

# NEWSLETTER

## 25<sup>th</sup> September



### Message from the Deputy Head



#### Curriculum update

The children have settled back into school very smoothly. For the first 2 weeks, all classes have delivered the Back 2 School Programme which was written in direct response to Covid19 to support children's wellbeing as they return to school. We have been very impressed with the way children have adapted to the 'new normal' and systems the school has in place to keep everyone safe. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the school to navigate these unprecedented times.

#### Online Learning

Should we need to use online learning to teach pupils at any point during this academic year, we have set up Google classrooms for the whole school. Your child will be given their login details over the next few weeks. This [video](#) gives instructions on how to log in to Google Classroom. Pupils have been learning how to use Google classrooms in their school lessons, so they become familiar with the platform.

#### Subject Leaders

As we continue to develop our curriculum at Bayards, we have appointed some new subject leaders to help drive the improvements. A list of all subject leaders within the school is below. Feel free to contact them about your child's learning via the office.

Phonics: Miss Murray, Reading: Miss Hebbachi, Writing: Miss Armstrong, Maths: Mrs Vadivale, Humanities & RE: Mr Harris, PE, Art & Music: Mr Stoodley, Science, DT & Computing: Mr Eaglestone.

#### Addressing Gaps.

Teachers are using a number of strategies to inform their planning and address the gaps in children's learning due to school closure including low stakes quizzes, observing pupils in class and formal assessments. The outcome of these assessments will be shared with you during Parents' Evening.

#### Reading Diaries.

All Reception and KS1 children should now have a reading record. KS2 children have a reading log in their homework book. If your child does not have a diary, please speak to their class teacher.

### Staff Training.

All teachers have recently received training on 'How to make learning stick'. This training aims to help teachers to understand some of the main findings from cognitive science and the implications for curriculum design and planning. Other recent training has also taken place on safeguarding, attendance and mental health.

### Parents' Evening.

It is now most likely that we will have to run a virtual parents' evening this year. We are looking at the possibility of parents/carers having the option of booking either a telephone call or Google meeting with their child's class teacher. We will maintain the booking of appointments via Arbor as usual. Due to the new arrangements, slight adjustments might need to be made to the dates and times previously released. More details will follow.

### School Systems.

Please continue to follow the school's one-way systems and arrangements in place to keep everyone safe. We know they are more time consuming, however they are risk assessed to keep us all as safe as possible. We are now asking all visitors that enter the school building to wear a face covering, unless medically exempt - please show proof of this. Should you have any feedback, to help us improve our safety for all, please contact Mrs Jones who is leading this area of the school's work.

## **Year 5 News: Mysterious Man on Tightrope Between Towers**

Year 5 have hit the ground running this term, getting straight into our Literary Curriculum lessons and quickly producing some high-quality pieces of writing. We have written a variety of text types based on a book about the true story of Philippe Petit, a daredevil high-wire artist who performed on a tightrope strung between New York City's twin towers in 1974.

Already completed are a dramatic thought recount, an interview script, a newspaper report and a persuasive speech, with children learning about the features of each writing type along the way. This week we are creating plans - ready to then write a detailed biography about Philippe Petit's life. His amazing adventures have really captured our imagination.

We've also enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons in History, exploring how Anglo-Saxon settlers gave us place names such as Barton, Headington and Risinghurst. And in Science, we now all know our vertebrates from our invertebrates! What do we humans have in common with anything from dogs to dolphins, and from whales to warthogs? Clue: we're all in the same subgroup of vertebrates. If unsure, ask your child!

Finally, a warm goodbye (and thank you for all your hard work) to Mrs Vadivale, who will be moving to Year 2, and a warm welcome to Mr Stoodley, who will be taking over Sibelius class.

**Mr Waite, Mrs Vadivale, Miss Billy and Mrs Saunders - the Year 5 Team**



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Autumn Term



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Senior Leadership Team Meet and Greet - 17:15-18:00  
To attend these session please book by 22/09/20.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Census Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Flu Immunisations – All Year Groups

**School Holidays**  
**(22nd October last day of half term)**

**23rd October - 1st November - Half Term**

**Monday 2nd November - start of term**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – School Photo Day - Further details to follow

Monday 23rd November - Inset Day - No Pupils

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Senior Leadership Team Meet and Greet – 14:30 -15:15

**Friday 18th December - last day of term**

**Christmas Productions** - Further details regarding these events will be confirmed later this term, subject to COVID19 restrictions.

## Parents Evenings

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	16:50 - 18:30
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	15:50 - 17:30
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	16:10 - 17:50
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	16:60 - 18:30
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	15:50 - 17:30
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	16:10 - 17:50

*Do you have or know a child starting Reception in September 2021.*

### Reception 2021 Starters

For children due to join Reception in September 2021 we will be running a series of information mornings and afternoons, when you can have a tour of the school, followed by a Q & A with the Head teacher Mr Griffiths.

#### Open mornings:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 9:15 – 10:15am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - 9:15 – 10:15am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 11:00 – 12:00

#### Open afternoons:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November - 2:00 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 2:00 - 3:00pm

You can book one of these visits via the school office on 01865 761656 or email: [office@bayards-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@bayards-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

## Drop-off and Collection Times

Year Group	Pupil Arrival Time	Pupil Collection Time
Year 6 Year 5 Year 2 Year 1	Pupils in these year groups have a 10-minute window of time to arrive: <b>Between 08:35 and 08:45</b>	Pupils in these year groups have a 10-minute window of time to be collected: <b>Between 15:05 and 15:15</b>
Year 4 Year 3 Reception	Pupils in these year groups have a 10-minute window of time to arrive: <b>Between 08:45 and 08:55</b>	Pupils in these year groups have a 10-minute window of time to be collected: <b>Between 15:15 and 15:25</b>