



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to meet so many of you over the last two weeks at the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings - apologies to those of you that heard me more than once!

We hope that opening of the gates at 8:30 has eased the congestion on Marlborough Road. We do however need to ask that children only arrive then with adults, as the playground is not staffed until 8:45. If the children walk or you need to drop and go, please make sure it is not until 8:45. Thank you.

Thank you to the parents that have offered support with the future development plans for the school - I will be in contact soon. The next parent forum I would like your help with is for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. I am hoping that we can have a team of parents from across both schools that will help form a strategy for our children with clear actions and outcomes. If you are interested or representative or any of these groups and would like to be part of this, please do get in contact.

Thank you all and have a wonderful and safe weekend.

Charlie Barwell
Executive Headteacher

Other Information

Class Celebrations

Mrs Payne and Mrs Webster would like to mention the two lovely choir practices they had for both the Year 3 and Senior Choir. There was a really good turnout and as there is no limit on space it is not too late for children to sign up. It is so good to be able to sing together again after such a long time.

Definitely worth a mention is that Annabelle from 6PW won two swimming awards last weekend in a big competition, well done Annabelle!

After school clubs

If your child is unable to attend an after-school club session they are booked into, please ensure you let the school office know, as a register is taken at the start of each club and any absences will result in a phone call home.

Please note that although the charge for each club is worked out at £2 per week, when booking your child into a club you are signing them up for the whole term and payment ensures that your child's place for the entire term that you pay for is secure, therefore no partial refunds will be made if your child is unable to attend any particular session during that term.



The Big Ask: The Big Answer Survey

Below is a link to The Big Ask Survey that has been sent out to all schools by the Children's Commissioner.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/>

Curriculum Maps

Curriculum Maps, covering Terms 1 and 2, for each class will be uploaded to the website by the end of next week.

SEN Family Get Together

Also being sent out today with the newsletter are details of a SEN Family Get Together, being hosted by Fat Squirrel in North Leigh, on 29th October at 12 to 2pm. We look forward to welcoming even more SEN families into our group.

Reporting absences

We ask that all absences are reported to the office either by phone 01993 702 392 or email office@thebattschool.org.uk by 9:15am.

Lunches:

Lunches are bookable until Thursday evening for the following week. Please let us know if you have missed the deadline.

Census day: We have swapped the menus on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th October. Thursday 7th is census day and the number of meals reported affects our funding. Therefore, we would be grateful if you would encourage children to have a school meal that day. Funding is not ring-fenced, so impacts your child even if they don't have a meal for the rest of the year.

Free School Meals: Please contact Cat O'Driscoll at office@thebattschool.org.uk if you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, or become eligible during the year. This applies even if your child is in receipt of free infant meals as we receive extra funding that can directly benefit your child. Any communication will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Key Dates

In line with the information sent out in last week's newsletter, the communication app 'Class Dojo' will up and running for Year 3 from next week. The other classes will also be rolling out shortly.

Harvest Festival

This will take place at St Mary's Church on 14th October 10.00am. Details to follow.

