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Becket Primary School Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th September – BFC AGM – 3.15pm

Wednesday 11th September – School Photographs

Monday 23rd – 27th September – Y6 School Camp at Ultimate Adventure Centre

Wednesday 25th September – Y3 and Y4 Able Writer's Event

Tuesday 15th October – KS1 Multi-Sports Event at Priory

Wednesday 16th October – Flu Vaccinations (Children from Reception to Y6)

Thursday 24th October – Netball Competition at Ashcombe

Friday 25th October – INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – School Holiday – School Closed to Pupils

Monday 4th November – Start of Term 1 – School Re-opens

Becket Value of the Week: BRAVERY

Welcome Back and Welcome to our new families joining us!

It was fantastic to see all of the children back in school on Tuesday and everyone has made a really positive start to the school year. This week we have been thinking about the importance of our Becket Values:

- Bravery
- Excellence
- Community
- Kindness
- Equality
- Teamwork

As well as striving to be the BEST that they can be, by working hard and giving their best effort and attitude to learning. I look forward to a positive and enriching school year and working in partnership with staff, children and families to enable our children to achieve their BEST.

HOME LEARNING BOOKS

Your child will have a Home Learning Book in their bag today. The Home Learning Books will act as a way of communicating all the great learning that your child does at home. Families should record all the reading they do at home: Title of book, date and page read up to, any maths they have been practicing, spellings and any other achievements they have made, for example – man of the match in football, 2nd place in a cheerleading competition etc. The book also contains log-in details for your child to use some online resources as well as some ideas and resources of things you can try at home. School staff will look at these at least weekly and I hope families will use them to support their child fully. Please ensure that Home Learning Books are in school each day. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will take place next Wednesday 11th September. Children and siblings who are in school at this time will have individual and family photographs in school. If you have any siblings who are not school age but would like a family photograph, please bring your children to the front entrance at

8.30am so that they can have their photograph taken. We will not be able to take photographs before this time. For new children in Reception class who are attending the afternoon session, the photographer will return in the afternoon to photograph these children and any siblings so that all children will have their photo taken on Wednesday.

TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

Term 1: Monday 2 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019 **INSET:** 2/9/19 & 25/10/19

Term 2: Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Term 3: Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020 **INSET:** 6/1/20

Term 4: Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020 **INSET:** 24/2/20

Term 5: Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020 **INSET:** 1/6/20 & 20/7/20

INSET DAYS

This year we have set 6 INSET days these will be:

- Monday 2nd September
- Friday 25th October
- Monday 6th January
- Monday 24th February
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 20th July

The school will be closed for children on these days.

BEGINNING OF YEAR REMINDERS

UNIFORM

- Charcoal grey/black – trousers/shorts/skirt
- White/Red – Polo shirt
- White and red checked summer dress
- Red – School jumper (with or without logo) or cardigan
- Red – school fleece (optional)
- Black – School shoes (not trainers)

Uniform can be bought at most local supermarkets, official school wear can be bought at NK Sports on Worle High Street: <https://www.nkgrouppuk.com/>

KS1 children will need book bags and KS2 children can use backpacks if they wish.

PE Kit:

- Black – Daps (KS1)
- Trainers or Daps (KS2)
- White t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- A plain sweatshirt (For winter)
- Black or other dark colour tracksuit bottoms (For winter)
- Spare pair of socks

It is important the PE Kit is separate to your child's uniform so they can change back into it after PE. We aim to get all children active in PE so wearing sweaty clothes for the day is not comfortable for them, especially sweaty socks!

Children should have shirts tucked in and look ready to learn and feel confident.

HAIR

- Long hair should be worn up to avoid getting in the way, especially in PE and to reduce the spread of nits
- Hair bands can be worn but should be small and children should not wear hair bands with cat ears

JEWELLERY

- Children should not wear chains or necklaces in school
- Children can wear small stud earrings but they must be able to remove them **by themselves** for PE or swimming

PACKED LUNCHES

- Children's lunches should be as balanced as possible with limited amounts of sugary foods
- The Change4Life website has some great ideas [here](#)
- Children can bring a piece of fruit to eat at morning break time – Cakes or cereal bars should not be eaten at this time

DOGS

- Dogs must not be brought onto the school site
- Dogs should be kept away from the school entrances so that all families have safe and clear access into school

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

- We encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school as much as possible
- Children should not ride their bikes or scooters in the playground due to the large amount of people and small children
- Bikes and Scooters can be stored in the bike sheds by the Y6 classroom

SMOKING AND VAPING

- No smoking or vaping is allowed on any part of the school site
- Please do not smoke or vape near to the entrances to school as our children will have to walk through your smoke

Thank you for your co-operation and support in making our school a safe and healthy place.

BFC

We will hold the BFC AGM on Tuesday 10th September at 3.15pm and will provide childcare to help more families attend. The meeting will take place in the Year 5 Classroom

Please attend and offer your time to support school events. The more people we have the more events we can run and the more successful it will be. We are looking for at least 10 adults to support BFC to make it a viable group to run. If you have any questions please speak to Mr Collard.

SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Year 3 in September will no longer be entitled to free school meals. Please make sure you register for Free School Meals if you think you are eligible click [Here](#) to start an application. If you are not eligible, could all parents ensure that their Parentpay account is up to date and that they have credit in their account. We do not allow children to take a school meal if they are in debt.

For any other families who may qualify for Free School Meals regardless of which class your child is in, please apply [Here](#) as this will give the school valuable funds to support your child, please also apply if your child does not have a School Meal.

NEW: There is a new feature on Parentpay called 'Bank Transfer' this allows you to set up a direct debit so that any meals are automatically debited from your account. You can also set it up so that your account is automatically topped up when it gets below a certain point. Please click or tap on the 'Bank Transfer' option in Parentpay.

ADULT LEARNING COURSES

North Somerset will be running an English as an Additional Language Course starting this month. In many cases, this will be FREE to parents and a crèche is also provided. Please look at the flyers attached to this email.

STAFF NEWS

It is with great delight that I share with you the news that Miss Aylott has welcomed a new baby girl on Tuesday 3rd September. I am sure you will join us in passing on our best wishes to Miss Aylott, her partner and their daughter!

Have a great weekend – I am sure the children will sleep well!

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Collard', written in a cursive style.

Robert Collard
Headteacher

Summer Activities at the Campus

<http://www.the-campus.org.uk/about/news/summer-fun-2019/>