we ask is that pupils walk straight into class (using the same doors as this week) and not loiter around or go to the playground.

Whilst the teachers are taking the register at 8.50am, pupils will be using this time to respond to teachers marking, completing maths/English activities or finishing off a piece of work ready for an upcoming lesson. To avoid disrupting the learning of other pupils it is important that all pupils arrive and enter the classroom on time.

School Letters

To further improve the communication between school and parents, we will aim to publish all LETTERS and NEWSLETTERS onto the school website (**via the School Jotter Mobile APP**); as sometimes hardcopies of letters have a nasty habit of getting lost in a child's bag. Letters will be uploaded to the 'PARENTS' section on the website – under the link 'SCHOOL LETTERS.'



Letters will be organised into the appropriate year group or whole school section – depending upon the nature of the correspondence. Please try and get into a routine of checking this part of the website in order to keep fully informed of events etc.

Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club is now fully operational – providing a childcare facility before the start of the school day. Bookings for slots can be made via the parentmail APP. If you have not used the facility before, please contact the school office for further details.

Cost = £4 per session

Venue = School Hall

Time = 7.45 – 8.45am

Fast-track Drop-Off Box

If you have any letters etc. that need to be handed into the school office – please make use of the Fast-track drop-off facility. There is a secure box located on the wall adjacent to the office hatch. Envelopes are available for your use, if required.

Thank you for your support.

Uniforms

All of the children look extremely smart in their uniforms. Thank you very much in supporting the school by sending your children in wearing the correct uniform. A quick reminder please that all hair bands should be as plain and discreet as possible – school colour (black, red, white). Also, please ensure children do not come into school wearing jewellery (stud earrings are fine) or with their nails painted.

Thank you.

Cashless School

All payments for school lunches, Early Bird Club, music lessons etc. should now be made using +pay. Thank you for your support as BWJS aims to become a cashless school.

School Clubs

Sadly, due to covid19 restrictions, we are unable to offer any extra-curricular activities/clubs this half term. The hope is that we will be able to offer some year group clubs after the half term holiday (fingers crossed).



Cycling to school

Please note, if you allow your child to cycle to school, they MUST wear a cycle helmet. It would also be advisable to have a lock on the bike (or scooter) to keep it secure in the cycle shelter.



FOBS

Friends of Bishops Waltham Junior School (FOBS) is the Parent Teacher Association for the school. Its primary aim is to organise events to raise funds and buy resources to aid the children's education. You can choose to be either a full committee member, or an event volunteer.



If you would like to become part of our friendly team, however infrequently, please message our secretary Helen White at helen@mh-white.com. FOBS are always looking for new members ☺ Details of upcoming dates for meetings etc. will be provided in the near future.



School Photographer

The photographer is scheduled to be in school on the morning of Thursday 15th October to take individual photographs of the children.

Parents Evening Meetings

This term, parents evening meetings have been scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October (3.30-6.30pm.) At present however, due to covid19 restrictions, it has not been decided how these meetings will be organised. More information to follow soon.



Darren Campbell
Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
Autumn Term 2020	Thursday 3 rd September – Friday 18 th December 2020
Autumn Half Term Break	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021
Spring Term 2021	Tuesday 5 th January – Thursday 1 st April 2021
Spring Half Term Break	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 nd – 16 th April 2021
Summer Term 2021	Monday 19 th April – Thursday 22 nd July 2021
Summer Half Term Break	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021



September	October Thursday 15 th – Pupil Individual Photos (9-11am) Monday 19 th - Science Explorer Dome (Whole school event) Tuesday 20 th – Parents Evening Meetings (3.30-6.30pm) TBC Thursday 22 nd – Parents Evening Meetings (3.30-6.30pm)TBC Thursday 22 nd – Family Portraits (From 3.30 – 5.30pm) Friday 23 rd - INSET Day
November Tuesday 3 rd – Year 2 Open Morning (9-10.30am) TBC Saturday 7 th - FOBS Community Fireworks Event (6-8pm) TBC Wednesday 11 th - Community Film Night (Hall 7pm) TBC Thursday 12 th - FoBS Meeting (Staffroom 7.30pm) TBC Monday 23 rd - INSET Day	December Friday 18 th – Carol Service @ St Peter’s Church (10am) (TBC)
January Monday 4 th - INSET Day Wednesday 13 th - Community Film Night (Hall 7pm) TBC	February Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th : Y6 Residential to Liddington TBC Wednesday 10 th - Community Film Night (Hall 7pm) Friday 26 th – Midyear reports home to parents
March Thursday 4 th – World Book Day Tuesday 9 th – Parents Evening Meetings (3.30-6.30pm) Tuesday 11 th – Parents Evening Meetings (3.30-6.30pm)	April
May Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th : Y6 SATS Week Thursday 13 th – District Athletics BWJS Trials (1.15-3.15pm) Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th : Y4 Stubbington Residential Friday 28 th : Last day of half term	June Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th : Y6 Bikeability Training Friday 18 th : INSET Day Wednesday 23 rd – Y3 Assembly for Y2 pupils
July Thursday 1 st – Transfer Morning Thursday 1 st – Y6 Transition Day (Swanmore College) Wednesday 7 th – New Y3 Parents Presentation Eve (6-7pm) Friday 9 th – End of Year Reports to parents Wednesday 14 th – Year 6 Summer Production (1.30pm) Thursday 15 th – Fun Sports (Y3&4 am) (Y5&6 pm)Year 6 Thursday 15 th – Year 6 Summer Production (7pm) Wednesday 21 st – Year 6 Leaver Event (TBC) Thursday 22 nd – Y6 Leaver Assembly (2pm) Friday 23 rd - INSET Day	INSET DAYS Friday 23 rd October 2020 Monday 23 rd November 2020 Monday 4 th January 2021 Friday 18 th June 2021 Friday 23 rd July 2021




