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# Bethany CE Junior School

Newsletter: October 2023

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

## Headteacher Welcome

Welcome to our October newsletter. As the weather is starting to get cooler and wetter, I would like to remind you all to make sure your child has a coat for school - particularly Y5 and Y6 who may walk to school alone.

We will be holding our first parents and carers evening of the academic year on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. You will receive information on how to book onto this in November.

Recently, we have had a number of complaints regarding parking outside the school gates and in the residents parking of the flats opposite on Knole Road. Please can you all be respectful of the residents in the flats and not park on the zig zag lines. I know parking is difficult around here, but there is little we can do other than suggest parking further away and walking.

Mr L. Woodward

PS Family Worship is every Tuesday from 2:40pm - all welcome!

## Parent Arbor Portal

PLEASE access the Arbor Parent Portal on:

<https://bethany-coe-junior.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

Or

download the app on either the Play Store for Android or use the app store for iPhone.

Currently, we send a lot of text messages to communicate with you. However, these are not free and we are running out. If we wish to buy more text messages it costs the school 48p per text message and for a bundle that lasts a month it costs us £480.

We can send free messages to you using the Arbor app if you have notifications switched on. Please ask if you are unsure.



## Parking

We have received complaints from BCP Council, residents and parents. The complaints have been around parking on the zig zag lines, parents being verbally abusive towards the residents of the flats on Knole Road and other parents.

Please can you **not** park on the zig zag lines outside of school




or in the residents parking places in the flats on Knole Road.





## 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%.

Class	Attendance
3AH	96.3%
3SD	95.8%
3RH 	97.9%
4KW	93.9%
4EW	95.3%
4SW	95.2%
5SB	96.1%
5BD	91.9%
5AB	95.1%
6PM	95.3%
6KR	95.4%
6JW	95.6%

## Coffee Mornings

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a coffee morning in the SEAL room from 9am (just so we can get all the children in and settled first). All welcome!





## Y6 - Secondary Transfer Deadline!

Y6 parents/carers - please remember to apply for a secondary school place for your child by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October! If you are struggling, please speak to the council or us.

Here is the link you will need to apply: <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions/Apply-for-a-school-place/Apply-for-a-secondary-or-upper-school-place.aspx>

## Safeguarding

### Social Media

Whilst there are many benefits to pupils having access to the online world, it comes with many risks, especially if their use is unsupervised.

Studies have found that excessive use of social media increases a young person's susceptibility to depression, anxiety, poor body image and self-worth.

It can also impact a child's sleep routine, which in turn can affect their ability to concentrate and thrive in school.

### Age restrictions of Social Media Apps

Please be mindful that social media apps are not appropriate for pupils under the age of 13. Below are the age restrictions for the most popular apps:

WhatsApp—16 years +

Instagram—13 years +

Facebook—13 years +

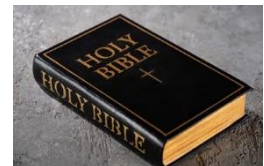
Snapchat—13 years +

TikTok—13 Years +

## Bible Quote

### Mark 4:26-29

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."





## Diary Dates

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Coffee Morning @ 9am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Y4 History Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Inset Day - All staff receiving Level 2 Safeguarding Training

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term - school closed

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October: First day back for children

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Y3/4 Healthy Eating Workshop

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Y3 Stone Age Day

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: 4SW Swimming 5/8

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Cheikh African Drumming Workshop Y5 and Y6

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: BSMA Carol Concert rehearsal @ Kingsleigh

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 4SW Swimming 6/8

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Flu Vaccinations all day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Individual/Siblings photos

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Rags2Riches Clothes Collection

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 4SW Swimming 7/8

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Parents Evening

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Samaritans Purse Shoebox collection

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Pavilion Rehearsal

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Pavilion Carol Concert

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Y3 cinema trip Puss in Boots

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November: iCATS Y5

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 4SW Swimming 8/8

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term. Children finish at 1:30pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Children first day back

