



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you found the curriculum maps and newsletters from departments and year groups useful last week. If you have any questions about anything related to those, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Parents' Information Evening

We are organising an information evening for parents and carers on Tuesday 9th October at which the staff will be on hand to show you and discuss with you how we teach Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPaG) within each group. Staff will be available between 6.00 and 7.00pm, Juniors in the hall and Infants in their classrooms, and will show you the resources they use, including IT, discuss the content of the curriculum and how you can support at home. We have had very positive feedback from parents from similar evenings in previous years. The more you know about what the children are learning, and how they are learning it, the better the experience for all. I look forward to seeing you there.

Anti-Bullying Charter

As part of our commitment to ensuring the children feel safe at school, we have signed up to the Oxfordshire County Council Anti-Bullying Charter. I discussed it briefly with the children and staff in Collective Worship last week and it will be discussed in more detail in class. I will also be sharing further information and advice with parents over the coming weeks and months about what bullying is, how we deal with it if it happens, how to support the children and cyber-bullying. The charter, which outlines the school's aims and commitment relating to bullying behaviour, is displayed near the corridor to the hall.

Vaccination Forms

Children in Years R to 5 will have brought home Flu Vaccination forms recently. These must be completed and returned by Thursday 27th September, even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccination. If you would like any help with this, or require another form, please contact the office.

World War Memorabilia

As you are probably already aware, the Town Council is organising a variety of things to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. We have already created a beautiful mosaic and will be making poppies to be displayed near the War Memorial. We have also been asked to decorate a wooden cut-out of a soldier that will stand, along with those from other schools, between the War Memorial and The Leys. We have decided to decorate our soldier with photographs of our children's relatives who fought in either of the World Wars and/or photographs of artefacts the children might have which might have been worn or used by relatives. We will also take a photograph of each child that brings something in and ask them to write or type a sentence explaining their connection with the photograph or artefact. These will all be attached to the wooden cut-out soldier and made waterproof. Clearly old photographs and artefacts will be precious to families and we need to manage the process carefully so as not to lose or damage precious items. Therefore we have arranged two sessions for families to bring in their old photographs or artefacts during which we will photograph each child with their item and make a note of it. Parents can then take the photograph or artefact home again. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 2nd October, 3.00 – 3.30, and Friday 5th October, 8.40 – 9.10. If



these times are not convenient for you, please contact us to arrange another suitable time. Please have a look in lofts, cupboards etc to find photographs of relatives or artefacts and bring them in with your child on one of the above days. I hope we will have enough photographs to cover the soldier and I think it will look very special.

Year Six Residential

Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting about the Year Six residential on Tuesday evening; I hope you found it useful. Letters have been distributed to all Year Six children now. These letters include an explanation of the monthly payment system and the required deposit. It promises to be a wonderful trip in June and an experience the children will remember for the rest of their lives. Please ensure you have completed the slip indicating your intention for your child to take part in the residential by next Friday as we need to confirm numbers with PGL, the providers. If you would like more information about the trip or would like to discuss payments, please call in to see me or Sharon Bark.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday (4th October) at St. Mary's Church, starting at 1.45pm. All the children in Years One to Six will be attending and parents and carers are very welcome to join us. In order to fit our 300 children in and parents etc, we remove most of the chairs and the children sit on the floor. There is room for adults to sit at the back and in the side aisles. If you can help to move the chairs, please meet me at the church at 12 noon. The theme of our Harvest will be 'Thankfulness' and we will be singing our favourite Harvest songs and performing poems and readings etc. We traditionally ask children to bring in items of food that we then donate to local organisations. Unfortunately these local organisations are limited in what they can receive from us and therefore request non-perishable food such as packets, tins etc, rather than fresh fruit and vegetables. If you can spare an item of food, please bring it to school on the day and your child should take it to their classroom as they go in after the bell. Thank you.

Our School Website

Our school website, www.thebattschool.org.uk is regularly updated with news, photographs in the gallery section, newsletters etc. During the summer, one of the documents added was 'Successes of the Year 2017/18' within the 'Our School' tab, which highlights what went well for us last year in terms of sporting success, Music and the Arts, the curriculum, the school in the community and special events.

BSA AGM

Our BSA AGM will take place on Monday (24th September) at 8.00pm in school. It is an opportunity for all parents, including new parents, to come along and hear more about the events the BSA have organised and to discuss plans for this coming year. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

School Lunch Company Event

Our caterers, The School Lunch Company, are organising a special event next Tuesday entitled 'Roots to Food'. It will involve all the children at some point during the day and they will learn about where their food comes from and healthy eating. This workshop day would normally cost £300 but The School Lunch Company will be providing this free of charge.

I hope the children have settled well in to the new school year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Payne
Headteacher

