

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the beginning of an exciting Bourne Abbey school year. A warm welcome to new staff, new children and new families. A huge well done to our amazing Reception children. What a fantastic start they have made!

I would like to thank and congratulate everyone on a most exceptional first week back in such difficult times. It has been an absolute privilege for me to be in our fabulous school and to see the children settle so quickly and happily. It is truly wonderful to hear the sound of laughter and learning once again.

The enthusiasm and energy of staff and children alike has been a joy to behold and we have had so much positive and supportive feedback from many parents and carers. WOW!!

All our staff will continue to provide high quality pastoral care for our children. Our trained Mental Health and Wellbeing First Aiders have been on hand to support them as they return to school. We are going to carry out our Pupil Survey later this term. Usually we do this in the spring term but we want to make sure we are checking in early with the children after such unprecedented times.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our staff team who worked extremely hard in the holiday to make sure everything looked fantastic and was ready for the children coming back to school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, and your children, for your fabulous and thoughtful support at the start of this new school year with the beginning and end of the school day arrangements. We have been overwhelmed with your flexibility and understanding. Although we understand this is challenging, please can I remind you to be patient at these times, especially at the end of the day and to keep to social distancing guidelines to avoid 'bottlenecks'.

Attendance and Behaviour Matters!

A huge thank you for your magnificent effort with attendance at this start of this school year. Our attendance figure for our first week was a brilliant 99%! We appreciate that many of you were anxious about returning after lockdown and in COVID-19 times. Our Senior Leadership Team continue to review our 'live' risk assessment which is available to be viewed in the school office. We will continue to follow meticulous and rigorous Coronavirus safety procedures. We have adapted many of our school policies, including our Behaviour Policy in-light of COVID-19 and the children included their ideas for keeping safe when they drew up their Class Charters last week. Please see our updated policies on the school website.



Our daily Collective Worship this term are virtual and happen in classroom bubbles. We are still planning to have our Golden Assemblies but in class bubbles to ensure we follow COVID-19 social distancing. We will make sure all year groups get the opportunity to receive these awards on a rota basis and although we cannot invite parent/carers into school to join us for these right now, we will make sure you are notified if your child is chosen to receive the award and we will also put the assemblies on our school website, being mindful of photo consent of course.

'Take Care' Homework

Thank you for all the time and effort you put into supporting the school's 'take care work' ethos and helping your child with their homework, especially when it is a more creative idea that comes home and with their reading. I know it may sometimes seem a bit of an imposition, but believe me, the work you share in this way, the value you attach to it and the example you set is extremely valuable and can benefit your child not just now, but right into secondary school and even beyond. In the event that children cannot be in school due to COVID-19, we have a plan in place for learning at home which we will share with you if and when needed.

And finally...

We are currently reviewing our Academy Improvement Plan by seeking views and suggestions from pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers. Please could you complete the suggestion sheet attached to this letter and return it to the front office by Friday 18th September 2020. We will be using them to help us move further forward this year as we strive to create the very best curriculum and school that we can.

Once again all of us at Bourne Abbey are looking forward to a successful, exciting and happy new school year. We start this term with our Christian Values of 'Creation & Creativity' and 'Respect & Reverence' which are perfect as we reflect on our 3Rs;

- Respect & Take Care of Ourselves
- Respect & Take Care of Others
- Respect & Take Care of the Environment

'Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love.' Romans 8:39

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries as we progress with enthusiasm onwards and upwards as a school family, flying high like the geese through these still uncertain Coronavirus times.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sarah Moore
Executive Headteacher



As a RRS (Rights Respecting School - UNICEF) this upholds the following articles from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child):

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- Article 29: Every child has the right to be the best they can.
- Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.
- Article 2: Everyone has equal rights whatever their race, religion, ability, whatever they think or say or whatever their family.