

Bottisham Community Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start a new school year, there are a few changes to the systems that we have in place and we wanted to share this information with you.

Reading Books

Please return any reading books that you have at home by Friday 4th September.

During the first few days, we will hear the children read individually and we will decide which book band they will be reading. All children in Years 1 and 2 will be given two home reading books each week starting from Monday 7th September.

Due to current guidelines, there will be some changes to the way that reading books are changed when they have been read.

- Returned books will be quarantined for 48 hours before being given to another child.
- To restrict the number of people touching the books, all reading books will be changed by an adult who works in your child's class. This means that your child may be given a book that they have already read in their previous class. Please re-read these books; it is important for the children to develop their ability to recognise words by sight instead of using phonics to sound every word out and revisiting texts is a great way to practise this.
- Please record any home reading on the new system on Google Classroom (more information to follow). Teachers will check this, before changing your child's reading books and, as always, the expectation is that they will have read each book at least twice before they are changed.
- From the week beginning 14th September, books will be changed on the following days. Please ensure that your child's reading books are in their book bag on this day if you would like them to be changed that week.

Monday	Beech class Year 1
Tuesday	Beech class Year 2
Wednesday	Pine class Year 1
Thursday	Pine class Year 2
Friday	Ash class Year 1

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Homework

Homework will be set on Google Classroom. As in previous years, there will be a spelling/phonics, handwriting and alternating recorded/non recorded maths and English activities. Where possible, we will endeavour to provide activities that do not require printing. Year 1 and 2 homework will begin on Friday 11th September. Spellings will be tested every Thursday from 17th September.

PE Kit

All PE lessons will be taking place outside, so please ensure that your child has the following clothing in their PE bags (all named please).

- trainers / plimsolls
- white PE t-shirt
- jogging bottoms / leggings
- fleece / sweatshirt

Earrings need to be covered with microporous tape.

Outdoor clothing

We will aim to take the children outside at break times if possible, so they will need to bring a waterproof coat every day.

The children will keep their outdoor shoes on all day and will no longer change into indoor shoes. Please bear this in mind if your child comes to school wearing wellies.

Lunch time

During lunchtime, the children will have half an hour of outside playtime and half an hour to eat their lunch in their classroom. This time is strictly limited due to additional midday cleaning. We realise that some children will find this time restriction challenging and we will monitor this as the term progresses.

No footballs

For the foreseeable future, children will be unable to bring balls and toys from home to use at playtimes. We will provide plenty of playtime equipment for the children to use instead.

If you have any questions, please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses will be provided in your child's class newsletter. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

Yours sincerely,

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