



Boughton-under-Blean & Dunkirk Methodist Primary School

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Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to school and all of us hope you have had a very enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to see the children return to us, smart and smiling, and everyone seems to have had a positive start in their new classes. As ever their behaviour has been excellent and as I'm sure you'd expect by now there was very little by way of settling in – it was straight into the work for every class with focused learning taking place. Of course the children embrace this approach and by now know very little else!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members of the school community. The new reception pupils have settled quickly and are a very friendly and happy group of children who are always keen to say hello. Some of the parents of these will already have children in our school, and one or two others have returned to us with their older children now in secondary education, but we have several families that are new to us. We are all delighted to have you with us and I hope you find Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Methodist Primary School to be somewhere that you feel welcome, treated well and simply part of. I also hope that you will look back and unequivocally know that you have made the right choice of primary school.

Following our surprise visitors last term, the inspection letter from Ofsted has now been released for me to share with you all. I am delighted with the contents of this and it highlights many of the aspects of the school that I am particularly proud of. The inspector saw us as we were. There were no changes made to lessons, no changes of displays or anything done to tick a box. I believe the report is a true reflection of our school, our wonderful children, amazing and dedicated staff, our committed governors and our overall ethos. I am sure that upon reading it you will recognise the school and be equally proud. A copy has been emailed to those for whom we have an email address for, a link to the final letter is on our school website and it will be available on the Ofsted website from next week. A paper copy can be obtained from the school office if you would prefer.

A few news items and reminders...

- Hernhill Church are holding a Teddy Bear Parachute Jump on 15 September at 3 pm (weather permitting). For £2 (or £5 per family) you can see your Teddy Bear parachute from the top of St Michael's church tower.
Teddy must come wearing a parachute so they are ready to jump. No need to book.
For more info, contact Revd Jean 01227 751410.
- A new school dinner menu has been sent home tonight. Please let the office know if your child would prefer a jacket potato on a particular day.
Just a reminder that year 3 children now need to pay for school dinners, unless they are free school dinners. If you think you are eligible for free school dinners, please pop to the office for a form.

- A new clubs list will be sent out next week. Clubs will start again during the week commencing 23rd September (apart from Mr Packer and Mr Warner's clubs which will start on 30th September after Hindleap).
- Meet the teacher sessions will take place at 2:45pm over the next week and are as follows:
 - Year 5 Friday 6th September
 - Year 3 Monday 9th September
 - Year 6 Wednesday 11th September (followed by a Hindleap meeting)
 - Year 2 Thursday 12th September
 - Year 1 Friday 13th September
 - Year 4 Monday 16th September
- Look out for class newsletters that will be sent out tomorrow (Friday)
- Please take on board this important reminder that cars should not be driven up School Lane for children to be dropped off or collected and this includes for after school club. Many children use the lane and adjoining alley and it is also an inconvenience to our very understanding neighbours. Please park sensibly in The Street or use the village hall car park for which we pay an annual fee. Thank you.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or queries please come to talk to somebody about it. We are all keen to work with you to ensure the children have the very best opportunity to work towards their potential whilst they are with us.

Simon Way
Headteacher