



School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER 22nd October

Message from the Head



What a busy half term we have all had, both pupils and school staff. We have all been learning new ways of doing things, within systems designed to keep us safe and ensure that education continues. I do hope parents have enjoyed hearing about what your children have been doing each day at school and seeing how they are developing in their knowledge and skills through their reading, spellings and homework activities.

It has been pleasing to see new activities starting at Bayards such as the Homework Club, as well as having more plans coming in the next half term for sports and music clubs. I would like to thank Mr Eaglestone for all his work in making improvements for our pupils, even through COVID19.

I would ask that all parents remember social distancing whilst on the school site. Additionally, please ensure that the one way system is followed for everyone's safety; even if you are running late, the systems we have in place still apply. There are some further changes which will need to be implemented for safety; a letter from Mrs Jones will explain the updated arrangements. I would like to thank Mrs Jones and her team for the considerable amount of time she has put into the systems and processes we use around the whole school site in keeping us safe.

I would also ask that parents do not gather at exit points and also that they refrain from smoking in close proximity to the school entrances and exits. We are now receiving numerous complaints that smoking in these areas is harmful to the wellbeing and health of other parents and our young pupils. Can I also remind parents that no dogs are allowed on the school site for any reason, except registered assistance dogs.

We would like to wish all pupils and their families a restful half term break, although social distancing will impact on the activities we can do, there are still many positive memories that can be created. We look forward to hearing about these when the children return to school. You may like to complete some of the suggested activities within the enrichment passport.

Year 1 News



In Year 1, it has been an exciting start to the year!

For literacy, we have learned about Wild Things, Little Red and an unlucky witch! We explored different flavours by tasting ginger beer and blueberry smoothies to help us re-write the story of Little Red Riding Hood. As

writers, we changed the story of Little Red to Little Blue who met a starving bear instead of a ferocious wolf.

We shared our stories with our friends from Symphony and Acapella. As mathematicians, we have been practising our number bonds to 10 which we are starting to remember. We have also been learning about directional language and 3D shapes.



Well done Year 1 for settling into the new school year so quickly and for trying your best in your learning!

Miss Murray, Mrs Brewer, Miss Hart, Mrs Hart & Mrs Lee - the Year 1 Team

Staffing - Goodbye

Miss Henderson will be leaving us this term and we all wish her well for her new adventures - teaching in a new city.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term



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

23rd October - 1st November - Half Term

Monday 2nd November - start of term

Wednesday 11th November – School Photo Day - Further details to follow

Monday 23rd November - Inset Day - No Pupils

Tuesday 1st 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 th November 2020	17:00 - 18:40
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	15:45 - 17:35
Wednesday 11th November 2020	17:00 - 18:40
Thursday 12 th November 2020	15:45 - 17:35
Thursday 25 th February 2021	16:60 - 18:30
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	15:50 - 17:30
Thursday 4 th March 2021	16:10 - 17:50

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

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 20th October - 9:15 – 10:15am

Friday 13th November - 9:15 – 10:15am

Wednesday 9th December - 11:00 – 12:00

Open afternoons:

Thursday 19th November - 2:00 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 8th 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