

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 new school year at Bourne Abbey. A warm welcome to new staff, new children and new families. A huge well done to our amazing Reception children. What a stunning start they have made!

I would like to thank and congratulate everyone on a most exceptional first two weeks. It has been an absolute privilege for me to be in our fantastic school and to see the children settle so quickly and happily. It is truly wonderful to hear the sound of laughter and learning. 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!!

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 fabulous and was ready for the children coming back to school.



There has also been a great deal of reflection following the sad death of our Queen. The children have amazed us all with their understanding and empathy. They certainly have enquiring minds, asking some thoughtful questions and impressing us with their historical knowledge. It has been important to remind the children of our British and Christian Values and we all continue to live these out daily, as the Queen did.

Supporting our children 'to be the best they can' (UNICEF Article 29) is an integral part of life at our school and embedded in all aspects from our Collective Worship to extra-curricular clubs. It is through the vast array of opportunities on offer in our curriculum that we support our pupils to not only develop academically but also personally; this is also described as 'Character Education'. To directly support our pupils to understand the importance of 'character' and how it can be developed we will focus on three traits across the academic year, starting with motivation, followed by self-regulation and then resilience. Of course, all of these essential qualities were displayed in abundance by Queen Elizabeth II, who acted as a role model to so many, and we shall honour and remember her on Monday 19th September.

I know over the coming weeks we will continue to support the children and take opportunities to learn about and reflect upon the momentous historical events we are currently living through. As always, we continue to review and refine our curriculum and adapt it in light of significant events to ensure that our children are provided with the essential knowledge and skills they will need as they progress through their education.

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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, and your children, for your kind and thoughtful support at the start of this new school year.

Attendance and Behaviour Matters!

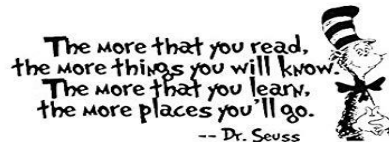
A huge thank you for your magnificent effort with attendance at the start of this school year. Our attendance figure for our first week was an awesome 97%! All school staff will continue to work with pupils and their families to support our children to attend school regularly and punctually to ensure they gain the greatest benefit from their education.

This week we will also be sending out a letter about behaviour and Golden Time at the school. Golden Time is an opportunity to reward the children for making positive behaviour choices meaning that they have the chance to participate in special activities for 30 minutes on a Friday afternoon. Additionally, we will be sending out our 3Rs behaviour booklet. We encourage you to take the time to share this with your child/ren to help reinforce positive behaviour messages.

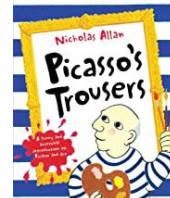
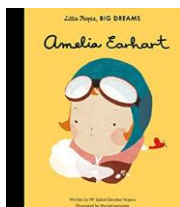
'Take Care' Homework

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.

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home and not just when children are in Early Years and Key Stage One! There are many benefits for all age groups. Through our strong partnership between home and school, we want to continue to develop a life-long love of literature through reading.



We have also invested in additional reading books and a beautiful array of engaging and captivating reading material to support our curriculum delivery and diversity. Every subject has a wide selection of high-quality texts which will be used to provide the children with more opportunities to rehearse their reading skills as well as deepen their knowledge and understanding in each subject area.



And finally...

We are currently reviewing our School Improvement Plan by seeking views and suggestions from pupils, staff, trustees, governors and parents/carers. Please could you complete the suggestion sheet attached to this letter and return it to the front office by Friday 23rd September 2022. We will be using them to help us move further forward this year as we strive to create the very best 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 and the world in which we live

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9-13

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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Moore
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