



BENTLEY HEATH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 1

7th September 2018

WELCOME TO THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A warm welcome back to the start of the new school year, and a special welcome to all those children and parents who are new to Bentley Heath Church of England Primary School; we hope that you quickly settle into life at the school.

Labelling uniform

Please, please, please can you make sure your child's uniform is labelled. If an item does get lost we can always return it to its owner when it has a label. Please can we also remind you to label coats, waterproofs and P.E. kit.

SCHOOL STAFF

The school is split into three key stages, with each led by a member of the school's leadership team.

- Foundation Stage Leader = Mrs Metters
- Key Stage 1 Leader = Mrs Williams
- Key Stage 2 Leader = Mr Hawke

If you have any concerns or worries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Mrs Williams is our inclusion and special educational needs leader. She works from Monday to Thursday.

Mrs Riding is our Child & Family Support Worker (CFSW), she provides pastoral support to children and families and also oversees the attendance of pupils. She works on Thursdays and Fridays.

The staffing for the school is detailed below:

Key Stage	Year Group	Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Foundation Stage	N	Nursery	Mrs McTear- Mendonca	Mrs Hughes
	R	Class 1	Mrs Metters	Miss Thomas
	R	Class 2	Mrs Ramsay (Mon–Weds) & Mrs Roper (Thur & Fri)	Mrs Cotterill
Key Stage 1	1	Class 3	Mrs Price (Mon–Weds) & Mrs Thomas (Thur & Fri)	Mrs Ajimal
	1	Class 4	Mrs Bragg	Mrs Ajimal
	2	Class 5	Mrs Peacock	Mrs Kaur
	2	Class 6	Mrs Rose	Mrs Mitchell
Key Stage 2	3	Class 7	Miss Courtney	Mrs Leeson
	3	Class 8	Mrs Page	Mrs Leeson
	4	Class 9	Miss Warner	Mrs Townsend
	4	Class 10	Mr Hawke (Mon–Thurs am) & Mrs Baker (Thurs pm & Fri)	Mrs Townsend
	5	Class 11	Mrs Adams	Mrs Chicksand
	5	Class 12	Mrs Kelly	Mrs Chicksand
	6	Class 13	Mrs Crump	Mrs Cripps
	6	Class 14	Mrs Turton	Mrs Cripps & Mrs Yumis

SITE SECURITY & ATTENDANCE

In order to secure the site for the working day we lock the playground gates at 9.05am. Please can you ensure that following drop off you leave the site promptly.

In the event of your child's absence you must report this on the first day out of school using the dedicated message service on the school phone line. Messages should be left before 9.00am.

We will use the telephone contact details you have provided if we have not received a reason for absence. If we are unable to establish a reason for absence over the phone we will visit the home on the first day. If still unsuccessful in establishing a reason for absence we are obliged to inform the police.

Later in the term we will be sending out the data checking sheets for you to confirm and amend your contact details. Please can you ensure we have at least three points of contact for your child when reviewing these forms.

PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETINGS

Please can we remind you that the Parents' Information Meetings for Years 1 to 6 are being held in a couple of weeks. Please take note of the dates and times on the calendar on the next page.

NEW ZEBRA CROSSING ON WIDNEY ROAD

Over the last two years Solihull Council Highway Services have sought to recruit a permanent school crossing patrol on Widney Road, but have not been successful. As part of a wider service review, which sought to improve service resilience and support children to safely get to school, the Council secured funding to install a new zebra crossing on Widney Road over the summer holidays.

The mobile crossing patrol that has operated on Widney Road will soon be redeployed so that they can support other existing school crossing locations across the borough which are currently unmanned.

Detailed below is an extract from The Highway Code. It provides details on the regulations for the pedestrian use of zebra crossings.

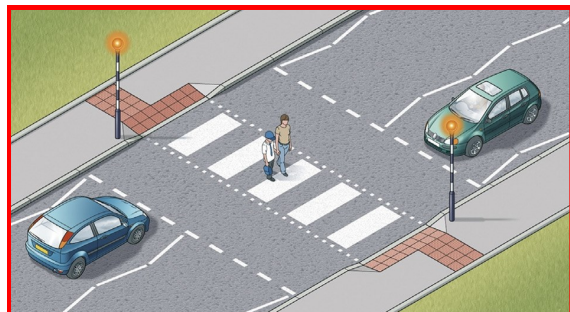
Reg. 18 At all crossings. When using any type of crossing you should always check that the traffic has stopped before you start to cross or push a pram onto a crossing

- *always cross between the studs or over the zebra markings. Do not cross at the side of the crossing or on the zig-zag lines, as it can be dangerous. You MUST NOT loiter on any type of crossing.*

Laws ZPPPCRGD reg 19 & RTRA sect 25(5)

Reg. 19 Zebra crossings.

- *Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you start to cross. Vehicles will need more time when the road is slippery. Wait until traffic has stopped from both directions or the road is clear before crossing. Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing. Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you and attempts to overtake a vehicle that has stopped.*



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STAFF NEWS

Over the summer holidays we were delighted to welcome some new additions to staff families, all of whom decided to arrive a little earlier than expected.

Mr Hawke welcomed his second daughter, Elena, who was born on 23rd August.

Mrs Campbell also gave birth at the end of August, with Niamh and Bonnie arriving on the 28th.

All are doing well and we look forward to meeting them in the future.



NURSERY REFURBISHMENT, NEW GATES & LIGHTING

Over the summer the Nursery building was refurbished. New doors, lighting and flooring have been installed, which along with new toilet cubicles have made the Nursery feel like a new building.

New LED lighting has been installed outside, this will allow the playgrounds to be used for BKC and after school clubs in the winter months.

We have replaced the gates for the KS2 playground and the access path for the BKC Club. At the end of the month the gate to the BKC Club will have electronic entry, with parents collecting from the club needing to use this to gain access to the building.

Autumn Term 2018

10 – 14 September	Year 6 Residential Visit to Red Ridge
Tuesday 18 September	3.30pm Year 1 Parents' Information Meeting 4.30pm Year 2 Parents' Information Meeting
Thursday 20 September	3.30pm Year 4 Parents' Information Meeting 4.30pm Year 5 Parents' Information Meeting
Monday 1 October	7.30pm PTA AGM
Friday 5 October	9.00am Harvest Service – Led by Year 5
Thursday 18 October	4.00 – 7.00pm Parents' Evening – Class teacher
Friday 19 October	PTA School Disco
Tuesday 23 October	4.00 – 7.00pm Parents' Evening – Class teacher
29 October – 2 November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 5 November	Pupils return to school
Friday 9 November	5.30pm PTA Fireworks Display
Tuesday 20 November	9.30 – 11.00am Open Morning for EYFS applicants
Saturday 1 December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 5 December	10.00am KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 6 December	10.00am KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12 December	10.00am FKS Christmas Performance
Thursday 13 December	10.00am FKS Christmas Performance 7.00pm Carol Service with St. James
Tuesday 18 December	7.00pm Years 5 & 6 Christingle Service
Thursday 20 December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 21 December	9.00am Christmas Service – Led by Year 4 Break up for Christmas Holidays

Autumn Term 2018

Start: Monday 3 September **End:** Friday 21 December **Half term:** 29 October - 2 November
Inset Days: Monday 3 September & Tuesday 4 September

Spring Term 2019

Start: Monday 7 January **End:** Friday 12 April **Half term:** 18- 22 February
Inset Day: Monday 7 January

Summer Term 2019

Start: Monday 29 April **End:** Friday 19 July **Half term:** 27 - 31 May
Inset Days: Friday 24 May & Monday 22 July