



# Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: June 2024

God's hope in us to make a difference: For Ourselves, For Each Other, For the World.

## Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our June newsletter. I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather now that it is finally here (although as someone from Scotland, I am just moaning that it's too hot!). This term has been very busy ensuring that both St Clement's and Bethany are fully set up and ready to go for September. With this in mind, Bethany will sadly see a couple of teachers and TA's leave, however, we will be wishing them all the best in the future. See full details below.

As always, if you have any concerns or worries you know where to find us.

## Staff Changes

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to:

- Mrs Winston - our SENDCO for the last 19 years. Mrs Winston will be retiring and spending more and more time with her grandchildren and her assortment of farm animals! No doubt I'll be keeping Mrs Winston busy, even in retirement, with phoning her up and asking her various questions/advice about the SEND world!
- Miss De lorey - our Y3 teacher. Miss De lorey has been at Bethany in Y3 and Y6 for 12 years and she will be going to teach at the Ocean Academy in Poole. We know it won't be the last time we see her and we will be keeping in touch!
- Miss Hughes - from 3RH - will be taking the time to go out and explore the world. Miss Hughes has been with us since she was just 17! Miss Hughes won't be setting sail until January, so we will be seeing her again to cover classes in the autumn term.
- Miss Martin - TA in Y3. Miss Martin has been with us for 7 years and from next year will be an apprentice teacher for Livingstone Road Academy. We wish Miss Martin luck and we know she will be a fantastic teacher!
- Miss Ruck - TA in Y3. After 5 years, Miss Ruck is leaving to join the admin team at Kings Park Primary. We will miss her!



From September 2024, our teachers in each year group will look like this:

**Year 3**

- Miss Hughes (3AH) - Year Leader
- Miss Perkins (3AP) - Miss Perkins will be an ECT and is new to Bethany but she has been teaching at St Clement’s in Y2 this current year.
- Miss Walters (3EW)

**Year 4**

- Miss Webb (4EW) - Year Leader
- Mr Attree (4RA) - Mr Attree will be an ECT and will be new to Bethany from September.
- Mrs Blane and Miss Duffy (4BD) - Assistant Headteachers

**Year 5**

- Miss Baimbridge (5SB) - Year Leader
- Miss Wileman (5KW)
- Mr Bury (5AB)

**Year 6**

- Mrs Rouillier (6KR) - Year Leader
- Mr Hall (6MH) - Mr Bielby (Deputy Head) will be supporting and teaching alongside Mr Hall as Mr Hall will be an apprentice teacher. Mr Hall and Mr Bielby have already been working together since January this year and we know just how incredible Mr Hall will be in Y6.
- Mrs Maylen (6PM)

## Attendance

Each month, we will update you with the attendance figures for each class from 1<sup>st</sup> September. We aim to have attendance above 96%.

It is clear that attendance at school, as is typical during the colder months, has dropped. We will be striving to encourage good attendance at school and if you need any help with this, or if there are any barriers you are facing, please let us know.

Class	Attendance
3AH	94.1%
3SD	95.0%
3RH 	96.4%



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4KW	94.7%
4EW	95.1%
4SW	94.9%
5SB	95.3%
5BD	90.0%
5AB	91.8%
6PM	94.5%
6KR	93.8%
6JW	94.4%

## Coffee Mornings

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding a coffee morning in the Oasis room from 9am (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!

- Coffee Morning - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July







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# Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

#### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

#### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

#### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

#### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

#### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

#### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

#### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

#### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

### Meet Our Expert

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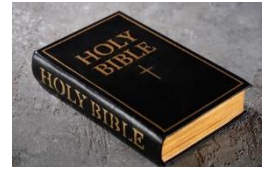
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## Bible Quote



## Diary Dates

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Transition Day - Y6 go straight to your secondary schools - not Bethany!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Catch-up Swimming

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Y5 Transition to Secondary School meeting (Grammar schools invited)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Priory Bournemouth Church Schools Service

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Scholastic Book Fair after school

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Y3 Monkey World

Wednesday and Thursday 10/11<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Performance in the evening

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Bethany's Got Talent

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Paulton's Park

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Eucharist 11am - Y6 parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Last day - church service at St Clement's 11:00am - All welcome!

