





# Headteacher's newsletter #1

Autumn 1 – Returning to school

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## Returning to school

It was lovely to see all the children back after the summer holidays. They have all settled in well and have come back to school ready to learn. We are all looking forward to the year ahead with them.

## Packed lunches

Just a reminder that we have children in the school with severe nut allergies. Please make sure all products in the children's packed lunch are nut free. We would also like to remind you that sweets and chocolate bars should not be in the children's lunch boxes. The children will not be allowed to eat these at lunchtime.

## Absence due to illness

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please ring 01908 665971 Option 1 before 8.30am and leave a message stating your child's name, HB and the nature of their illness. You may also report absence on ParentMail or via our school website.

## Absence

Since March 2020, we have been relaxed with our absence policy for obvious reasons. This academic year, we will be cutting down on persistent absence. Our absence policy is under review and will be published in October when the governors have approved it.

If a child's absence drops below 85% we will be contacting you to let you know and see if there is anything we can do to support you.

If your child is struggling to come to school, please speak to the class teacher or Miss Churchman who is our Family Support Worker in charge of absence.

## Messages to class teachers

If you need to pass a message to your child's class teacher, then please send an email the night before or before 8.30am. Staff are encouraged to read their emails at the start of each day before the children arrive. They are also encouraged not to respond to emails after 6pm. Please understand that our guidance for replying to emails is within 48 working hours, so staff may not respond straight away. **If the message is urgent then please contact the main office who will pass the message on straight away.** There will always be a member of staff at the gates to support you in the morning if you need help with anything. Miss Churchman and Mrs Gordge will also be on hand to support with any pastoral concerns you may have.

## SEND

Mrs Ramsden is back from maternity leave. The SEND team will still be involved until October as we hand over. I know some parents have emailed in already. We are currently working through them and will get back to you as soon as we can. If you have any concerns please contact her for support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebekah Green', on a white rectangular background.

**Rebekah Green**  
Headteacher



## Uniform

Attached to this newsletter you will find the new uniform policy. We are aware that the cost of living will be affecting everyone so we have only made one item of clothing compulsory. This is the PE T-shirt which must be the school one. This is because we are keeping 'PE ready'.

If you are finding it hard to purchase school uniform please let us know. Our Family Support Workers, Mrs Gordge and Miss Churchman, are available to speak to.

Once the school council is up and running we will be hosting 'pop up' shops for people to buy good quality second-hand uniform. Please keep this in mind if your child/ren grow out of their uniform as we will be looking for donations.

## School Development Plan

As a school we have a School Development Plan (SDP) so we can ensure we are always making improvements to the education we provide our children. This academic year, our main focus will be on the following three targets:

- All children will be able to write cohesively
- All children can make links between past knowledge and current learning
- All children can use a range of strategies to enable them to read

These targets are based on our last Ofsted report and the 2021-22 SATs results. Over the academic year, more information will be sent to you regarding how you can support your children at home.

## Diary Dates – autumn term 1

16 September – Frozen Friday fundraiser

21 September – year 3 OAA day

22 September – year 4 OAA day

27 September – year 5 plastics workshop

28 September – year 5 plastics workshop  
Year 3 and 4 cross country and colour run

30 September – year 5 and 6 cross country and colour run

5 October – year 3 Zoolab

10 October – year 5 Stomp workshop

11 & 12 October – parents evening face to face 4pm-7pm

17 October – year 6 dance workshop

18 October – year 4 Bradwell Abbey

19 October – year 6 Bletchley Park

20 October – year 4 Bradwell Abbey

21 October – Inset day

24 – 28 October – half term

