



# The Bayford Bugle



**Courage Appreciation Peace Respect Responsibility Love**

**Bayford (C of E) Primary School and Nursery, Ashdene Road,  
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## Welcome to a New School Year

Welcome back to school everyone; we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. Welcome to our new children and their families in Nursery and Reception and a warm Bayford welcome to our new families of children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 6.

It's been lovely seeing the children back in school these last couple of weeks, they all appear keen, enthusiastic and ready to learn. Keep it up!

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will be held in St. Mary's Church, Bayford on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm and will finish at 3.15pm. All family members are welcome to join us for our service. If you are not joining us for the service, please arrange for your child to be collected from the church at 3.15pm rather than school. Children travelling on the school bus will be collected from church.

Children should bring their Harvest gifts to school (for details see letter sent 10<sup>th</sup> September), which will be donated to some local villagers and the Hertford Food Bank.



### Attendance

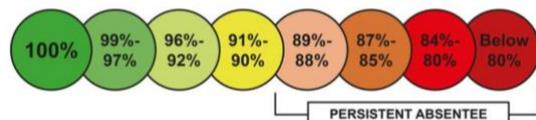
Despite school closures, our attendance last year was 95.7% which was slightly higher than our target of 95%. This is pleasing to see as it was expected that our attendance would drop due to the pandemic.

It is vitally important that we continue to strive for high attendance for our children as this will ensure maximum opportunity to make good progress through the curriculum.

Please remember that children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest when the registers open. Children arriving between 8.55am and 9.05am will be registered as late and if your child arrives after 9.05am, they will be registered with un-authorized absence.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



**Which CIRCLE are you in?**

### Dinner Money

Please ensure that dinner money is paid a.s.a.p. for this half-term, paid either to the school office or via the Schoolcomms app.



### Parent Consultations

These will take place in school on the following dates:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 5.00pm – 8.00pm.

More details to follow.

### Curriculum Newsletters

These have been uploaded onto our website on the class pages.

Please read and discuss these with your child to find out what they are learning at school.

## Outdoor Learning

Each half term, all classes will enjoy a Learning Outside the Classroom day, working with Tim from TWiGS. Children will take part in various forest school type activities such as nature walks, outdoor art lessons, den building, fire lighting, cooking and much more. Dates for this half-term will be as follows:



Nursery & Reception – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 1 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 2 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 3 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October



These outdoor learning days are an excellent way for the children to engage with different areas of the curriculum in a fun and exciting way. They will take place whatever the weather, so please check the forecast and make sure your child is dressed appropriately. If rain is forecast, children should have waterproof jacket and trousers.

### Friends of Bayford School (FOBS)

FOBS is the fundraising collective of parents who arrange events to raise money for the school. In the past they have raised considerable sums of money which has allowed the school to run events and purchase things that the main school budget would not allow.

The FOBS AGM will be held later this term so please look out for details. New committee members and Class reps are needed, with great ideas for fund-raising events.

### Class 2 Swimming

Class 2 will have their swimming lessons during the spring term at the Furze Field Leisure Centre in Potters Bar. Further details to follow nearer the time.



We want to ensure that all parents are fully informed about the school. Please check that we have your most up-to-date contact numbers and email address.

### Value

This half term our value is 'Appreciation'.

We will be focussing on this during our collective worships and also in our daily school life.

*'I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.'*  
Psalms 9 v 1

### Coronavirus

As you know, we have had some positive cases in school since returning from the summer holidays. Could we please ask you to remain vigilant and keep your children away from school if they display any of the main symptoms of Covid-19:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

### Jeans for Genes & Breast Cancer Awareness

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to raise money for some very worthwhile causes.

The children should bring in a £2 donation and wear jeans and something pink!

The money raised will be split between helping children with genetic problems and breast cancer care.



### Playground Equipment Reminder

Please remember that due to Health and Safety, children should not play on the outside equipment before or after school. It is parents' responsibility to ensure their children adhere to this rule.

Thank you.



## Clubs

Details of how to join clubs running at school have been sent out by email. It is not too late for your child to join in with the clubs being run as follows...

Monday	Tech Club	Year 3 – Year 6	8.00am – 08.45am
Tuesday	Multi-Sports	Year 1 – Year 6	8.00am – 8.55am
Tuesday	Netball	Year 4 – Year 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Football	Year 3 – Year 6	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Football	Reception – Year 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Art	Reception – Year 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday	Cheerleading	Reception – Year 6	8.00am – 8.50am

## Uniform & Outdoor Shoes

Please remember that all children should be wearing correct school uniform, including plain black or dark coloured shoes. Further information can be found on the school website <http://www.bayford.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform.aspx>

Children in Year 1 – Year 6 must also have a separate pair of suitable outdoor shoes for changing into for playtimes and lunchtimes. This could be a pair of trainers while the weather is dry or welly boots for when the weather starts getting wet. Outdoor shoes should be kept in a plastic bag in children's lockers.



## Residential Trips

We have booked our residential trips for Class 2 and Class 3 for the summer term. Class 3 will be going to Manor Adventure in Shropshire from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Class 2 will be going to Phasel's Wood Activity Centre in Kings Langley from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Further information about these trips will be sent soon, as we will need to ask parents for a deposit to secure the bookings.

This year, we are also hoping to put on a one-night residential stay for children in Class 1. This will be held AT SCHOOL (either in the hall or in tents outside) and we are in the very early stages of planning at the moment i.e. I am trying to persuade Miss Holliday she wouldn't mind a sleepless night in the summer term!

