

Join the Learning Adventure!

Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Families of Year 2 children,


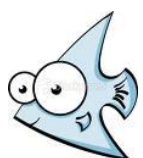
September is rapidly approaching however the usual transition which would take place for Year Twos has not been possible and so, I wanted to write to you to tell you of the opportunities for your children that we have planned so that they, and you, can get to know us as a school.

Transition

Our fantastic linked Infant school will have been in touch with you regarding opportunities for your children to **meet their new teachers** on the school field (on the 1st and 8th July). Infant members of staff will also take them into a **Year Three classroom, to the hall and for a tour of the grounds**. Unfortunately, because of the current pod system, we are not able to facilitate children to tour the rest of the school. However, we are acutely aware that most of our soon to be Year Three children will have been at home for nearly six months by September and that worries about starting at their new, linked school may be higher than usual. To support your children in having a more confident and secure start, we are **only opening our school for Year Threes on Wednesday 2nd September** so that they can settle into their new learning environment, and meet the team, before the other year groups' return.

In addition to meeting the teachers on the field, Mrs Maynard (SENDCo and new Year Three teacher) has produced a booklet with photographs of our school grounds, areas in the school building and staff. This will be useful to share with your child to familiarise them with our school and perhaps to revisit over the Summer to reduce any anxieties. The 'Welcome' booklet is attached with this letter. A video will also shortly be uploaded to our school youtube channel (accessible from the home page of our website) which introduces all staff helping children (and families) with knowing who is who and what roles they fulfil. An email will be sent to you with the link once this is finished and uploaded.

We would usually have had opportunities for all parents to meet key members of staff, which due to the current situation has not been possible. However, depending on any guidelines nearer the time, we are hoping to be able to facilitate this in September.

Class name from September 2020	Class teacher
 <p>Archerfish (currently Leopards)</p>	<p>Mrs Chloe Maynard chloe.maynard@bhjs.org.uk</p>
 <p>Angelfish (currently Dolphins)</p>	<p>Mrs Amy Moore* amy.speirs@bhjs.org.uk</p>

* Mrs Moore will be on maternity leave at some point during Term 1 or 2 (depending on Covid 19 guidance nearer the time). We are recruiting for a maternity cover teacher who will be appointed from September 1st to support the

Y3 class with Mrs Moore initially before taking over as class teacher; in this way there should be two teachers initially which we also feel will be helpful with the time in school missed, as well as this further transition.

As is always the case with starting at a new school, there is essential paper work which needs to be read and the following three attachments are for you to read as a family. *

- Welcome to Bromley Heath Junior School (information booklet for parents with key information about the school)
- Welcome to Bromley Heath Junior School (information about the school building, grounds and staff to share with children)
- Letter regarding staffing arrangements for next year sent out to all families (this is for your reference and has been sent out to all families who will have children at BHJS in September)

It would also be helpful to make yourself familiar with the following documents, which can be found on our website, before the start of term in September.

- ❖ Attendance and punctuality policy
- ❖ Breakfast club and T club flyer (we are hopeful to reopen this in September and will notify parents when this is the case)
- ❖ E Safety Policy
- ❖ School Prospectus
- ❖ GDPR
- ❖ Information concerning Parentpay. Parentpay is the cashless system used in school for booking and payment of dinner money, trips, and music lessons. **All school meals MUST be booked in advance (with menu choices) and paid for via Parentpay.** Individual passwords will be emailed before the end of this term. If you have previously had a parentpay password for Breakfast or T club accounts you will be issued a new password.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer a very warm, if socially distanced, welcome. We are delighted to be welcoming our new Year Three cohort in September and look forward to meeting your children and their families. However, we all understand that though this is an exciting time, it can also be an anxious one, and should you have any concerns or queries, please contact me through our school office.

With very best wishes,

Abigail Hodge
Headteacher

***Further documents will be sent out next week and these require a response and return to the office. However, we felt this was enough information in one go!**

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