



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to another exciting year at Britannia where hopefully life will begin to return to more normal times. I cannot express the emotion I felt having parents back onto the yard and once again being able to bring our school community together for the first time in 18 months for a face to face assembly. However, although many of the restrictions have been lifted, we must still remain cautious so we would please ask you to ensure that if your child does have any COVID symptoms that you do not send them to school and get a PCR test. (see separate letter regarding COVID arrangements).

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and staff who have joined our Britannia family this week. I know that you will all support them as they begin their journey with us at Britannia. Remember that although it feels sad sometimes to see your child moving on, it also means that you are just moving onto a new adventure.

Over the past 2 days, it has been great to see all the children back in school looking smart and ready to begin their new academic year. They have all settled in extremely well to their new classes and I know the teachers have really enjoyed getting to know their new classes this week. The children have been busy finding out about the class routines and rules and it has been lovely hearing our families talk about how much their children have enjoyed being back at school.

Our assembly this week has had a focus on crossing bridges and we discussed that in life, there are emotional and mental bridges that we need to cross to move on from one stage in our lives to another. These can include moving house, moving into a new class or coping with the changes such as those we have experienced over the last few months. Sometimes these bridges can seem like exciting ones to cross, but sometimes, we can feel frightened by them. No matter how we feel, crossing the bridge is essential if we want to move to the other side and experiences all the new things that are in store for us there. This is something that has definitely resonated with me and I am looking forward to re-establishing our school community as one that is not separated by bubbles and distance.

As always, our communication will be through the School Spider App and email system so please contact school if you are having problems with this as soon as possible.

Important Information

PE days – Children should come to school in their trainers, black tracksuit bottoms or leggings, school PE T-Shirt and school jumper on these days.

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 2 - Monday and Thursday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday and Friday



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Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday

Year 5 will also be starting their swimming sessions next week and will need to ensure that they have their swimming kits with them every Thursday. This should consist of a swimming costume/ swimming trunks (not long shorts), towel and a swimming cap for long hair. Should your child require goggles you must provide school with written consent for this.

Class newsletters

Class newsletters will be sent out to parents over the next week detailing information about routines and topics to be covered in Autumn 1.

Welcome Meetings KS1 and KS2

Year 1 - Tuesday 7th September 3.30pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 7th September 3.30pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 8th September 3.30pm

Year 4 - Further information to follow

Year 5 - Thursday 9th September 3.30pm

Year 6 - Wednesday 8th September 3.45pm

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will be starting this half term and further information will be provided over the coming weeks.

Reminders for Parents

- **Doors open at 8.45am and the register will be taken at 8.55am. After this time, children will be marked late and must enter school through the office.**
- **Children in Years 1-6 will finish school at 3.25pm and Reception at 3.20pm.**
- **Children should be in appropriate uniform/PE kit and school shoes (not trainers).**
- **Children should have either fruit or toast at morning playtime. Toast can be purchased through ParentPay.**
- **No rucksacks – only a school book bag is required.**
- **All stationary to use in school is provided by school.**
- **Children may bring a water bottle containing water (not juice) into school to drink throughout the day.**

Finally, I look forward to working closely in partnership with you this coming year to ensure that our children all achieve their potential and continue to shine at Britannia.

Mrs N Longstaff

Headteacher



