

# NEWSLETTER

## 11<sup>th</sup> September



### Message from the Headteacher

It has been wonderful to have a very high percentage of children return to school to continue with their learning following the lengthy period of lockdown. There have been changes to school systems and routines to ensure we can all stay safe. It is important that children regularly wash their hands and remain only within their bubble as well as being as socially distant from others as much as possible. At present the vast majority of classes are with the same teachers as in the previous academic year; there will be some changes later this term, which are required as part of our school staffing structure changes.

As Executive Headteacher of both Bayards Hill and Barton Park, I will be working for the large majority of my time at Bayards Hill. Mr Eaglestone, as Deputy Headteacher, will be leading the Quality of Education at Bayards Hill to ensure that all teachers teach well and that all pupils learn well. Mrs Jones, as Assistant Headteacher, will be leading on Inclusion and SEND, her role is broad and within it she oversees pupils behaviour and attitudes as well as attendance. We have increased staffing within our Inclusion Team, Mrs Jones will be sharing further information with parents during this term. Mrs Jones will also be supporting Barton Park for half a day a week during this academic year.

The Senior Team has increased capacity by welcoming Mr Waite to work as a Senior Teacher, leading on pupils Personal Development. There are many exciting events and activities planned for pupils, although some may not be able to progress as we would have liked due to current COVID19 restrictions. Our Middle Leadership Team has changed in its structure as the school becomes more focused on teaching pupils well. We no longer have Phase Leaders, but rather faculty and subject leaders - Mr Eaglestone will be sharing further details in the next few weeks.

Should parents have any questions or concerns regarding their pupils wellbeing or education please initially raise these with your child's class teacher, who is best placed to be able to assist your child in overcoming the identified problem. Should parents have matters they wish to discuss regarding school organisation or staffing matters, please book a meeting with myself, by contacting Mrs Germain - PA to the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Eaglestone and Mrs Jones are also available for meetings, to discuss matters related to the areas that they lead on.

I would like to once again thank parents for supporting the children's successful return to the start of the school year, in what have been very difficult times for us all. We are looking forward to progressing the education of all pupils alongside supporting their behaviour and wellbeing.

## Messages from your teachers

Harmony	Melody	Acapella
Mrs Bruerton would like to say a big well done and thank you to Harmony Class for bringing their smiles and positive attitudes back to school with them! It has been a joy to see you learning so much already, and helping each other to settle back in. Thank you.	Miss Middleton would like to say a big well done to all of Melody class for settling back into school so quickly! You have been wonderful and I cannot wait to share the rest of the year with you.	Mrs Brewer would like to say well done to Acapella for settling quickly into Year 1. You have shown kindness to each other and are working hard to keep each other safe.
Symphony	Rhythm	Blues
Miss Murray would like to say well done to Symphony for bravely taking on the new routines of Year 1 and settling into school brilliantly!	Miss Henderson would like to say a massive well done to all of the children in Rhythm for working together to settle nicely into Year 2. Thank you for all of your hard work - keep it up!	Miss Green would like to say well done to Blues class for settling in so quickly. It has been lovely to see all your happy faces again after such a long time! You've all completed some amazing work this week and surprised me with how much you know. Keep up the hard work!
Classical	Baroque	Octave
Miss Oliver would like to say great work in all subjects especially maths. I am really pleased to be with you and happy to have seen lots of good team-work with your new classmates.	Mr Davis would like to congratulate Baroque class on their amazing return to school. Everyone in the class is doing a great job of keeping each other safe and happy as they learn. Mr Davis is beyond amazed on how well Baroque class has settled back into a new school routine.	Mr Stoodley wants to thank Octave class for how brilliantly they have returned to school. They have shown awareness for how to help each other stay safe and have tackled the new challenges of year 4 with excitement. Well done!
Sibelius	Elgar	Mozart
Mrs Vadivale would like to say a massive well done to Sibelius for settling back into the routines of school and taking on the challenges of Year 5 brilliantly!	Mr Waite would like to say well done to Elgar for a fantastic return to school. You've all been really engaged with the learning, and have already produced your first piece of quality writing. Keep it up! Congratulations!	Mr Harris would like to say how amazingly well that Mozart has come back into school. The way that they have picked up where they left is something that they should be very proud of. Well done for such a great start to the year.
Beethoven		
Hi, Miss H here. I would just like to say a huge well done to everyone in Beethoven for settling back into school so quickly and demonstrating a great level of maturity across the school day. Congratulations on completing your first week of year 6, keep up the good work!		



**What a great start to the year.**

**We would also like to thank all parents/carers for your understanding this week when we have made changes to the drop off and collection times to ensure the safety of all pupils, parents and staff. A reminder of the current times can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.**

# 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.

Do you have or know a child starting Reception in September 2021. Please do come along and visit the school to find out more. You can book via the school office on [office@bayards-hill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@bayards-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

<b>20th October 2020</b>	<b>09:15 - 10:15</b>
<b>8th November 2020</b>	<b>14:00 - 15:00</b>
<b>9th November 2020</b>	<b>11:00 - 12:00</b>
<b>13th November 2020</b>	<b>09:15 - 10:15</b>
<b>19th November 2020</b>	<b>09:15 - 10:15</b>

## 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

## 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>