



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



## THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I want to thank you all for your understanding and patience regarding the Covid cases within school. We totally understand that it can cause worry and uncertainty. As a school, we sometimes have to be reactive as well as proactive and this changes due to the information we receive.

We are in contact with Public Health, England every day and they are giving us the most up to date guidance. Currently we have been advised to keep air flowing and regular hand washing. In addition, there is a deep clean of the whole school taking place and we are keeping all classes separate for lunches and not holding any Collective Worship in the hall. We will continue to review this on a daily basis.

You can help us as well by testing the children if they have any symptoms and by communicating with us the minute you have any positive results. Masks were never mandated in primary schools, but we are encouraging any child that feels anxious to wear one.

In other news, we held interviews this week for our new Head of School. We had an extremely strong field and we will send you a biography as soon as we can. The school also had a two-day external review for which we will share the findings when we receive them.

Please do have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Charlie Barwell  
Executive Headteacher

### Other Information

#### Secondary School Places for September 2022

A letter from the Schools Admission Team at the Oxfordshire County Council will be sent out to parents and carers of all Year 6 children today. Please note that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2022 is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

#### After school clubs

Choir for Years 4, 5 and 6 will not run next Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, as Mrs Payne is away with Year 6 on their residential.

#### Lunches:

**Census day:** We have swapped the menus on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have missed yesterday's deadline for booking meals for next week and wish your child to have a school meal on census day, please let the office know and we will book it in for you.

#### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to Ms Barwell, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or one of our Deputy DSLs: Mr Atkins, Mrs Dunstan, Mrs Holme, Mrs O'Driscoll, or Mr Baker.

Appointments can be made via the office at [office@thebattschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thebattschool.org.uk) or on 01993 702392.



### BSA AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm

The BSA have decided to change the AGM to a zoom meeting to make it more accessible for everyone to join the meeting. Please see details below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6681208551>

### Vacancy

We are looking for a part-time Cleaner to join our dedicated and supportive team on a permanent basis. Please see the school website for further details if you are interested in this position.

### Key Dates

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| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> October | - Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington                             |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October                     | - 3CW Trip to Hill End  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October                   | - 3D Trip to Hill End   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                   | - Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church                                 |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October                     | - SEN Family Get Together 12 – 2pm at Fat Squirrel, North Leigh         |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                     | - Deadline for applying for a Secondary School place for September 2022 |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                  | - Individual School Photos  |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November                   | - Flu Vaccinations for all Year Groups                                  |

