



Headteacher Newsletter 28th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This last half term continues to be very busy so I felt that a few updates might be in order.

In order to help, there is still a list of key dates to the school website which can be found at:

[Bamford Primary School, Hope Valley, Derbyshire](#)

The last Headteacher newsletter (and this one) are also now also available on the website.

Residential News

Huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have recently completed their residential to Lea Green. The children were very well behaved and enthusiastically joined in with all the activities. Their behaviour was exemplary – and they even went to bed when asked! Thank you to all the team who made this trip possible particularly Mr Friend for his many hours of planning and Risk Assessments as well as the other teachers and TAs who covered classes and gave up their time to come along and make it such good fun.

The Year 4 and Year 5 children are set to go to Ravenstor on Wednesday until Friday. Please ensure that you have completed all paperwork (permissions, medication etc) urgently. Also, if you need to discuss, in confidence, any particular needs (sleep, medication, food), please contact either the class teacher or myself in confidence. I know that the children are really excited to be going on residential. If your child has never 'had a sleep over' – it would be really helpful if they have done this before going on residential – even if this is with a family member or close family friends rather than with school friends.

Sports Day – Monday 4th July

We plan to walk all the children down to the rec in the morning and have a rotation of sports throughout the morning, including tag rugby, football, rounders and cricket. We will also try and fit in a long run and possibly some relays.

Please take Junior Swimmers to Hathersage Pool, the minibus will drop the children back at the REC.

Lunch will be a picnic at the rec, Mrs Mason has agreed to do packed lunches for all those who have a school lunch on that day.

After lunch we will be doing our races to which all parents are invited to watch. We hope to start around 13.30 and plan to be ready for parents to arrive from 13.15 Please feel free to bring rugs/chairs if you would like to be comfortably entertained!

The PTFA have very kindly agreed to do Ice cream Friday (please bring cash, £1.50 each) at 15.00 to reward the children's efforts!

Transition Arrangements

Wed 6th July 2022 Y5 Pupils visit Hope Valley College – Stem Taster Day

Thurs 7th July 2022 Y6 pupils transitioning to Hope Valley College with go to HVC for the day (make your own travel arrangements please)

11th – 13th July 2022 – children will be in their new classes including new EYFS children

Staffing Updates

Autumn 2022-2023

The class structure will be identical to this year

Class Oak EYFS / Y1 / Y2

Class Ash Y3 / Y4

Class Willow Y5 / Y6

Emma Coulson is doing well post-surgery. She has asked us to pass on her thanks for all your well-wishes. We expect Mrs Coulson to be back with us, if everything goes to plan, at the beginning of the next school year and will keep you updated.

Katt Allen and Hannah Knapp have both decided that the time is right to move on. We thank them both for their many years of hard work and dedication to school and we wish them well in the future. Mrs Allen has successfully secured a full time post as Teaching Assistant in a Special School. Miss Knapp has decided that after a two-year delay – the time is now right to travel and see the world!

Kate Gemmell will be temporarily taking on the role of Executive Headteacher, splitting her time equally between Bamford Primary School and Grindleford Primary School for the Autumn Term. This is in order to provide support within the cluster of local schools whilst the Governing Body of Grindleford School recruit a new Headteacher. These sort of arrangements are quite common and we are pleased to be able to provide this local support to Grindleford – a school that we have worked closely with for many years. This temporary arrangement also allows all concerned opportunities for career development and continued professional development. In order to ensure that the disruptions to our school will be kept to a minimum, Jen Chapman has kindly agreed to step up to the role of Assistant Headteacher whilst Mrs Gemmell takes on this temporary role. We will also be recruiting additional teaching staff to ensure that our children's learning is not disrupted and to support the management of teacher workloads. We will keep you updated as our plans evolve.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or the class teachers.

Kind regards

Kate Gemmell

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