

Bonnors Church of England Primary School

South Ashdown Schools' Federation



Inspire & Aspire

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Newsletter 1



FOBs News!

Exciting News! We have some positions available within our FOB'S team, so if you want an exciting challenge, come to our Friends Of Bonners School next AGM meeting on the 18th September at 7pm at Bonners School. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed the Summer holidays? The school has been freshly painted and cleaned and looks amazing ready for the new academic year. We are also thrilled with our brand new EYFS area which was built over the Summer break which we will be sharing with our new reception children who are starting at Bonners on Monday 10th September. The staff are all delighted to see the children and families again, and to welcome all new pupils to our school. The children all look super-smart in their uniform, and seem to have grown so much over the Summer! Whilst exciting, the first week after the long Summer holidays is always a very busy and tiring one. We all have to get used to waking up early again and getting back into school routines! The teachers feel so proud of the children's achievements this week, as they have settled back into school, and been giving their learning their very best efforts.

This week's assemblies have been focussed on learning to learn and developing a growth mind set, and the children have been thinking about the skills they would like to develop this term in order to improve their learning. You can find out more about growth mind set on the school website. A new academic year is an opportunity for a fresh start and a time to make resolutions about what we hope to achieve over the forthcoming year. What are your child's hopes and aspirations for this year?

We will be holding class welcome meetings next week where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and learn about class routines and expectations for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The staff are all looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with all of our Parents and Carers, to ensure your children have the very best educational experiences. We try very hard to make school life a positive experience for all of the school community. Parent voice is extremely important to us at Bonners School, so do come and tell us if you think we aren't getting it right or have any suggestions for improvement! All ideas are greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Headteachers's Award

I am thrilled to say that the first Headteacher sticker of this academic year has gone to **Alfie in Robin Class** for amazing independent number bonds in maths. Well done Alfie- What a superb effort! We were so impressed with how you self- corrected your number 12 and your page of calculations. **Well done !**



Sport at Bonners

At Bonners we continue to promote the importance of sport and keeping fit and healthy. We have got some exciting sporting challenges already planned for this term. We will be taking part in an 'Inspired through Sport Day' on the 26th September led by a British athlete so a fun and inspiring day for your children. We will also be taking part in a skipping workshop on the 12th September and this term we will also be launching our 'Mile a day Challenge' so a really energetic start for all. Thank you in advance to our sports co-ordinator Mrs Hart for these planned opportunities. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you.

We would like all children at school to be able to access the range of sport available at Bonners School, so we will be sending home polite reminders through Parent Mail if P.E kits are not in school. It would be a shame if children missed out on valuable planned opportunities which will not necessarily be on their allocated P.E day, so we ask that P.E kits are in school every day.

We are of course also encouraging children and reminding them that it is their responsibility to remember to check they have their P.E kit, even from KS1 where they are learning to develop their independent skills.

Your support with this is much appreciated.

Our Christian Value for this week



Parking

A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff and permit holders who qualify for a disabled badge only. If you need to a car park permit please come into the school reception to get an application form, where it will be forwarded for approval to the Governing body.

Please also be reminded not to park right outside our school entrance along the no parking lines. Keeping our children safe is of paramount importance so thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Cashless Payments Parent Pay

Watch this space! In our drive to make it as easy as possible for Parents and Carers , we will soon be introducing online cashless payments through parent pay.

New End of day Meeting Points

To make our end of the day pick up run even more smoothly, each class will have their own pick up location instead of all coming out of the same front entrance.

The new meeting points are:

Wren Class- Wren Class side entrance

Robin Class- Side of the building (same as last year)

Woodpeckers- Amphitheatre

Kingfishers- In the large playground

Owls- Front entrance

Children's Safety crossing Patrol

We would like to remind everyone that the Children's Safety Patrol Officer is at the crossing to keep your children safe. Please follow their instructions to cross the road safely. There is a position available please see the School office if you would like to apply for this position.

Class Welcome Meeting

All parents are invited to class welcome meetings next week. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher who will explain class routines and expectations for the coming academic year, and how you can help your child to be the best they can be.

Wren Class	-	Monday 17 th September- 9am
Robin Class	-	Wednesday 12 th September- 3.10 pm
Woodpecker Class	-	Monday 10 th September- 3.10 pm
Kingfisher Class	-	Tuesday 11 th September- 3.10 pm
Owl Class	-	Thursday 13 th September- 7pm



We look forward to seeing you all there!

Communication

If you have an issue or concern you would like to discuss about your child your first port of call is the class teacher where any problems are usually resolved. You are welcome to make an appointment to speak with the class teacher through the school office at a convenient time for you and the class teacher. If however you feel you need a further meeting after this first initial meeting with the class teacher please make an appointment through the school office to see the Head of School.

After School Clubs

A separate letter will be sent out next week to notify parents and pupils of all our after-school clubs that will be on offer this term.



Nut Free School



May I remind all families that we have a 'Nut Free' policy which protects those children in school with nut allergies. One of these children has a severe reaction (i.e. life threatening) and we ask that all parents ensure that there are no nut based products given to children, including nut chocolate spread in packed lunches to avoid cross contamination and contact.

Medication

If your child requires an Epi Pen or inhaler please ensure these are in school every day. Please also check they have not expired and are in date as a matter of urgency. All medication must be labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



Absence

First day absence – when children are ill, we ask parents to report their absence by telephoning the school on 01825 762381 first thing in the morning.

This ensures that all children are accounted for at the beginning of the school day and any unreported absences can be followed up by the school staff.



When children need to be absent from school in order to attend medical appointments, we ask that parents complete a Medical Appointment Notification Form (these can be found in the School Office.) These must arrive in good time to the school office to ensure that teachers are informed and registrations are accurate.

Uniform

Please could I take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform.

- Trousers – girls – navy, boys - grey (not leggings, jeans or cargo pants)
- Skirts - navy
- Shirts - white (not polo shirts)
- Ties – school tie (available to purchase from the office)
- Knitted V neck Jumpers – navy with school logo (not sweatshirts)
- Socks – grey, navy or white
- Tights – grey, navy or white
- Shoes – flat heeled black or navy shoes, these must be sturdy and sensible (not trainers, ballet shoes or boots)
- Hair accessories should be blue and small.



Additionally, all children should have a named book bag and the correct PE kit, including dark shorts, a white t-shirt and black plimsolls or trainers in a named bag. PE kits should be left in school for the half term. Jewellery is not permitted. Children with pierced ears may only wear studs, which they will need to remove for PE or tape up.

Cardigans or trainers are not part of the school uniform. Fleece should not be worn inside school instead of jumpers.

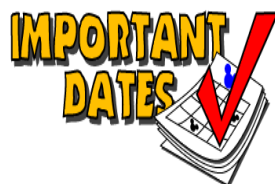
Finally, please ensure all of your child's uniform, PE kit and belongings are clearly named.

We are very tight on space at Bonners. Please could we request that your child only brings a small bag to school rather than a large rucksack. We have purchased a large lunchbox trolley and the children can place their lunchboxes on this on entry to school each day. This would really help us to save space.

www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/BonnarsCofESchool

Parent Consultation Evenings

These will take place on Wednesday, 17th October and Thursday 18th October between 3.30pm and 6.00pm. These sessions will give you the opportunity to view children's work and discuss their progress. These evenings are a vital tool in our communication with parents. We will be using the Parent Mail Parents Evening system. Details on how this works will be sent out nearer the time.



Monday 10 th September	-	Woodpeckers Class Meeting – 3.10 p.m.
Tuesday 11 th September	-	Kingfishers Class Meeting – 3.10 p.m.
Tuesday 11 th September	-	Guitar Lessons start
Wednesday 12 th September	-	Robins Class Meeting – 3.10 p.m.
Wednesday 12 th September	-	Skipping Workshop in School all day
Monday 17 th September	-	Wrens Class Meeting – 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 13 th September	-	Owls Class Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 13 th September	-	Woodpeckers Swimming starts
Tuesday 18 th September	-	Friends of Bonners AGM – 7.00 p.m. at School
Thursday 20 th September	-	Year 4/5 Para Olympic Festival at Uckfield College
Monday 24 th September	-	Year R & 6 NHS weight and measurements
Wednesday 26 th September	-	Olympic Athlete Day – Info to follow
Wednesday 17 th October	-	Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th October	-	Parents Evening
Friday 19 th October	-	End of Term 1