

Headteacher's Newsletter

September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write my first newsletter to you as Headteacher of Bledlow Ridge School. I am immensely proud to be leading this very special school and to work with a wonderful community of children, staff, parents and governors.



We have had a very successful series of INSET days where we were able to meet new members of staff, discuss important issues and plan for the road ahead as a school. I am convinced there are exciting times ahead for Bledlow Ridge School and I am very much looking forward to beginning the journey together.

With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to '**Bledlow Ridge School: Looking Forward**', an event on Thursday 8th September at 7pm. During this evening I will be mapping out my vision for the school in both the short and long term and there will be an opportunity to hear from Mrs. Harman, our new Deputy Headteacher, as well. I would welcome as many of you as possible to this event – a shared vision and clear understanding is key to moving forward as a school community.

We began term this morning by once again looking at Active Learning, and in particular the theme of never giving up. As we begin this academic year we will all be faced with challenges and how we respond to them is what is important. We used the Olympics as an example of great persistence and determination. I am sure that Active Learning will continue to help the children become more engaged and resilient learners throughout this year. Further information on the Active Learning initiative is available on the school website.

New Faces

I am very pleased to welcome our new reception children and parents to the school, and also new members of staff as well. Since the last newsletter we have appointed Mrs Earnshaw, who will be joining us as SENCo, as well as Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Partridge, Miss Hughes and Mr Davis who will be joining us as teaching assistants.

Meet the Teacher

As usual we will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions at the beginning of the school year. These are an excellent way to meet the staff team who will be helping your child, to find out about the routines of the year group and to ask any questions you may have. These will be taking place on the following dates, all beginning at 2:30pm:

Class R	12.09.16
Class 1	13.09.16
Class 2	14.09.16
Class 3	15.09.16
Class 4	19.09.16

These will be useful and informative sessions, so I hope of many of you as possible can attend.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting again from week beginning 12th September. The teachers have worked hard to produce a timetable of varied and exciting clubs. The form to sign up is attached to this newsletter. To aid us with administration of registers could you please complete a form for each child, and where you are requesting two clubs on the same night, please add an order of preference. Details of clubs from external providers will be distributed separately.

Please can you return any sign up forms by Friday 9th September to allow us time to complete the administration required before clubs start the following week.

Uniform

The children looked splendid in their uniform yesterday morning – all ready for the start of a new year. Can I ask for your support in keeping the standard of uniform high over the course of this year? One thing I want to focus on is pride in our school and environment – and I strongly believe that this begins with pride in the uniform they are wearing. At Bledlow Ridge School we aspire to have high expectations of our children in all areas of school life, including our appearance – both on the school premises and before or after school.

Can you help?

With the subject of the school environment in mind, I would like to add some pictures of the children at work to the communal areas of the school. If there are any parents who list photography as one of their hobbies, then we would love to hear from you!

Thank you

I would like to finish by thanking you for the commitment and support you give to the school. Education is a real partnership between home and school, and the work we do in school would not be possible without the support you give your children at home. I am very much looking forward to working with you all over the coming months and years as we continue to strive towards excellence and enjoyment for all of our pupils.

Mr. A. Haywood
Headteacher

Diary Dates

08.09.16	Bledlow Ridge: Looking Forward	10.10.16	Class 4 Trip – National Portrait Gallery
12.09.16	Clubs start	11.10.16	Parents' Evening Class R, 1, 2 and 4
12.09.16	Meet the Teacher Sessions start	13.10.16	Parent's Evening Class 3
13.09.16	11+ Preparation Papers	14.10.16	11+ results published
15.09.16	11+ Papers 1 and 2	18.10.16	Parents' Evening Class R, 1, 2 and 3
22.09.16	BRSA AGM	20.10.16	Parents' Evening Class 4
03.10.16	Phonics Workshop	21.10.16	Walkathon
07.10.16	Year 3 and 4 Harvest Festival	21.10.16	Finish for half term @ 3:00pm