



# Bletchingley Village Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter: Friday 29th September 2023

## Harvest

**A huge Thank you to Father Paul for hosting our Harvest Festival this afternoon. There was great excitement as the children made their way through the village to the church in the sunshine and the service was a wonderful celebration of all the work that had been done over the past week. Thank You also to all the parents and relatives who were able to come long – I hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did!**

## The school day

In order to comply with statutory opening for primary schools, we have reviewed our current school day. We are keeping the staggered timings as this has cut down on congestion particularly on the side path leading past Early Years. We are also keeping the one-way systems for the same reason. We have noticed a big difference for many children when they are able to have a calm start to the day

The changes are:

Reception will start at 8.45 and finish at 3.15

KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will start at 8.50 and finish at 3.20

Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) are unchanged

Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) are unchanged

These will be in place from half term. We appreciate this may cause a problem for some, so please contact the office if that is the case to agree temporary transition arrangements.

Registers close 10 minutes after arrival, after which children will be marked as late.

Arrival more than 30 minutes after that is recorded officially as an absence for that morning session.

## Parent Survey

We have sent out a parent survey to find out the areas of support you feel would help with wellbeing and mental health in order to plan provision at the new Trust Wellbeing Hub opening soon at Warlingham Secondary School. Please do add your voice – it should only take a few minutes.

## Key dates coming up

Parent Consultations – please see study bugs for dates

Open morning prospective new parents 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 10-11am

Mufti Day – 6<sup>th</sup> October – please bring sweets that are wrapped

Bikeability Oak Class – week commencing 9/10/23

Reception Open Morning 10<sup>th</sup> October 10-11am

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Week commencing 16 October 2023 – Half Term  
Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Half Term  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Open morning prospective parents 10-11am

## Term Dates

### SCHOOL YEAR 23/24

#### Autumn Term 2023

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Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	Inset Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	Inset Day
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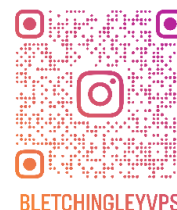
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## Messages from the school office

**Office opening times:-**

**In person: 8.45am-4pm**

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**Phone:** 01883 743337

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Please could we remind everyone that school dinners need to be paid for in advance. We still have a few accounts that are outstanding and we would be most grateful if you could check your child's dinner accounts.

There is no parking in the car park for parents after 8.00am unless you are disabled. This is for Health & Safety reasons. We will be monitoring this in the next couple of weeks as the number of parents using the car park has recently increased. Thank you for your cooperation.

Just a reminder we have a clothes bank in the school grounds. The PTA raise funds from having this onsite. If you have anything you would like to recycle please put it in the recycling pod in the car park.

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## Regarding Penalty Notices

*Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional*

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*circumstances. The Head teacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.*

*In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Head teacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.*

*The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.*

*Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.*

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