

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tracie Wescombe, our Learning Support Assistant in Siskin Class, who got married on Saturday. She and her new husband Rob, had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends and we welcomed the new Mrs Wescombe-Brown back to BCP this week.

Parent Meetings

The Phase Leaders will be holding short meetings for parents to share information relevant to specific year groups. These meetings are being held during the school day in the afternoons, starting at 2.30pm. There will be those of you who are unable to attend due to work commitments but please don't worry. The information will be available separately after the meetings and will be sent home to everyone via email.

Foundation Stage – Wednesday 28th September

Year 1/2 – Tuesday 27th September

Year 3/4 – Wednesday 5th October

Year 5/6 – Monday 26th September

Basingstoke Variety Show

There has been a very good response to the invitation to this event at The Anvil in Basingstoke on October 1st. The children in the choir are busy learning the songs and may well rehearse them at home with you too. We are looking forward to their performance. Tickets are now on sale from The Anvil box office.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 completed their 3rd weekly session at Tadley swimming pool this week. We were proud that the pool staff passed on very positive comments about the children. They were extremely complimentary about their behaviour, attitude and approach to the whole process. Well done Year 5 and thank you for representing the school so well when you are out in the local community.

Phonics

The school has introduced a new phonics scheme, called 'Little Wandle', this term. As well as resources for use in school there is help and support for the children with their home learning too. Mrs Hulse and Miss Anteney, our English Leads, will be holding an information meeting for parents in our Music Room, on Monday October 3rd at 9.00am. We realise that there will be those of you who are unable to attend due to work commitments. The information will also be made available to all parents via email and will also be displayed in the hall during parent consultation evenings which are the week beginning October 10th.

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Car Parking

Another polite reminder that the Community Centre car parks are not for our use, particularly during school drop off and pick up times. The spaces are for the sole use of users for the Centre itself and if we fill up the car parks there is nowhere for those people who are attending clubs and classes in the Community Centre to park. Please also be considerate of our neighbours in Bishopswood Road who live by the pedestrian access at the back of the school. This is a no through road and is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass each other. If parents/carers drive down there to drop off/pick up it becomes congested very easily. Not only is this inconvenient for the people who live there, it also has the potential of blocking access for any emergency vehicles we may need. Thank you for being mindful of others when you choose where to park.

Smile please!

Individual school photographs were taken yesterday. You should have been provided with details about how to order. Let the school office know if you need any help.

Non-school uniform

This Friday your child can wear non-school uniform for the day in return for items for the PTA tombola.

Late Summer Fair

Our fair is being held this Saturday – do come along and offer your support. Look out for the posters and fliers for further details.

Help for Families

Food Bank

The school is an agent for the Basingstoke food bank. This means that we can refer families who are in need of some additional financial support so that they can be provided with food and other essentials.

The food bank has a Tadley branch which is held at the Methodist Church on Newchurch Road every Tuesday between 10.30 and 12.30pm. Please contact someone at school if your family is in need and we can provide you with a voucher which you can take along to exchange for supplies. There will also be access to a Citizen's Advice representative who can advise you in times of need. There is a flier being emailed to you all separately with further information.

Energy Grant

There is a grant available to help support with rising energy costs. You may be entitled to make a claim to receive this. Another flier with information about who to contact and how to claim is being emailed to you all.

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School Uniform

You will be aware that the PTA collect good quality school uniform items that children have outgrown and sell them very cheaply to anyone who can make use of them. Children have a habit of growing so fast that their clothes are still in fabulous condition but no longer fit them. Please consider donating any items no longer used by your child to the school. They can be dropped off at the school office. If your child needs any items themselves, feel free to browse the rails under the canopy outside the front of the school office. Take anything that is suitable and pop into the office to pay. Not only does this provide uniform at a fraction of the cost, it helps with recycling and raises a little bit extra for school funds.

We would like to add to the range of items on offer by also accepting any coats that your children have outgrown. If you have any at home that you can donate, please send them in. Thank you for supporting the school and each other in this way.

Sharing Assemblies

We are pleased to be able to start our Sharing Assemblies again from next week. These are held each week starting at 9.10am, on Wednesdays for Key Stage 1 and on Fridays for Key Stage 2. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Foundation Stage will be joining the assemblies later in the term. We will let you know when their start date is confirmed.

Different children are chosen each week to share some of their work and any news or events they wish to talk about. The aim is that every child will have had a chance to stand up and present to an audience at some point during the academic year and most children are able to present more than once if they would like to.

Parents are not expected to attend every week though you are welcome to come along whenever you can. We try to let you know in advance if your child will be presenting. Usually you would receive a phone call at the start of the week to let you know. We are not able to tell you any earlier as the children are selected based on their most recent work and experiences. We also encourage them to volunteer and, sometimes, our less confident children will decide at the very last minute that they feel able to take part.

We feel it is important to offer the children these opportunities to speak to an audience in a supportive and understanding environment and, in the past, we have been very grateful that everyone in the audience encourages all the children, even if they are not their own.

We hope to see you at one (or more if you can make it!) of our assemblies this year.

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Bag 2 School Textile collection

If you are planning to have a 'clear out' over half term, please consider donating any of the following items to school on the morning of Tuesday 1st November, as Bag 2 School will be collecting and weighing any collected bags of textiles and donating money to the school in return. Watch out for more of these fundraising events throughout the year too!

Bag 2 School accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

** We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items*

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

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Diary Dates - Some additional dates have been added to the diary below for your information.

2022-2023 Dates

INSET DAYS

Autumn Term 2022

Monday October 31st

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday January 3rd

Summer Term 2023

Friday July 21st

DIARY DATES 2022-2023 - AUTUMN TERM

September 2022	
Friday 23 rd	Non-school uniform day for PTA tombola items
Saturday 24 th	PTA School Fair
Monday 26 th	Year 5/6 Parent Meeting, 2.30pm
Tuesday 27 th	Year 1/2 Parent Meeting, 2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th	First Sharing Assembly – Key Stage 1 – Years 1 & 2
Wednesday 28 th	Foundation Stage Parent Meeting, 2.30pm
Friday 30 th	First Sharing Assembly- Key Stage 2 – Years 3,4,5 & 6
October 2022	
Saturday 1 st	Basingstoke Variety Show – School Choir Performing
Monday 3 rd	Phonics Information Meeting (Year 1/2), 9.00am
Tuesday 4 th	PTA Movie Night
Tuesday 4 th	Foundation Stage 2023 Intake Open Morning
Wednesday 5 th	Year 3/4 Parent Meeting, 2.30pm
Thursday 6 th	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th	Parent Consultation evenings
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th	Book Fair
Friday 21 st	Harvest Assembly
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th	HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 31 st	INSET
November 2022	
Tuesday 1 st November	Bag 2 School textile collection
Friday 11 th	Remembrance Day and Coin collection for Poppy Appeal
Friday 25 th	Tadley Christmas Lights switch-on event – all children invited to sing
December 2022	
Friday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th	Christmas Productions
Monday 19 th – Monday 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK

Kind regards,

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