

Bonneygrove Primary School Newsletter

4th September 2020



Message from Mrs Gable



The first newsletter of the school year is always a good one to write. Children are excited, they look smart in their new uniforms, the school is ready to go and everyone is rested. That was even more true this year, when we had not seen many of our school community for many months. I was overwhelmed by the smiling faces, the positivity and the support of our parents as you all came through the gate.

Although we planned carefully, it is not until the systems are tested that we know they work and I am pleased to say that they worked very well! The bubbles are secure, the children are being responsible about hygiene and extra cleaning and our zoning and one-way systems minimise contact.

However, we are not complacent. In this newsletter, as well as sharing our successes, there are a few prompts and reminders where we need your help to become as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding and for keeping yourselves and others safe.

Amanda Gable

Information from NHS England to schools:

We are recommending to our pupils and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:
- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or
- they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)

If a child or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a child or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students do not need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

In line with NHS recommendations and as an extra precautionary measure we have decided that a child will need to remain at home after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea for 48 hours.

KEY REMINDERS ABOUT TIMINGS FOR THE DAY

KS2

Start of day: 8.35-8.50

End of day: 3.00-3.10

KS1

Start of day: 8.45-9.00

End of day: 3.10-3.20



- Please do not arrive on site before the time slot for your child's class, at the start or end of the day.
- The classroom doors will not open until the times stated above, and early arrival on site will result in the paths becoming overly congested.
- You can arrive **at any time in the time slot** stated above - no learning will be missed and registration will not happen in the mornings until the 15 minute time slot has closed.
- The front gate will not be opened until just before 8.35am and 3.00pm.
- Please could we ask that **only one adult per family** bring children on to site, as much as possible.
- Please call the office should you wish to pass a message to the class teachers, to avoid crowding around the classroom doors.
- If you have a child in KS1 and KS2, please aim to arrive around 8.45 which will be enough time to drop children in different classes around the school, without the need to keep you waiting.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Our one way system is up and running! Thank you to everyone for following the white arrows and following any signs that are up around the school - it is very different to usual! Please stick to the paths and do not cut across the fields, and please call the office if you need to speak to them as we are currently not allowing 'drop-in' visits.

DOGS ON SITE

A little reminder that dogs are not allowed on site at all, even if being carried, so please do not bring them on to the school grounds. Many thanks.

Kool Kids

There is a welcome return to our Kool Kids breakfast and after school from Monday. They will follow the same safety procedures as the rest of the school, keeping children within secure bubbles.



What did the teachers get up to on INSET Day?

Although the school has not been fully open since March we still had our traditional INSET training day at the start of this term. Our teachers were trained on an addition layer to our Horizons Curriculum called Back on Track. We know that our children have had very different experiences of learning over lock down. The new Back on Track Horizons Curriculum reminds children of learning they already know, helps the teacher check for gaps and weaves it altogether to get all our children to where they should be for their age.



Old fashioned look to our new learning

In line with Government advice, our classrooms have front facing desks to minimise the risk of transmission. Each desk has its own equipment and any resources used by a class are quarantined or cleaned before being used by others.



It is not just the classrooms that have rearranged themselves. Our Office staff have done the same! They all now face one way, with Mrs Moody keeping an eagle eye out of the back window. If you see her give her a wave.



Look What's Happened In School Over The Closure

Whilst we have been on lockdown and over the summer we have been busy investing in the infrastructure of the school to make it an even better place to learn.

- Our entrance hall has a fresh new carpet
- More classrooms have been refurbished with new carpet and linoleum flooring, and has had a fresh coat of paint.
- We have installed more Clevertouch interactive boards so that all our classrooms have the latest screens for the children to learn from.
- We have a new school alarm system installed to keep us all safe.
- New PE climbing equipment for KS hall to help develop upper body strength in Early Years and KS1.



The Golden Threads that weave through and enrich our Horizons Curriculum are certainly in evidence as learning starts again this term.

With outdoor learning recommended as much as possible, Year 6 have gone on a 'gratitude walk'. They are grateful for the woods, the air, and their school. Our woods are in constant use as all classes are taking a Moment of Calm to think about all that has happened in our world.



Which came first the chickens or the eggs?

No you are not seeing things or counting wrong, we do have more chickens! Over the summer a couple of the eggs our hens laid, have hatched! A second generation of Bonneygrove chickens growing up within our school.

