



## Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

8 September 2020

Dear families,

What a wonderful sight it has been to see so many happy, smiling faces walking through our doors these past few days! The weirdness of lockdown and the summer break seem to have faded as everyone has embraced the new term with energy and positivity and, of course, increased hand washing. I am delighted to say that our attendance has been excellent and hope that even with the colds and sniffles that are a normal part of the Autumn Term, the vast majority of children will continue to be in school every day.

The children have adapted brilliantly to the new procedures and have settled well into familiar and not so familiar routines. Staff are working hard to see how to make sure that the restrictions do not inhibit the children's experiences of learning.

We have also welcomed our newest children into school this week with Oak class opening its doors to 20, 4 and 5 year olds. Mrs Howlett and her team of volunteers have spent the summer break preparing the learning spaces for the children and it looks amazing. Special thanks should go to Mr Larkinson for all the woodwork projects he has completed, thanks to him and the team, we even have a stage for our little stars to perform on!

The weather has been kind to us so it feels like someone is watching over us enabling breaks, lunchtimes and learning to happen outside as much as possible. As the weather turns colder and wetter please look out for advice on what your child will need to bring or wear to school as we will be continuing to use our outdoor areas as much as possible.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Contact telephone numbers – IMPORTANT PLEASE READ AND ACTION IF NECESSARY**

It is now, more than ever, important that we have up to date contact details for all parents/carers. **We may need to contact you because your child is ill, and it is important that we can get hold of you quickly.** If you have changed your telephone number or email address recently and we may not have the new details please email the school office to check. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Refurbishment of boys' toilets**

Over the summer holidays the boys' junior toilets were refurbished. As you can see from the following photos they are looking very smart, and a definite improvement on the old ones. A big thank you to the PTA for helping to fund this project.

For details about events, latest news etc please visit <https://www.bradfieldceprimary.co.uk>

**Music lessons through Berkshire Maestros**

Unfortunately due to the new safety guidelines in place we have informed Berkshire Maestros that we do not have the capacity for them to teach music group and individual lessons in school this term. We believe that a number of local schools have made the same decision. If your child would normally have music lessons in school please contact Berkshire Maestros for further information.

**Bringing items into school**

Please remember to bring in PE kits on your child's PE day. Unfortunately we cannot accept any brought to school after morning drop off. We also cannot accept any late lunchboxes so please make sure that your child has everything with them when you leave home in the morning.

**Birthday cakes/sweets**

We have also made the decision not to allow any birthday sweets or cakes to be sent into school. We trust you will understand our reasons for doing this.

**Rushall Farm – Y1 and Y6**

Next week both our Y1 and Y6 classes will be going to Rushall Farm for Forest School, Y1 on a Wednesday afternoon and Y6 on a Thursday morning. We are sure they will have a fantastic time. Please can parents/carers of these children complete the consent form, and make payment via Parentmail/Payments/Shop.

**Clubs**

There have been a couple of changes to the clubs we are able to run before and after school this term:

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- Two of the planned clubs, Didi Rugby and Drama will not be running due to a lack of numbers.
- Art and Tech Clubs will commence after half term due to staffing issues
- All other clubs will be running. You should have received notification of any payments due. Please arrange payment as soon as possible to secure your child's place in their chosen club

I hope that you and your loved ones are all well and please get in touch with us if there is anything we can help with or need to know. Our strength is our community.

Best wishes

Caroline Johnson