MUST HAVE APPS FOR BISHOP'S WALTHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL

I wanted to take this opportunity to draw your attention to some 'MUST HAVE SCHOOL APPS.' In order to maximise communication between school and home, I would highly recommend downloading the following 5 applications onto your electronic devices (phone/tablet/iPad etc.).

Making a folder on your homepage is a terrific way to group apps together making it easier to use your phone. If all of the apps below are kept in the same place, you won't have to go hunting through folders or searching your phone when you want to use/view them. To make a folder, hold your finger down on one of the apps and drag it on top of another. You will then be able to name your folder (e.g. BWJS). Finally, just drag the remaining school based apps into the same folder so they are all stored together.



<p>SCHOOL JOTTER</p> 	<p>School Jotter contains links to the school website, school blog, BWJS facebook page, PTA (FoBS) facebook page and BWJS twitter feed.</p> <p>As the app is directly linked to the school website, it will notify you each time a letter/newsletter is uploaded.</p> <p>The app also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- hosts the school calendar- displays latest news/achievements/notices- has a photo gallery- provides email contact links for each class teacher <p>Each time the school uploads news, notices, letters etc. – a notification will be sent to the device.</p>
<p>PARENTMAIL PMX</p> 	<p>The school predominantly uses parentmail to send individual/group texts and/or emails.</p> <p>The school jotter can only be used to send whole school notices/year group notices etc. – not direct to individuals or groups.</p> <p>By downloading this app you will receive a visual notification each time you are sent a parentmail email or text.</p> <p>The school also sets up extracurricular activity club lists so parents can be directly notified if a club is cancelled etc.</p> <p>BWJS is a cashless school - Most payments can now be made using +Pay</p> <p>+Pay is designed with parents in mind – we know that straightforward and easy school payments encourage more parents to pay online, making the system even more cost-effective for schools.</p>

	<p>+Pay lets parents securely save payment details, track and manage their child's spending and see the accounts of all their children. +Pay's low balance</p>
<p>SIMS PARENT LITE</p> 	<p>As a school, we use SIMS Parent Lite to collect and process key information about your child and you as parents/ carers to ensure the data we hold is accurate and up to date.</p> <p>We also use SIMS Parent to allow you to provide consents where necessary. You can update these consents at any time.</p> <p>SIMS Parent provides a convenient and accessible solution for you to electronically review and request changes to the data held on you and your children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere, as well as see key term dates.</p> <p>You will be able to provide additional information on crucial details such as medical information or dietary requirements.</p>
<p>TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS</p> 	<p>When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.</p> <p>Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables! The game can be played on any smart phone/tablet/PC.</p> <p>To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!</p> <p>All pupils will have been provided with a unique username and password (should be displayed inside homework book)</p> <p>This year, weekly maths homework includes regular use of the times table rockstars app. Teachers are able to track the progress of pupils.</p>
<p>GOOSEBERRY PARENT</p> 	<p>As a school we have purchased an 'Online Safety' application to further supplement our computing curriculum. At some point this half term, pupils will be issued with login details and guidance on how/when to use the app.</p> <p>'Gooseberry School' teaches online safety in a unique way, joining, teacher, pupil and parent together. The pupils learn through gamification, the teacher has a complete tool kit with monitoring system and the parent can view their child's performance.</p> <p>'Gooseberry Parent' works alongside Gooseberry Student and allows the parent to see how their child is reacting within the game, the resource area is full of tips and advice for the carer to learn about key aspects of online safety and be part of their child's learning journey.</p>

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above applications.

