

Boughton Monchelsea Primary

Newsletter

Friday 4th September

Welcome Back!

We're so thrilled to see all of our pupils in Years 1 to 6 back in school this week, together again after such a long time. The new timings and routines will take a bit of getting used to, especially at drop-off and pick-up times, but the children are adapting brilliantly to the new ways. We have taken parent feedback on board and added signs to show which gates are for which classes, and we will make sure that all classes are out on time at the end of the day.

Class	Drop-off	Pick-up	Route to classrooms
R	8.30 – 8.45 am	2.45pm – 3.00pm	Gate A (Car park)
1	8.45 – 9.00 am	3.00pm – 3.15pm	Gate A
2	8.30 – 8.45 am	2.45pm – 3.00pm	Gate A
3	8.45 – 9.00 am	3.00pm – 3.15pm	Gate A
4	8.30 – 8.45 am	2.45pm – 3.00pm	Gate B (Blue gate at side of school)
5	8.45 – 9.00 am	3.00pm – 3.15pm	Gate B
6	8.30 – 8.45 am	2.45pm – 3.00pm	Fire exit at front by Class 6

Pupils should arrive during their drop-off time slot, not before. We are seeing long queues and congestion at each gate before 8.45, which is increasing the risk of transmission of the virus.

Please help us in the following ways

- Do not come on site before your child's allotted drop-off/pick-up time.
- Remember that only one adult per child is allowed on site
- If you have children in both the early and later slots, please aim to arrive at school at the end of the 8.30 – 8.45 slot, rather than having to wait for 15 minutes.
- Use the grassed areas for waiting
- Email teachers to arrange a phone chat, rather than trying to talk at the gate
- Keep left when entering and leaving

Thank you for your co-operation

Meet the Teacher Zoom Meetings

Class teachers will be hosting Meet the Teacher sessions next week, to introduce you to some of the routines and planned activities for your child's class. The meeting for Class 6 will include presentations about the procedure for applying for secondary school and about the summer residential trip to Hilltop. If you are unable to attend, the presentations will be available on the school website after the meeting.

Invitations to each meeting will be sent out by the class teachers. Times are as follows;

(Class R teachers are meeting parents individually)

Class 1 Wednesday 9th September at 3.30pm

Class 2 Wednesday 9th September at 4.30pm

Class 3 Tuesday 8th September at 3.30pm

Class 4 Friday 11th September at 4.30pm

Class 5 Friday 11th September at 4.00pm

Class 6 Wednesday 9th September at 5.00pm

Welcome!

We are welcoming several new members of staff to our team this term.

School Business Manager - Mrs Stacey Bell

Class R Teacher (Mon – Wed) - Mrs Lucie Wilson

Class 2 Teacher (Mon – Wed) - Mrs Pippa Bladen

Class 5 Teaching Assistant - Miss Marta Delgado

Learning Support Assistants – Miss Nikki Gough and Mrs Carla Morgan

Music Teacher – Mrs Ciara Crossley-Roberts

Sports Teacher – Mrs Anna Watson

We are very much looking forward to working with all of our new colleagues.

Parent Council

We are looking at setting up a Parent Council, to bring together parent representatives, school leadership and governors. This forum would allow us to address issues raised by parents and to gather views on ideas and proposals we have for improving the school. If you are interested in finding out more, or would consider becoming a class rep, then please join us for an informal discussion on Zoom at 4.00pm on Tuesday 15th September. Please email Mrs Roberts on headteacher@boughton-monchelsea.kent.sch.uk for a link to the meeting.



Pupil of the Week

We are reintroducing our regular reward and recognition systems, including Pupil of the Week. The Golden Tie will be given to the Pupil of the Week in each class, as before, but we will have two ties per class, so that each can be quarantined for a week between use. If you have a previously awarded Golden Tie at home, please could you return this to school as soon as possible so that there is no delay in awarding the ties. Thank you.

Photographer wanted!

If you are a keen amateur photographer, we would love to hear from you. We are looking to replace some of the photographs on our website and on display around the school, and would like to have some fresh photos taken, while the light is still good. Please drop the School Office an email if you can help.

Music Lessons

Individual instrumental lessons in piano, guitar, drums and flute are available in school. Please contact the School Office if you would like to find out more. Pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium are entitled to lessons free of charge.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to our first full week back from Monday.