

**BOLNEY C.E.P. SCHOOL**

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Dear families,

I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are all set to get back into the routine of term time – I know the staff are. It has been lovely to have everyone back into school today and for the buzz of learning and happy voices to have returned. The children have all settled well into their classrooms and have enjoyed seeing old friends and, in some cases, meeting new ones.

Although our staff have stayed the same, I would like to welcome all the children who have joined Willow Class and to our new joiners in other years: Arthur, Vienna, Florrie and Esther and Kitty. I know that as a school community, we will make them and their families very welcome at Bolney.

Over the Autumn Term, our class projects link to the school’s values and to the characteristics of ‘Team Players’ and ‘Friends’. Our big questions of, ‘Who lives there?’, ‘How do we look after each other?’, ‘What have the Romans ever done for us?’ and ‘What makes a good friend?’ will be explored in classes. Each class also has a home learning grid to complete and share which are linked to these projects. More information can be found on the class website pages. During the week beginning **15th September**, you are invited to come and spend time in your child’s classroom to find out a little bit more about the learning that will be going on and the organisation of the class. Specific dates and times can be found on the website. Willow Class families will have the opportunity to come in on other occasions during the term and Mrs Cheney will let you know about this shortly.

We continue to request that children come to school in **PE kits on a Wednesday and Thursday** and **full uniform on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday.** Please check the uniform policy on the website if you are unsure of the expectations (Willow Class will be in uniform every day to start with as they will change for PE in school.). **Holly Class will be starting Forest School on** **Friday 12th** so they should come in wearing school uniform and bring their Forest School clothes with them. **Willow Class** **will have a Forest School session** at the end of each short term so their first session will be **Friday 24th October.** Mrs Cheney will offer more details regarding this nearer the time.

**Bolney Bees Wraparound Childcare** commences on **Monday 8th September**. All the information regarding this is on the website – there are still places available.

Whilst we recognise that some children may need a fiddle toy or comforter in school, we politely request that these are small enough to fit into your child’s hand or pocket as we do not want anything to get broken or lost. **These items need to be agreed with either a class teacher or the SENDCo in advance.**

Finally, may I politely request that the disabled parking bays in the car park be used by blue badge holders only and that the middle of the driveway be kept clear at all times so that our neighbours and emergency vehicles have 24-hour access and we can keep the children safe. Ideally, we would ask that only families with pre-school children use the main parking area outside the school as there are additional places to park on the new housing estate and around The Street. Children are very welcome to join the walking bus too which will be restarting on **Monday 8th September, leaving from the Rawson Hall at 8:20am**. The bus runs every morning, picking up children on the way to the church crossing and I extend my thanks to the parents who have offered to run it this term.

As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me: head@bolneyprimary.school or talk to Zoe in the office, or your child’s class teacher at the end of the school day.

 Kind regards,

 Emma Lofthouse Headteacher