

21st July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to write to you, not only to wish you a great summer, but to share organisational arrangement and dates with you ready for September.

Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 6th September** (staff training day on Friday 2nd September and Monday 5th September 2022).

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members of staff to the Bledlow Ridge community

New staff member	Role in school from September 2022
Rachel Stanley	Deputy head and Year 6 teacher
Ella Simms	Year 5 Teacher
Basia Dowling	Reception Teacher
Emma Leigh	Finance Officer

I am sure will join me in wishing our new staff a smooth transition into Bledlow Ridge School, where I have no doubt they will be made to feel very welcome, just as I have been.

Below are reminders of School's organisation and arrangements:

School Day

Reception and Key Stage 1:	Start 08.30-8.40	Lunch 12.00-12.50	Finish: 15.00
Key Stage 2:	Start 08.30-8.40	Lunch 12.30-13.20	Finish: 15.00

All pupils need to be in class by 8.40am. This is the time registration will be taken.

Drop off and Collection:

We will be maintaining the drop off and collection organisation that was in place during the previous academic year

Morning Drop Off: 8.30am to 8.40am (to allow a natural stagger)

Pupils will enter the school via the front gate and make their way to their designated doors through the school playground, to their new classes.

Afternoon Collection: 3.00pm from the playground

Please can you remind your children that playground equipment should not be used during collection time.

All Pupils to be collected from their classroom, via the door in their class that leads to the playground.

All pupils and parents will continue to use the one-way system, walking around the back of the school to exit. If parents are late for any reason, the children will be asked to wait in the school entrance hall. Staff will be available to talk to parents at the end of the school day for informal discussions.

Bus children should line up in the school hall at 3pm. A school minibus, organised by the Local Authority, is available for children living some distance from the school. Please contact the Transport Officer on 01296 383742 for details

Welcome Meetings

We would like to invite parents into school for 'Meet the Teacher' meetings during the second week back. These will take place in the children's classrooms. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher/s and hear about the year ahead. Presentations will be emailed to all parents

- Year 3: Monday 12th September 2.30pm
- Year 1: Tuesday 13th September 2.30pm
- Year 2: Wednesday 14th September 2.30pm
- Year 5: Thursday 15th September 2.30pm
- Year 4: Friday 16th September 2.30pm
- Year 6: Friday 16th September 3.00pm
- Reception: Monday 19th September 2.30pm

Equipment

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, we will provide the stationery your child needs.

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) every child will need to bring in a small pencil case with the following stationery. Please name items where possible.

- two blue handwriting pens (not biro)
- HB pencils
- colouring pencils
- ruler
- a glue-stick
- a rubber
- a sharpener

It is vitally important that your child has their stationery in school every day.

Dictionary and Thesaurus

Each classroom has a set for children to share one between two. In Year 5 and 6 we recommend that each child bring in a small dictionary/thesaurus so they can become independent using these in lessons. They can leave these in school for the year.

PE Kits

There will not be any PE on the first day of term. Children will be told what days their PE lesson are on the first day back to school and teachers will let parents know. Timetables will be shared with parents during 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. Children can continue to wear their PE kit to school and remain in their PE kit for the duration of the day, on the days that they have PE.

Friday 26th August 2022

On Friday 26th August between 10am – 4pm I will be painting the sheds in the playground! I understand that our families may be on holiday during this time, however, I'd like to extend the invite to you. If you are available and would like to pop to school (even for an hour) and help paint, **please, please do come along**. Paint will be supplied but if you do have a paintbrush, please do bring it with you! Just so I can get an idea of numbers, please email the office (office@bledlowridge.bucks.sch.uk) if you can help.

I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you in August/September. Please do come and introduce yourself when you see me at the gate or in the playground. I wish you all a great summer with your children, taking them to the park, the library, the beach, to catch up with friends and family so that your children come back in September, refreshed and energised.

Kind regards,

Mrs Natasha Harrison

Headteacher from September 2022

Please note, term dates for 2022/23 below

Bledlow Ridge Primary School

TERM DATES 2022/23

AUTUMN 2022

Term 1

INSET: *Friday 2nd and Monday 5th September 2022 (STAFF INSET)*

Term starts on: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Term ends on: Friday 21st October 2022

October Holiday: **Monday 24th October 2022 to Monday 31st October 2022**

Term 2

INSET: *Monday 31st October 2022 (STAFF INSET)*

Term starts on: Tuesday 1st November 2022

Term ends on: Tuesday 20th December 2022 (Close 1.30pm)

Christmas Holiday: **Wednesday 21st December 2022 to Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

SPRING 2023

Term 3

Term starts on: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Term ends on: Friday 10th February 2023

February Holiday: **Monday 13th February 2023 to Friday 17th February 2023**

Term 4

Term starts on: Monday 20th February 2023

Term ends on: Friday 31st March 2023 (Close 1.30pm)

Spring Holiday: **Monday 3rd April 2023 to Monday 17th April 2023**

SUMMER 2023

Term 5

INSET: *Monday 17th April 2023 (STAFF INSET)*

Term starts on: Tuesday 18th April 2023

Term ends on: Friday 26th May 2023

May Holiday: **Monday 29th May 2023 to Monday 5th June 2023**

Term 6

INSET: *Monday 5th June 2023 (STAFF INSET)*

Term starts on: Tuesday 6th June 2023

Term ends on: Friday 21st July 2023 (Close 1.30pm)

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