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Dear Parents and Carers

### Weekly Update #10

This week is a good week. At last, after a 3 month wait, we are having a week in which almost every child at BJS will have walked through the school gates. Exciting!



### Year 5 returning to school

Information has already been sent home detailing Year 5 coming back in to school. We cannot wait!

A reminder on a few things:

- Children should wear school PE kit on Tuesdays (including tomorrow 23<sup>rd</sup> June) and school uniform (summer or winter) on other days.
- We are asking that parents do not come on to school site. If you need to collect your child early, please buzz the office from the school gate and they will arrange for your child to be delivered to you.
- Sun hats are a good idea this week.
- Don't forget stocked pencil cases, water bottle and a reading book.
- This return to school model for Year 5 will end on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, as the following week Year 5 will be taking part in transition activities.

### Year 3 and Year 4 'Field Bubbles'

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey re Year 3 / Year 4 'Field Bubbles'. We have had a very positive response to this initiative. Times and group lists will be issued as soon as possible but here is a reminder of key points:

- Your child should wear their school uniform (summer or winter). If that does not fit then their PE kit. If that gives a problem then appropriate blue mufti.
- We are in the process of compiling groups - thank you for your patience.
- They will need to bring along a social distance marker to sit on (a beach towel or mat), along with a pencil case and book to write in.

### End Of Term Dates and Bump-Up Days

- The school year will finish for Year 6 children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is in line with other schools in Godalming.
- The school year will end for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, as planned.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Bump-Up Days: Our current Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children will attend school for a morning or an afternoon (times and groups tbc) to meet their September 2020 teacher and take part in transition activities.



- (iv) Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - New Year 3 Transition Day with the September 2020 teachers. Year 4 and Year 5 children will be invited into school in 'bubbles' to be with their current teacher for the morning or the afternoon. Year 3 children will be invited in but they will be with Year 6 teachers, again in 'bubbles', as the Year 3 teachers will be spending time with their new classes for next year.
- (v) Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - This is our 'Goodbye Day'. Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be with their current teacher, in morning / afternoon 'bubbles'.

We are very aware that the arrangements above involve children swapping between adults on successive days. If you wish to focus your child on attending for just one day (e.g. the Bump Up Day) then that is of course fine.

### **Sports Days for all year groups**

As sporting activities can take place outside (where the C19 risk is much lower) we are holding a Sports Day event for each year group. These will be for children only - sorry, but no spectators on this occasion. We will send out safety information for you to read before you decide whether to send your child in for their Sports Day event.

The dates are thus:

Year 3: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (morning)

Year 4: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (afternoon)

Year 5: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (morning)

Year 6: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (afternoon)

### **'Test and Trace'**

In line with government advice we are co-operating with the 'Test and Trace' initiative. Please refer to the email sent home to parents on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June to see our procedures around this in school.

### **Reading Books**

Our Gate Library will now run on Thursdays when Year 3 are in for 'Field Bubbles'. Please respect safe distancing when selecting books, and ensure books are returned having been wiped down with anti-bac. We do need the books to be returned as a lot of money has been spent by the school and fundraised by the Friends PTA to provide these books.

### **New exercise books needed?**

Please remember that if you need one, we have a plastic box left by the school gates daily for you to collect a new exercise book within school hours. There are a selection of lined, squared and plain books available.

### **Hardship**

We are very aware of the negative impact this shut down will be having on families in many ways, especially financially. Those families who meet the threshold to receive 'free school meals' due to their income, benefits etc. are receiving some extra support. If you are experiencing hardship but don't previously qualify as 'free school meals' do get in touch as we may be able to arrange some support for you, or you may now qualify for entitlement to 'free school meals' support.

Please remember that If you have a Safeguarding concern around any child please contact us or Surrey Children's Services:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services> or  
phone 0300 470 9100.



## Online Safety

During the lockdown I am sure that some children have spent a lot more time on the internet, using social media and generally surfing the web. As you know, eSafety / online safety is extremely important. Please consider talking to your children about these issues (especially Year 5 and Year 6):

- Are they accessing age appropriate websites? This link, aimed at parents, addresses the issue of children accessing the wrong sites, especially pornographic sites:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-53103684>
- Social Media: Are your children using Facebook, WhatsApp, SnapChat, TikTok , etc. Do you look at their devices to review the content? If you do not, then I suggest that it is important to do so.

Finally, if your child has returned to school please do remind them about safe distancing when out and about away from school (e.g. when walking home or on Busbridge Rec). The good work at school may be nullified if the children do not observe safe distancing away from school. Thank you.

With best wishes,



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