

"Do unto others
as you would
have them do to
you." Luke (6:31)

Bees Autumn Term Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Groves
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Patel
Busy Bees - working well together!



Welcome back!

Bees Class have had an exciting and busy start to the new academic year, and I have been delighted by their good manners and exemplary behaviour. The children have settled well and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and routines.

We have a busy year ahead, with Year 1 phonics screening and Year 2 end of year assessments. I will endeavour to keep you informed of dates, information and activities that you can do to support your child at home. As a parent myself, I realise that from time to time you may have worries about your child's progress or wellbeing. I firmly believe that children only learn well when they feel loved, valued and cared for. Please feel free to catch me before or after school to arrange a mutual time to discuss any concerns.

Amanda Groves

Routines

School Day Please bring your child to Top School for registration on Wednesday and Friday. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays we will register at Lower School. Children are to be collected each day from Lower School

Water bottles Please make sure these are clearly named and in school each day.

Snacks and lunches Fruit is available at snack time

PE is on a Monday and Wednesday. Kits will be stored at Top school and brought home at half term. Details of our PE kit are available on the school website

Playgrounds

Over the Summer holidays the staff at Lower School worked hard to develop the playgrounds, creating an exciting and stimulating environment for the children to enjoy. The playgrounds are used at play time and also provide essential creative opportunities to link classroom and real-life learning experiences.

Before and after school our playgrounds are unsupervised. I realise that some of the outside areas are very inviting to your pre school children, and I would be very grateful if you could have a 'look not touch' awareness. I'm sure that the Bees class children would be delighted to show you their Bug House habitat, Sand World, Tyre Reading Garden and the Bottle Water Wall and will explain how important it is to them that the items are cared for.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Reading and Home learning

Your child is given an opportunity to change **their own** reading books every day. We encourage children to choose one book at an appropriate reading level and also a free choice book. You can support your child by helping them to read and enjoy the books, asking questions that help them to understand the text and celebrating their success!

Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and record **every day**. Please sign the book and feel free to add any comments. This will help me to ensure that your child's home reading books are at a personalised level.

Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and is due in on the following Monday. I aim to set tasks that are practical and engaging, using simple everyday items. The children should choose **one** activity from the grid and **one** from the Quick Tasks section. Home learning can be recorded using photos, drawings and writing. Although many of the tasks set are designed especially for you to enjoy doing with your child, I recognise that family life can be busy, so I will always include an independent option.

Dates for your diary

15th Sept 8.45am – Uniform sale – lower school
21st Sept 2.30pm – Meet the Governors in the Parish centre
22nd Sept (eve) – welcome drinks with the PTA
30th Sept 9am – Bees Class assembly
5th Oct 9am – Harvest Festival in Church
6th Oct – class photos
24th - 28th Oct - Half term break
Week of 31st Oct – Parent consultation (dates tbc)
3rd Nov – Workshop events for Ants and Bees
11th Nov – Nasal flu vaccinations for Years 1 and 2

Please check your newsletter for a full list of events and updates