



School Newsletter

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Friday 10th September 2021

Weekly Update

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to Miss Lovering and Mrs Tucker-Grant, our new teachers. We have returned to school after being busy reorganising the extensive school site to utilise the space for maximum use. Hearing the children laugh and play together has simply been a joy to our ears!

CLASS ONE – Y2 and Y3 are now in a classroom in the old meeting room next to my office. The Interactive White Board is being moved on Monday to ensure that full access to ICT is prioritised.

ICT SUITE – this dedicated space for computing lessons is upstairs.

ART/MUSIC/DRAMA –the old class one will be used to exclusively house the art materials and the musical instruments.

MFL – Modern Foreign Languages, (French) I am pleased to introduce you to Mrs Jordan who will be working across the Trust delivering French to the children.

Bouncy Babies – Monday 10-12pm and we hope to extend this to every Thursday 10-12pm. If you can volunteer to make this possible, please do get in touch.

Dance – Miss Squire will be teaching Dance to Class One and we will be joined by the Class One pupils from Black Torrington (starting on Monday pm).

Parent Forum Meeting – Thursday 16th September 3:30pm

The meeting, planned in the summer, attended by Phil Whittley our interim Chair of Governors is in the diary. Mrs Bunning and I want the opportunity to discuss with you our plans for the year and to reassure you all that despite the many changes that have recently taken place, every consideration has been put into place to ensure the children are receiving the best possible education and opportunities.

Please do send in any questions beforehand and register your interest to attend the planned meeting. It will be virtual but I do understand that the timing is very tight! I will post the invite on the Dojo so please do look out for it. Your input, comments and support are very much welcome.

I will be based at Black Torrington that day and at 3:30pm (numbers permitting), will invite parents into the hall to join the live link, along with Mrs Bunning and Mr Whittley.

Outline agenda (please add to this by emailing the office or by sending me a message on Dojo)

- further collaboration across the Ruby County Schools
- up-coming planned events
- updates on the recruitment process for the vacancies



Class One

We have had lots of fun this week and a great start to the new school year!

Our focus this week has been on friendships, building new relationships and getting settled into our new classroom. We have been playing team building games and catching up on our summer adventures.

It has been lovely getting to know everyone and I am looking forward to all the fun and learning we will be doing going forward.

Miss Lovering

Welcome back Class 2!

We have had a lovely start to the term, getting to know each other and building relationships. We have started to think about our learning for this term, including designing some lovely mosaics inspired by our Romans in Britain topic and writing some brilliant short stories ready to start our English learning.

As we continue throughout this term and beyond, please check our Dojo page to see what we have been learning and enjoying throughout the week.

Mrs Tucker-Grant

Look out for the Curriculum Information letters coming out to you next week.

School Council

The children who wanted the opportunity to be on the school council have been given a School Council manifesto to fill out. If they could be support to fill this out, they are going to share these with the classes and vote for the councillors they feel will be the best representatives for the school.





Star Learners

Flora for being super helpful and hardworking.
Robert for being a good listener and trying his best.



Maths Star Learner

Tom for his independent learning and for giving things a go.
Michelle for trying hard and for having a go.



C – co-operation

R – respect

A – achievement

F – friendship

T - trust

The focus this week has been on explaining the CRAFT values and how these can be rewarded throughout the week. The children have returned with excellent attitudes and behaviours. Dojo points are also given out to those who demonstrate these values.

COVID

The changes in the Government guidelines are in the new risk assessment which can be found on the website <https://bradford.devon.sch.uk/>

We are no longer required to operate in bubbles and social distancing is not required. We are however, still ensuring that the children wash their hands frequently and we are monitoring closely for any signs of the symptoms. Please do not send your child into school if they exhibit any of the signs and symptoms.

Transport

Apologies to the bus children. The information below clearly states that those travelling on school transport **do not have to wear masks**. Sorry for any confusion caused.

Students aged 11 and over should wear a face covering when travelling on school transport. We recognise that some medical conditions or additional needs may make this not possible.

- Students should wash/clean their hands before boarding home to school transport, and when arriving at school or home.
- Students should respect the driver's personal space and hold back from entering the vehicle until the driver has indicated it is safe to do so, they should then board one by one in an orderly manner.
- On larger vehicles, students should sit in year groups as far as possible – in ascending order, front to back (youngest students at the front of the vehicle). Some schools may draw up seating arrangements for vehicles.
- Students must wherever possible maintain social distancing at pickup points especially where numbers of students are waiting.
- Students should carry tissues on home to school transport, to 'catch' any coughs or sneezes. Any used tissues should be bagged and taken off the vehicle to be disposed of by the student when they alight the vehicle. Students must not board home to school transport if they, or a member of their household, has symptoms of coronavirus.

- Any student who starts displaying coronavirus symptoms whilst at their setting will be sent home immediately. The school will make arrangements for them to be collected by a member of their family or household, and they will not be able to travel on home to school transport.
- To avoid close proximity between the driver and passengers, we encourage children to put seatbelts on themselves, wherever possible. Where assistance is required for younger students a parent may assist when boarding at home.
- Those students that travel on DCC home to school transport are also reminded of the Code of Conduct regarding behaviour on the bus.

[A copy of the Code of Conduct, and more information about school transport from September 2020, can be found here.](#)

After School Clubs

If your child would like to take part in the after-school clubs starting next week don't forget to book their sessions via your **School Gateway account**. Once you have booked the sessions, please go to the Payment Section and give your permission for them to take part. The following clubs will be running from 3.30 to 4.30pm and Shin Pads are required for Football Club. Please do check your contact details are up to date in case of emergency.

Monday – Dance Club for Years 2 to 6 run by Jessica Squire

Tuesday – Football Club for Years 2 to 6 run by Mrs Lee

Wednesday – Netball Club for Years 3 to 6 run by Mrs Manners/Miss Lovering

Thursday – Outdoor Activities Club for Years 2 to 6 run by Mrs Tucker-Grant

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th November – Tempest Photography 9.00am – Individual and Family Photos
Harvest Festival – TBC

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October – half term

Thank you for your support.
Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Sunita Chauhan