



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England
Voluntary Aided School



Head Teacher: Caroline Knighton

Tuesday 12th September 2017

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see everyone back last week and it is with great pleasure that we welcome our 20 new Reception children as well as Blake and Kathryn in year 1, Kyra and Faith in year 2 and Farai in year 5. We do hope that they will be truly happy in our school.

Everyone has been busy over the holidays and my thanks go to all the teachers for all the work that they have put in to get everything ready for the new school year.

The Governors have also been working hard over the summer and have created a reflective space at the front of the school for children to use during break times. A huge thank you to all those Governors involved.

I would also like to thank Lollypop Facilities Management for refurbishing Robins' toilet area free of charge. This contribution makes a huge difference and we are truly grateful to them for their generosity.

We have many exciting activities planned for this term including a whole school Food Day to tie in with our topic, 'Food Glorious Food'. In addition, to support our work in RE, we will also be holding a Trinity Day this term, with support from Reverend Sue.

Following a trial last summer, we have joined with a number of other schools in the Marlborough Cluster to increase the number of sporting festivals that we participate in over the year. We are hosting the first event, which is to be a dodgeball competition for year 6, on Monday 25th September. Further details of all events will be sent out via parentmail. Clubs are also beginning in school this term, starting with Tennis, Football and Karate. Again, watch out on parentmail for further after school clubs as we progress through the year.

Now for the really exciting news... We are always looking at ways of improving our premises and are delighted that we have been successful in accessing significant funding from the Diocese to enlarge Magpies (the classroom which leads off the hall) so that it is large enough to form a fifth classroom which would mean that, in the long term, we could look to replacing the mobile. The Diocese do not provide the full amount of funding so FOBS - together with the Governors - will focus their fundraising activities on providing the additional funds. At **2pm on Friday 22nd September** FOBS will be hosting a session following their AGM in the school hall to discuss how best to support our building work, so please pop in for a cup of tea and to find out how to get involved!

Finally, thanks to the generosity of our families and the hard work of FOBS last year, we now have sufficient funds to start building the new adventure play area and we hope that work will start on this after half term.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about school life, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mrs Knighton

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