

Welcome Back!

It's good to be back and to see so many familiar faces. We have a number of new families and staff joining us, and I hope you will join me in welcoming them.

Over the summer, Mr Tsenti did a great job of refurbishing and renovating three rooms, with fresh paint, and new carpets and lino. The Early Years area also got new lighting:

The Early Years shared area:



Leopards classroom:



Panthers classroom:



They all look wonderful – a BIG thank you to Mr Tsenti for his hard work.

Meet the Teacher

We have once again planned 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for every year group from Years 1 to 6. These sessions are an opportunity for you to come and meet your child's new teacher and some of the other staff who will be supporting the children, and to get some important information about what this year will hold for them, both in terms of their learning, and also with regard to their regular classroom routines. The meetings should finish by 9.20am.

We invite you to come to the Music Room on the day of your Meet the Teacher session, where you will meet the team working with your child, and after a brief talk, we will invite you to visit their new classroom. Please see the diary dates section for the dates for each meeting. We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 9th October. Martin Sweet from the Spinnaker Trust, who is a regular visitor to Bourne, will be leading the celebration. To mark this event, we collect in-date dried and tinned foods and toiletries including soap, disposable razors, shaving foam etc. for The Salvation Army.



Some ideas for donations

It would be fantastic if everyone could donate something to support this very worthwhile cause. Please bring in all your donations to support this local charity on the morning of the 9th, and bring them directly to the hall where we will be ready to receive them to make an instant display for our assembly.

Grapes as a Snack

I have been asked to give you a reminder that recent guidance is that the grapes should be sliced in half to prevent the risk of children choking if they get lodged in their throat. This is particularly relevant for our youngest pupils. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Make a note in your diaries!

- Meet the Teacher – Year 3
Monday 17th September at 8.45am
- Y5 swimming lessons start
Monday 17th September
- Meet the Teacher – Year 6
Wednesday 19th September at 8.45am
- Meet the Teacher – Year 1
Thursday 20th September at 8.45am
- Meet the Teacher – Year 5
Tuesday 25th September at 8.45am
- Meet the Teacher – Year 2
Tuesday 26th September at 8.45am
- Meet the Teacher – Year 4
Friday 28th September at 8.45am
- Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 9th October
- School Photographs
Wednesday 10th October
- October half term holiday – school closed
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October
- Parent Consultations for Nursery to Year 6
Wednesday 14th November

At the Start and End of the Day

We are keen that the start and end of the day are as smooth and organised as they can be. We have limited space at Bourne, and the areas to the side and back of the school can become very crowded.

- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents must wait in the main playground, by the class cones, at the start and end of the day.
- Year 2 parents should wait in the playground at the start of the day, and should meet their children by the gate to the side of the office at 3.10pm. Please make sure you stand back and leave enough room for the children and the teachers as this area can become very crowded.
- Year 1 parents should drop off and meet their children behind the Music Room
- Nursery and Reception parents should drop off and meet their children from the covered area beside the Early Years classrooms on the Melbourne Road side of the school.

Please be considerate in these areas, it will be quicker and safer if the teachers have space to see the children safely to the adult who is picking up.

Attendance Hotline

A reminder about our telephone number for reporting your child's absence from school

The number is **(01323) 746337**

Please call this number between 8.00 and 9.00am on the day that your child is going to be absent, and we will ask for your child's name, class and the reason that they are absent.

Please do not use the main school number to report absences. Thank you.

Did You Know?

If you are in receipt of certain benefit payments, you may be eligible to register for Free School Meals. This is a really useful thing to do, because you may receive other benefits including:

- A free P.E. Kit and book bag once every school year
- A 25% reduction on the cost of any class trip
- A 50% reduction on the cost of the Year 6 Residential trip to Blackland Farm

Even though all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school dinner, this new entitlement does not include these benefits, so sign up today!

If you would like more information, please ask at the office.

ALL THIS FREE:

