

NEWSLETTER



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BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome

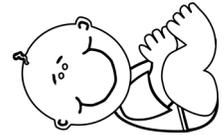
Welcome Back!

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to getting going again with the new school year. It is good to see everyone back in school and we have enjoyed hearing about how the children have spent the summer. We have an exciting year of learning ahead of us and the staff have been busy over the holidays clearing out classrooms and storage areas (another skip filled!) and preparing for their new classes.

We are delighted to be joined by some new members of staff this term. Mrs Miranda Romano is our new SEN Co-ordinator and she will be in school on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. You can reach her by emailing senco@boughton-monchelsea.kent.sch.uk. Mrs Sharon Wavell (formerly Braganza) has come back to teach Class 3 (welcome back!) and Mrs Elisabeth Rowland is joining us as a 1-1 Learning Support Assistant, also in Class 3. Mrs Tracy Pryer is our new Breakfast and After School Club Supervisor and she is joined by Sam Woodcock and Callum Orpin, as Breakfast and After School Club Assistants, respectively.

We welcome all of our newcomers to the team and hope that they soon feel at home at Boughton Monchelsea.

Baby News



We are delighted to announce that Miss Bailey's baby boy was born on 19th August and both mother and baby are doing very well. Congratulations to Miss Bailey and Mr Beck!

We are also pleased to tell you that Mrs Jennifer Rose is expecting her first baby in January. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rose!

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to meet your child's new teacher in an informal briefing session to be held on the following dates. All meetings will be at 3.30pm in classrooms, apart from the Class R session which will be held at 1.00pm.

Tuesday 12 th September	Class 1 and Class 6
Wednesday 13 th September	Class 2 and Class 3
Thursday 14 th September	Class 4 and Class 5
Friday 15 th September	Class R

Please note Class R session will be **1.15-2.00**. Children are to be collected from the playground at 1.15 as normal, once all children are with their adult, you may accompany Mrs Cousins, Mrs Clark and Mrs Elphick to the classroom.

Smart Screens



Class 1 and 3 are enjoying using their new interactive Smart screens, which have been funded through generous donations from the PTA and Maidstone Lions. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising events over the past year, which have made this purchase

Pupils of the Week 08/09/17

Will be announced next week.

Start and End of School Day

Thank you for helping your child to arrive in school on time, before the bell is rung at 8.50am. We have noticed a definite improvement in punctuality this week. Let's keep it up!

Can we remind you that children in Key Stage 2 are expected to find their own parent/carer on the playground after school. This is to encourage children to become more independent and to make our practice more consistent.

The only exceptions to this are

- Children in Class 3, who will be handed over at the end of the day up until Christmas.
- Any KS2 child who is vulnerable or with particular needs. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would still like a personal handover.

The children have been told that if the person meeting them is not on the playground, then they **must** go back to their teacher or to the office.

Pupils in Year 6 may walk home by themselves if they have written permission from parents. Please let Mr Stevens or Mrs Thomas know in writing if you would like your child to walk home.

Please also note that children are **not** allowed in the woods, on the field or on play equipment at the end of the school day and **must** be supervised by parents/carers on the playground after school. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Can we remind you of our policy on mid-morning snacks, as stated in our school prospectus.

KS1 children are given free fresh fruit each morning at break time. KS2 children are allowed to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat during the mid-morning break. This must be brought separately from the lunch box to avoid confusion with packed lunch and must be ready prepared if cutting is required. Any litter resulting from this snack must be placed in the litter bin provided. In the interests of dental hygiene and good eating habits, we do not allow any other sort of mid-morning snack



We have noticed an increase in processed fruit-based snacks, e.g. Fruit Winders, Yoghurt Flakes, etc which are brought in by children as their breaktime snack. Although many of these products are marketed as healthy snacks, many of them have added sugar. Even if they are made purely from fruit, the level of concentration of natural sugars can be harmful to children's teeth and can contribute towards obesity and diabetes. You can read more here;

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/blog/2015/06/seventeen-healthy-fruit-snacks-with-more-sugar-than-haribo/>

Please remember also that drinks bottles for children to use during the school day should only contain water, not squash or fruit juice. Sugar-free squash is acceptable in lunch boxes.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are very excited to be launching Breakfast and After School Club this term and we still have some places available on selected days. Please enquire at the School Office if you are interested.

TK Maxx Give Up Clothes for Good

Once again TK Maxx are running their Give Up Clothes for Good campaign in support of Cancer Research UK Kids and Teens. Just fill up a bag of clothes you no longer need and take it to your nearest TK Maxx store. Cancer Research UK can then sell these items in their shops to generate money to help beat children's cancers sooner. Bags of donations can include clothes in good condition, accessories, shoes, homeware (e.g. clocks, photo frames), CDs, DVDs and books.

Dates for the Diary

12th September—3.30pm Meet the Teacher Sessions C6, C1
13th September—3.30pm Meet the Teacher Sessions C2, C3
14th September—3.30pm Meet the Teacher Sessions C4, C5
15th September—1.30pm Meet the Teacher Session CR
21st September—7.30pm PTA Meeting, Committee Rm, Village Hall
2nd October—2.00pm Harvest Festival Service at St.Peter's
18th October—6.00pm Phonics & Reading meeting for parents
20th October—NSPCC Charity Day
20th October—End of Term Disco
5th November—PTA Fireworks
7th November—1.30-3.00pm 2018 YR Open Day.
(Tours at 1.30 & 2.15. HT Talk at 2.00)
9th November—6.00pm Parents Maths Workshop
28th November—1.30-3.00pm 2018 YR Open Day—see above
2nd December—2.00-4.00pm PTA Christmas Fair
11th December—2.00pm Christingle Service at St. Peter's

Digital Resilience

Please find attached information from www.parentzone.org.uk about digital resilience to keep your child safe online. Further links can be found on the Online Safety page on the school website.

Sent Home This Week

The following communications were sent home with the children this week:

- Caterlink Autumn Menus
- Maidstone Schools Cross Country Letters
- Netball Club Consent Letters

2017-2018 Term Dates

20th October 2017 - End of Term 1
30th October 2017 - Start of Term 2
5th November 2017—PTA Bonfire Night
15th December 2017 - End of Term 2
18th-20th December 2017 - Staff Dev. Days*
4th January 2018 - Start of Term 3
9th February 2018 - End of Term 3
19th February 2018 - Staff Development Day*
20th February 2018 - Start of Term 4
29th March 2018 - End of Term 4
16th April 2018 - Start of Term 5
25th May 2018 - End of Term 5
4th June 2018 - Staff Development Day*
5th June 2018 - Start of Term 6
24th July 2018 - End of Term 6

* school closed