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7th May 2021

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Although case numbers of Covid-19 both locally and nationally continue to fall, we must continue to follow the safety measures that we have in place, including staggered starts and pick up times at school. Nevertheless, with lockdown slowly easing and in the context of a successfully progressing vaccination program, we can now begin to look forward to a time when we can relax the restrictions that we have in place at Bayside.

One of the highlights of any school calendar is the school Sports Day. Currently we plan for two separate events, one for the lower school (Reception to Year 2) on Thursday 24th June and one for pupils in Key Stage Two (Year 3 to Year 6) on Friday 25th June. We will continue to verify with national guidance from the government about how we will organise and structure these events and will communicate accordingly.

The children have missed out on so much this year, including the chances to have wider curriculum experiences outside of the classroom. After half term, we plan for many pupils to enhance and support their curriculum learning through trips outside of school. Although we cannot promise to make these trips free of charge, we are going to heavily subsidise them from savings that have been made from cancellations due to the ongoing pandemic.

We also plan to welcome new pupils face to face and provide a good send off for our Year 6 children who are moving onto the next phase in their education. We have arranged for a welcome evening for our new Parents / Carers who have children starting with us in September on 6th July from 5pm – 6:30pm as well as several settling sessions for these pupils. We have also added Wednesday 21st July for a leaving celebration for the Year 6 children leaving us in July before they start secondary school. More details will follow about this and arrangements will depend on all relevant guidance at this time.

I know that as a community we will continue to support each other in order to tread the path back to normality successfully.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Principal

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Contacts

Please remember that we require up to date contact details for all pupils so that we can communicate with everyone effectively. If you would like to add to, alter or check the numbers and details that we have on record for you, please contact the school office.



Safe Schools Team

We have now established a strong relationship with the Safe Schools Team, particularly the branch of Dorset Police Services. The idea behind this connection is to involve police services within Citizenship lessons and the wider life of the school and to develop links between the children and those that look after all of our safety.

Save The Children Donation

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas Jumper day – we raised £164.63 for Save The Children. A very belated thanks! This half term we will be raising money for the 'My Time' charity which supports children who are Young Carers. More details to follow, but this will involve some alternative hair styles...

Holidays

In line with both local BCP and national guidance, we do not authorise holidays during term time. It is absolutely essential that children attend school every day in order to make good progress in their education. Holidays taken during term time will result in fines being issued per pupil absent and are proportionate to the number of days that the children miss.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week with a focus on how nature can support us to feel well within ourselves. We will be having an assembly on this theme and classes will also take part in related activities during the week.

Photos

Fraser photos will be in school on Tuesday 8th June to take individual and sibling photos of the children. All pupils will need to be in full school uniform on this day: for Year 3 this will mean that their P.E. will take place on another day, although swimming will go ahead as usual.

Attendance

Congratulations to RRL, 2MA and 2LW who are the classes with the highest attendance this week – **100%**!

Average % for the week:



RAD	RRL	1SW	2LW	2MA	3HC	3NT	4KH	5JW	5KR	6BC	6RM
98	100	94	100	100	88	94	94	92	97	95	98

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