



BEMERTON ST JOHN C.E.AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 6th September 2019

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and your children are as excited as we are to start the term. A warm welcome to all the new families that are joining our school community.

Parent Communication

By the end of the week the class timetables and curriculum plans will be made available on the class pages of the school website, www.bemerton.com, for you to look at. Please make sure that we have an email address for you so that any future letters or information can be emailed out to you.

Clothing

As we have started a new term, please remember to label all your children's clothing which will enable us to help return any items. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE clothing in school and a water bottle.

Parent / Class teacher Meet and Greet

On Wednesday 11th September, at 3.30pm, parents are invited in to meet with the class teachers and learn about the different curriculum aspects and expectations of the class teachers. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Reading

All children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and a daily signature from parents in Year R to 4 and a weekly signature from parents in Year 5 and 6 is required in the reading record books. For any child to perform well in the school curriculum we need parental support to listen to their child read daily. Every week, staff will count the number of reads completed by the children and bookmarks are awarded to the children for the following number of reads:

20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 150, 200 and every 50 reads after. We also have a library that children are welcome to borrow books from. We hope we can have your continued support to help your children perform well.



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Mobile Phone Use

We would ask that you discourage your child from bringing a mobile phone to school on the grounds that they are valuable and may be lost or stolen. However, we recognise that in Years 4, 5 and 6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school and on journeys to and from school. We will be emailing our Mobile Phone Policy to all parents of children in Key Stage 2 and it is also available to access on our school website. If you feel that your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school, can you please make sure you have read the policy and sign and return the consent slip to the office. The mobile phone must be handed in to the office at the beginning of the school day. Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises.

Magna Learning Partnership

One of the benefits of our membership of Magna Learning Partnership is the opportunity to work with our secondary colleagues, to share our expertise with them and in turn learn from their experience working with older children. We are delighted, therefore to have Mrs Caroline Smith, Deputy Headteacher at the Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus, working with us on a Monday and Tuesday this academic year.

Mrs Smith has extensive experience in secondary education after starting her education career as a Teaching Assistant. She is a Historian and RE teacher who has led a number of staff teams and school improvement areas over the past seven years as a senior leader. She has a particular interest in primary education and will be working closely with Mrs Pearce and me to develop her knowledge and experience of the primary phase. Mrs Smith will also contribute to a number of key areas in the school, including staff appraisal systems, leadership initiatives and further development of Bemerton St John as a Church School in the local community. This year I have been asked by the local authority to become the School Improvement Partner for some primary schools in the Amesbury area; the additional capacity in leadership provided by Mrs Smith will allow me to undertake this work without impacting on the overall leadership capacity of the school. Mrs Pearce continues to deputise for me in my absence.



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Academic Results 2018 - 2019

EYFS - 73% of pupils achieved A Good Level of Development (In line with the National Level)

Year 1 Phonics - 83% of pupils passed the phonics test (In line with the National Level)

Year 2	Reading Nat	Reading Sch	Writing Nat	Writing Sch	Maths Nat	Maths Sch
2019	75%	83%	70%	77%	76%	83%
Expected						
GDS	-	20%	-	13%	-	17%

Expected = reaching the Year 2 level

GDS = Greater Depth

Year 6	Reading Nat	Reading Sch	Writing Nat	Writing Sch	Maths Nat	Maths sch	Combined NAT	Combined Sch
2019 Exp	73%	77%	78%	81%	79%	81%	65%	71%
GDS	-	55%	-	39%	-	35%	-	23%

Key Stage 2 Progress scores

Dates	Reading Nat	Reading Sch	Writing Nat	Writing Sch	Maths Nat	Maths sch
2019	0.03	+2.6	0.03	+1.2	0.03	+0.5

We are very pleased with all the results this year and want to thank the staff and children for all their hard work, as well as parents for your continued support in ensuring a strong working partnership for the benefit of your children.

Yours sincerely,

Alun Richards

