



The Buzz this week ...



I hope that you all had a lovely restful break over the Easter holidays, and we are now ready for the summer term. The weather certainly was wonderful!

As we start the term I would like to draw your attention to a new behaviour policy that we have introduced that will hopefully make things clearer and more consistent for children and staff. I am sure that you will agree that good school discipline is essential; disruption in class stops your children learning. Poor behaviour also impacts on the well-being of adults in the school and makes children feel unsafe. Our Behaviour Policy is available to download from the school website – please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

The situation with the water has now been resolved and it was finally fixed at 1.30pm Friday afternoon. The water company was on site by 8am and worked non-stop to try and find the fault that also affected the Children’s Centre. A huge thank you to parents for your ongoing support as I am sure this was extremely inconvenient for you; thank you to staff who went into the community to make sure the message was circulated promptly; thank to Mrs Woodward whose relentless pressure on the water company was instrumental in solving the problem so quickly and lastly thank you to Mr Amey and Mr Mead for their hard work flushing through the system to make sure the water quality was safe for everybody.

Finally, I’d like to say a big welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined us for the summer term. We hope that you have settled in well to your new houses and Bovington.



Sun Protection

As the weather is unpredictable and bad days may turn in to sunny ones we thought it a timely reminder that the school shares its commitment to sun safety. On days where the weather looks promising, please ensure your child has sun cream on and has appropriate clothing-which may include sunhats and light cotton summer uniform. Water bottles should also be sent on a daily basis- one which can be topped up during the day. Please talk to your child about the importance of staying safe in the sun.

Polite Reminder

Please ensure any overdue payments for Breakfast/Afterschool Club and the School Bus service are paid online at www.sims-pay.co.uk. Alternatively please contact the school office for a barcode.



COVID RELATED SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

- One adult per family to collect on site at the end of the day.
- Parents/ Carers to wear face masks at drop off and collection times.
- Adults to socially distance.
- Please leave the site IMMEDIATELY on collection of your child.

If your child or a family member suffers from any of the following symptoms, then the family must self-isolate and seek a Covid test for the patient:

- High temperature - A new continuous cough - A loss of taste or smell

Thank you for your continued support

Key Dates :

Monday 26th & Wednesday 28th April – Parent Consultations

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May – NSPCC National numbers day - wear an item of clothing with a number on it

Are you leaving?

Will you be moving or have you received notification of a new posting? If so, does your child/ren no longer require a place at Bovington Academy?

Can you let the school office know as soon as possible to complete a notification of departure form, organise your child's leaving report and to help us with the transfer preparations.

Many thanks

Healthy Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch to school please note that the following:

- **No nut products** including peanut butter – due to children with nut allergies;
- **No sweets of any kind** – a small biscuit bar is fine;
- **No Fizzy Drinks** or glass bottles

The below website has some great ideas for Healthy packed lunches.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Many thanks for your help.



Virtual Parent Consultations - 26th and 28th of April



These will commence at 3.30pm and you should have received your Google meet invite for your slot by now. If this is not the case, then please contact the school office and we will sort this for you asap. Please also contact the school office if you would like to book a telephone or virtual meeting with Ms White on either of these dates.

To facilitate the meetings, allow parents/carers to pick children up and get home for the early meetings and to ensure teachers have time to prepare, we will be closing slightly earlier on these dates:

- Years 5 & 6 will be finishing at 2.45pm
 - Years 3, 4 & R will be finishing at 2.50pm
 - Years 1, 2 & siblings will be finishing at 3pm
- Arrangements are the same, just slightly earlier.

After school club will continue to run as usual and your children will be supervised by school staff and taken along to the wrap around care.

The consultations will give you an update on the current attainment and progress that your child has made in reading, writing and maths (phonics for year R and 1) based on teacher assessments. Your child will be working either below, in line or above age related expectations and we will be discussing how we are supporting your child in specific area. We are aware that some of our pupils are still adjusting to being back at school after the lockdown and may be feeling anxious or have lost some of their confidence. We are therefore keeping wellbeing high on our priority and offering pupils the chance to discuss their feelings and offer support when it is needed.