



# Headteacher Newsletter May 2022

Dear pupils and parents,

Gosh – What a busy half term we have had! Life in school certainly feels to be back to full throttle and we seem to be extremely busy arranging many activities and events. I thought that it might be timely to update you on a few matters and provide a list of important dates for all. As always, please do keep an eye on DOJO for last minute additions and unavoidable changes.

## Jubilee Celebrations

We would like to give a massive 'well done and thank you' to all our fantastic pupils and Mrs Bland for putting on such a lovely Jubilee Celebration on Wednesday. The children were, without exception, fantastic. We have really missed having community celebrations throughout the pandemic and the return of festivals and celebrations is very welcome. Thanks also to our fabulous PTFA for running the refreshments stall which just adds to the atmosphere. Thank you also to those parents and family who were able to join us on the playground.

The children are also being treated to a Jubilee Picnic on Friday and we would like to thank Mrs Mason for providing a splendid picnic lunch. A fine time was had by all.

## Half Term and INSET

Can I remind all parents that the school will be closed from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and will re-open on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022 – noting that we are closed for INSET on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## Illness and absence.

Now that we are 'living with Covid', we continue to take advice from the director of Public Health England (PHE), the Government and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and constantly review our Risk Assessments accordingly. Current Government advice on self-isolation should be followed. It is my understanding that it is now recommended that a child with Covid self isolates for three days but it is worth checking if you are unsure.

Most absence recently has been incidents of viral infection or sickness and diarrhoea. PLEASE – do not send your child into school with sickness or diarrhoea until 48 hours have passed since their last incident.

Having had so much absence and disruption recently, I know how difficult it is for many families to cover sickness but it is really important that you keep everyone safe by following the rules.

## School Attendance

The Government has recently informed schools that we must now be very active in our management of sickness and absence from school. From September 2022, leave of absence in school time will ONLY BE GRANTED IN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES and schools are expected to actively manage and fine offenders once again. Please be mindful of this when booking holidays as we move forwards. The Government is resolved that children should be in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. Term dates and the INSET dates for next year have been posted on the school website so please do use the INSET dates to your advantage and avoid the risk of fines.

There is a form to complete if you need to request time off during term time and this is available from the office or on our website. Please note, 14 days' notice is required. If you are unsure about the rules, please contact the office or Mrs Gemmell.

## School Absences

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office by phoning 01433 651267 or via [info@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk). This should happen before 08:30. If your child is absent and we do not have a message, we are obliged to try to contact you by phone. This is very time consuming and it is really helpful if we know by the start of the day.



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## Online Safety

Can I remind all families of our online offer to support you with keeping safe online. The recent TicTok advice sheet that we distributed is one produced by the National Online Safety site and they have a whole library of up to date advice. <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/bamford-primary-school>



The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/bamford-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the NOS brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre> .

We hope that you will find this new resource helpful and we welcome feedback. Please do take a look and sign up. The parent information on popular games is very helpful!

## Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Kath Fathers has been appointed as a Midday Supervisor and Kitchen Assistant, helping Mrs Mason to feed us all and take care of us over the lunchtime period.

## Classes in 2022 - 2023

The class structure for the year will remain as follows:

Class Oak	EYFS / Year 1 / Year 2	Mrs Coulson Miss Gartside Additional TA support
Class Ash	Year 3 / Year 4	Mrs Chapman Additional TA support
Class Willow	Year 5 / Year 6	Mr Friend Additional TA support



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## Transition Arrangements:

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Y5 Pupils visit Hope Valley College – Stem Taster Day

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

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – children will be in their new classes including new EYFS children

## Medical Information

Please ensure that you continue to tell us about any changes to medical needs for your children.

## Pupil Update Forms (The blue forms!)

We will soon be sending out the Pupil Update Forms – which include medical update and contact information. These will arrive home in envelopes and you will be notified via DOJO as they contain personal information. Please help us to keep our records up to date by completing them in full and returning to school as quickly as possible – signed. Even if there are no changes, you need to return them so that your permissions for the next academic year can be prepared in advance

## Governor Questionnaire 2021-2022

We will not be running a new Governor Questionnaire for this academic year since it asks all the same questions that the Ofsted Parent View asks and this was completed at the end of April 2022. We will instead, send a Governor Questionnaire out in the Autumn term.

## School Website

Please can I remind you that our website is available to you and contains a lot of relevant information, including school data, dates and policies. It also includes a lot of information about the curriculum that your child studies and the formal information that schools are required to publish.

## School Uniform 2022-2023

This is a polite reminder that we expect children to be dressed in full school uniform except on PE Days. If purchasing PE clothing, please try to purchase white t-shirt and navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms / leggings and tops. Many of the girls choose to wear leggings instead of tights with their skirts and shorts and we are more than happy for this as long as the leggings are grey, blue or black.

Please can you check that all items of clothing have your child's name in – we have plenty of black sharpies that can be borrowed if you need to renew the markings!

A reminder that the PE Uniform for PE days is:

- a black or blue tracksuit or jogging trousers / leggings
- a blue or black fleece or usual school round neck sweatshirt
- a white round neck t-shirt (we would **prefer** a school logo on the t-shirt but it is not a requirement)
- navy or black shorts - as we are often outside, this is advised for the spring / summer only
- shoes should be trainers or plimsolls – in black, navy or grey

## School Times

Doors open at 08:40 and registration is at 08:50 am for all children

Collection is as follows:

Class Oak 15:20

Class Ash and Willow 15:30

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their hard work and support this year. The support that you have provided to our team has been very appreciated in difficult and demanding times.

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Kate Gemmell  
Headteacher

## Advice Re Self-Isolation and Covid19

Please find a link here to the latest Government Guidance on Self-Isolation in England (April 2021)  
[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)  
([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))

## Dates for your Diary!

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School closed Inset
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School re-opens for the summer term Y3-Y6 out at the English Institute of Sport (all day, lunch needed)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	KS1 Trip – Buxton (Pizza Express and Park)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Lea Green Residential – Need Packed lunch
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Lea Green Residential
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Lea Green Residential
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Lea Green Residential Infant Sports day (AM) at HVC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Lea Green Residential – return to school for collection from 3.00
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Y5/Y6 Cyclo Cross Evening Whitworth Park (morning)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y6 Bikeability – bring your bike and helmet please
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	KS1 Commonwealth Games Festival HVC (morning)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y4/Y5 Ravenstor – Normal drop off but need packed lunch
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Y4/Y5 Ravenstor Y6 HVC Dance / Orienteering (morning)
	Y6 Bikeability – bring your bike and helmet please (afternoon)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Y4/Y5 Ravenstor
	Y6 Bikeability – bring your bike and helmet please
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Junior Swimmers to Hathersage Pool then drop back to REC SPORTS DAY – ALL at Rec all Day Parents invited from 1.30 Ice-cream Monday at the Rec from 3.00
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y5 Transition Day to HVC – Coach booked for transport
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y6 pupils to HVC attend HVC for the day (own transport)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y3-6 Moorland Event (Need packed lunch) – transport provided
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Transition Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Transition Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Transition Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	School Reports out
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Parent Drop-In 3.30 – 5.00 (No appointment needed)



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Friday 22 July 2022

1.30 pm Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents only) – Y6 (& Siblings) – Relaxed  
depart from 3.00

School Closes for the summer 15.30 pm Friday 22 July 2022

School Re-opens to all pupils FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022