

Radnage Church of England VA Primary School

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Welcome back to school!

The children all looked wonderfully smart in their shiny new shoes and clean uniforms. Well done parents! It was wonderful to hear all about the children's exciting holidays and listen to them enthuse about the very happy memories they have made.

We are delighted to welcome in particular the ten new Badgers. Mrs Gibbons had a wonderful first few days with the children who all enjoyed the re-developed outside area. We also welcomed three new members of staff to Team Radnage. Mrs Gippert is our new Year 1/2 Class Teacher; Mrs Stevens is our new Higher Lever Teaching Assistant and Mrs Stanyon who will be working in Year 5/6 every afternoon. We hope that all the new faces will soon become familiar to you all. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them all.

First Aid

If your child has prescribed medicine please can we request that they bring the medication in the original packaging with the prescription sticker attached. Regulations insist that we have the original boxes with the child's name and correct dosage on it.

Friday Certificates

Today I was delighted to present the first set of new certificates to two children from each year group. We have a 'Star of the Week' certificate for excellent learning and effort and a new award for demonstrating our school values. Congratulations to Olivia in Year 4 who was the first child to receive a new Green Card for exemplary behaviour.

Quote of the week

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"

John 13:34-35

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Key Dates

Meet the Teacher Sessions:

Reception Class with Mrs Gibbons
Tuesday 11th September 3.30 pm

Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Curran
Wednesday 12th September 3.30 pm

Year 5 and 6 with Mrs France
Thursday 13th September 3.30 pm

Year 1 and 2 with Mrs Gippert
Friday 14th September 3.30 pm

Individual and sibling photos
Friday 21st September PM

Parents are welcome to attend Friday Collective Worship each week at **9.00 am** in the hall from **Friday 21st September 2018**

Thank you for your continued support for the school. Have a lovely weekend.

Toby Long
Head Teacher



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Safeguarding

Keeping children safe in education

On the staff INSET day we had our safeguarding refresher training. As part of this we look at the need to ensure that the school keep up to date contact details for every child. New guidelines instruct us to keep at least three contacts for every child. For most of the children we already do this. However if you have changed any of your contact details of any of the additional contact's details, please let Bex Willcocks in the school office know.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Toby Long and the Additional DSL is Hannah Curran. Our Safeguarding Governor is Justin Butcher. All three can be contacted through the school office.

School Office News

Keeping in touch & Sickness

Mrs Willcocks works Monday to Thursday in the school office. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please can we remind you to either call the office and leave a message or send an email before 8:30 am on the first day of absence.

At this time of year, please can we remind you that if a child is sick, actually vomits, or has diarrhoea, that they cannot return to school until 48 hours has passed since the last bout of sickness. Children sent to school having been sick will be sent home. We do not want sickness bugs to pass through the children and staff unnecessarily. Whilst I appreciate this is a nightmare for working parents it is a rule laid down by the NHS for schools. Thank you for complying with this.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

School starts at 9:00 am. The green gates to the playground are opened by a member of staff at 8:40 am each morning. Children and families can then wait on the playground. Older children may be left in the supervision of staff on duty.

At 8:50 am a whistle will be blown for the Key Stage 2 children (Mrs Curran's and Mrs France's Classes) to line up on the field end of the playground.

At 8:55 am a second whistle is blown for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children (Mrs Gibbon's and Mrs Gippert's Classes). Children line up are taken into school.

The green gates are locked by 9:00 am. Children arriving after 9:00 am are late and should be brought to the school office.

At 3:10 pm the green gates are unlocked by a member of staff and parents collecting pupils may assemble at the road end of the playground. Children will be dismissed by a member of staff. Please do not allow children to scoot or cycle on the playground as this is dangerous to little siblings and grownups too!

Radnage Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 am Monday to Thursday (not on Fridays)

A choice of breakfast cereals, toast, yoghurts and fruit are available

Cost is £5.00 per child per session – sessions need to be booked via the school office in advance