

# Bunwell Primary Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> June

This term already seems to be flying past and there are a great many events to fit in before the end of term. With SATs complete and the weather holding its own, it is great to see the young people enjoying the chance to explore and to have a creative focus to the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see so many parents involved in the school particularly for the celebration assembly and I know the young people appreciated your attendance. We will continue to provide these opportunities as much as possible and outline arrangements for Sports Day, parents afternoon / evening and the last day of term are included below.

We are now using both Twitter @Bunwell\_Primary and ClassDojo to provide messages, so please make sure you have signed up to both!

## **Mr Merrywest**

### **Staff Arrangements**

I am delighted to say that we are retaining and adding to our full compliment of both teaching and non-teaching staff for next year. This means that the arrangements will be quite familiar to the young people and parents of the school with just a few small changes.

#### *Class 1 (Reception and Year 1)*

Miss Johnson will be teaching, with Teaching Assistant support split between Ms McCauley and Mrs Clark.

Class 1 will also have two new members of staff as Classroom Assistants to support the needs of individual young people. I am delighted to say that Mr A Baxter will be joining us from Banham Primary and we will be advertising a further vacancy shortly.

#### *Class 2 (Year 2 and Year 3)*

Mrs Brookes will be teaching the class with Teaching Assistant support from Mrs Flint. Mrs Brookes will also be joined by a teacher in training who will also spend time in other classes.

#### *Class 3 (Year 4 and Year 5)*

Mr Tuckett will be teaching the class with Teaching Assistant support split between Mrs Roden and Ms McCauley.

#### *Class 4 (Year 6)*

Mrs Simon will be teaching this class with support from our Teaching Assistants as required and will also have a teacher in training joining her.

## **ClassDojo**

We now have approximately 80% of parents signed up to ClassDojo, so thank you for your quick response to this. It is a very useful tool to send out messages and will ultimately mean that we can be cost effective and contact you easily. We will probably be trialling 2-way communication towards the end of term for certain types of communication.

If you have not yet signed up, we are able to email you a code. Please email the office address to request one.

## **Logo and Uniform**

The consultation with parents is now complete, however presentation is [available here](#).

In terms of the logo, we have had questions and comments regarding the fact that this is changing the history of the school. I am investigating this, however from what I currently understand, the school image is an early 21<sup>st</sup> Century addition and the logo featuring on the school uniform is even more recent. I would be very grateful if anyone with a long relationship with the school could update me further. I am currently looking in to an additional method of preserving the school's history in terms of both of these images and will provide more details as soon as I have them available.

An interesting element when looking in to the school history revealed that the chimneys shown in both images of the school are no longer present. There are certainly fireplaces in the building and they are just visible from the original images we have from 1878. We also have a very large London Plane Tree at the back of the nearest school field which is approximately 80 – 100 years old and is definitely something memorable for the school.

In terms of the uniform there have been some very useful additions and adjustments in term of suggested suppliers and I am looking in to these also. Standardising the jumper is an important element and maintaining the same supplier, despite not having a logo, is key. I will collate feedback and responses to be downloaded on the website.

My apologies for the confusion regarding the blue T-Shirt for Multi-sports in KS1. This was intended as a 'make do' measure with a best fit from existing clothing. We have rectified this confusion on this occasion by making our own bulk order.

## **Reports and Parents Evening**

Following discussions with both staff and parents, we have suggested an amendment to the parents evening format for this year. Our statutory requirement is to communicate with parents regarding progress at least three times per year. The report and parents evening scheduled for the end of term will be numbers five and six, however we do feel that the communication is important.

We therefore plan to provide a school report in the same format as that received last term by Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>. This report will also indicate whether the Class Teacher considers a formal Parents Evening appointment would add extra value.

A week later, on **Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding an open classroom event between 15:00 and 15:30, immediately after pupils have completed sports day and are suitably dressed. This will enable pupils to show parents their work and achievements in school and to have an informal chat with the Class Teacher.

Formal one to one consultations will take place on a prior appointment only basis from 15:45 until 18:30 for Classes 1, 2 and 3. Pupils are welcome to attend with parents at their appointment. Appointment for Class 4 with Mrs Simon will take place on Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Sports Day Arrangements**

We are very much looking forward to parents joining us for Sports day this year on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The arrangements will include a whole school picnic on the school site at 12:00 and parents are very welcome to join us, please bring a picnic with you if you wish to join us. After allowing a little time for lunch to settle pupils will change in the school and we will all proceed together to the Village Hall playing fields where events will start shortly after 13:00.

We aim to finish at approximately 14:45 to return to school in time for the open afternoon.

We are aware that some Year 6 pupils will be attending both days of the Old Buckenham High School transition days. We are organising for our Year 6 events to commence at 14:00 and are hopeful that we are able to organise our young people to return to school to take part.

### **End of Year Celebration Assembly**

You may notice that there is no planned summer concert this year, however we will be incorporating this within our final Celebration Assembly of the year on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 9:00 – 9:45. This will hopefully take place near the stage area on the school field (weather permitting) and everyone is welcome.

All parents are welcome to this assembly, but just to note that leavers from years other than year 6 will be recognised that this assembly. A separate Year 6 only leavers assembly will take place in the afternoon

### **Year 6 Leavers Assembly**

Mrs Simon will be arranging an assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm for the pupils and parent/carers of the Year 6 pupils who will be joining their chosen high schools in September.

## **Dates for the diary**

22nd June – Open afternoon for new starters

27th June – Class 2 Puppet Theatre Trip

4th July - Whitlingham Trip – KS2

5<sup>th</sup> July- Play to learn morning for the new starters.

5<sup>th</sup> July-Year 6 Crucial Crew

7<sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 Easton College Farm Trip

8th July - Bunfest @ Village Hall 2pm onwards

10th July –KS2 London Planetarium Trip

13th July - Sports Day @ 12:00 - 15:00, 15.00-15.30 Open classroom, and 15.45-18.30 formal one to one consultations by prior appointment only (Classes 1,2 and 3).

17<sup>th</sup> July – parents evening by appointment only (Class 4)

21st July – Celebration assembly 9.00am -9.45am all welcome.

Year 6 Leavers celebration assembly @ 2pm parent/carers of Year 6 pupils.

21st July – School Disco – KS1 @ 4:30 – 5:45 KS2 @ 6:00 – 7:30