

# Bow Community Primary School

# The Bow Times

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## Welcome and Welcome back ...

... how lovely it has been to see so many smiling faces; nearly all of the children have grown over the summer holidays, and those first few days when everyone is sporting new haircuts, new school uniform and shiny shoes – it never fails to make me smile! Welcome to our new parents – we have 26 new pupils in Foxcubs this year, which for this year, is a pure Reception class. Next year, the intake is much smaller and we will be back to our mixed Year 1 / EYFS class. Already the pupils have settled in and are working well. We also welcome Mrs Amy Harvey into Badgers class and Mr Andy McCaffley into Hares class. And now, a few reminders...

## Learning Leaves ...

### Week ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Learning leaves were awarded to Kitty, Leopold, Alex, Lola, Lily, Leon, Danny, Poppy, Hollie, Harry and Laura.



### Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Learning leaves were awarded to Poppy, Luke, Willow, Alfred, Mila, Oscar, Poppy, Trinity, Alfie and Tom.



## Math-a-Magician of the Week ...

### Week ending Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Math-a-magicians this week are Megan, Kieran, Milo and Henry.



### Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Math-a-magicians this week are Kameron, Poppy, Louie, Peighton and Nathan.



## Beano Award ...

### Week ending Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

The Beano Award was presented to Abigail who is always smiling and beautifully polite.



## **Parking ...**

Please can I remind EVERYONE – that you can only park your vehicle in school in the LOWER CAR PARK. Parking on the curb, opposite where staff have their cars, or just 'dropping off', seriously impedes the movement of cars in and out, as well as blocking the arrival and departure of the school bus. As cars often block the view for small children, this can lead to accidents.

**PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR – ONLY IN THE LOWER SCHOOL CAR PARK – THANK YOU!**

## **School Uniform...**

Can I just say how smart many of our pupils look in their uniforms, as I wander round school looking at lots of smiley faces and noting how much they have grown over the summer – must be all the sunshine!!

Our PE kit is just as important – pupils need a plain white, round-necked t-shirt and either black or navy blue shorts.

Fashion footwear is not ideal for school, as often the soles of the shoes have little or no grip and already I have seen pupils skidding in the hall and on the playground, as there is no purchase on the soles of these shoes.

It may seem mean, but we do insist on plain, sensible footwear as this ensures that pupils stay upright. I will be writing to those parents whose children are struggling with their current footwear.

## **Passport Charges ...**

I am frequently asked to complete passport forms for many families throughout the year. In view of the number that I complete and the amount of time that it takes, school is asking for a donation of £10 to school funds for each passport that is completed. If you have a number of passports that will require verification, then I am sure that we can agree on an amount that would be a suitable donation, but for now, the charge is £10 for each passport verification that requires completion.

## **Lunch Tickets ...**

The Friday Flyer is emailed out EVERY FRIDAY and has next week's menu choices on it. We are finding that many children are arriving at school with a lunch ticket but no choice has been selected. Parents, it is YOUR responsibility to complete the menu choice with your child and send the completed lunch ticket into class with them. If you are struggling, please come and let us know. We would appreciate it if parents can talk through the choices with their child and complete the lunch ticket alongside them before sending them into school. Thank You.

## **KS2 Entry into School ...**

A reminder: entry into school for KS2 children is to be made around the rear of school, through the KS2 cloakrooms and not through the front door. There is a buzzer on the backdoor if a child is worried about being late, which will ensure that they can still access entry through this door.

## Music Tuition ...

We have a number of highly skilled music tutors that come into school on a weekly basis and teach a range of musical instruments and singing to some of our children.

Cameron Mills – teaches singing and guitar  
Gaelle Hammond – teaches drums and keyboard  
Gemma Block - teaches the flute

Another local music teacher would also be able to offer Oboe lessons if anyone is interested.

It is wonderful to see so many of our children accessing music tuition. Learning a musical instrument helps to develop the brain, as it helps both the left and the right sides of the brain develop (because they are reading music and playing an instrument at the same time).

The music tutors try and give small recitals, enabling the pupils the opportunity to play their instruments in front of their peers – the children love these events and they always receive a fabulous welcome from their peers.

If you would like to discuss this, or your child has expressed an interest in learning to play any of the above musical instruments, please contact the office.

## Activity over the Summer Holidays ...

There has been lots of activity at school over the summer holiday: Mrs Dyer now has a new storage shed for items of catering equipment that are infrequently used. Mrs Fay has had an extension to the patio area in the EYFS area – which means that the children have more hard-surfaced area upon which to play. The new outside classroom has had the area leading up to the entrance paved, and brought in line with the paving around school.... Phew, a very busy time. Many thanks to everyone involved who gave up time in the holidays to come and help, sort and put things together.

## The stork has landed ...

We are thrilled to announce that both Miss Salmon and Mrs Orchard had their babies in the summer holidays. Extraordinarily on the same day – 26<sup>th</sup> July! Both were boys. Miss Salmon named her son Stanley Thomas Trenaman whilst Mrs Orchard's son is called Sebastian Thomas Orchard. Both Mums and babies are doing well.

## Dates ...

Please see the attached dates on the attached document for what is coming up over the next half term.

## And finally ...

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a named coat!!! When you set off on a morning it may be dry, 3 hours later at lunchtime it may be raining. Unless the rain is torrential, the children will go outside! Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,  
Lesley Hodgson