



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! We are so excited to have your children back with us, and what a wonderful day it has been already. The children returned with bright smiles and such positive attitudes, many telling me they were bursting with excitement to come back—such a true reflection of how much they love being here.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception class and their families, as well as to those joining us in other year groups. We are all looking forward to getting to know you better in the year ahead!

We greatly value the strong relationships we have with our families, as we know that children thrive when the partnership between home and school is positive. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to a coffee morning at school on Friday 13th September from 8:45 am to 10:30 am. We hope many of you will be able to join us, especially those new to the school, so you can meet and mingle with other members of our school community. Our wonderful Friends of School will be helping to run the event, and as always, we are grateful for their support. If you are able to attend, please let us know by contacting the school office or speaking to a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the gate, or feel free to let me know directly. This will help us get a rough idea of numbers for catering purposes.

In the next few days, your child's teacher will be sending home your child's curriculum newsletter, explaining the main teaching themes of the term and ways this can be supported at home. We will also be sending home a letter next week, giving you details of this term's clubs which will begin the week after next (from Monday 16th September).

We greatly value parental help in school and once again, are looking for parents/carers who are able to come in regularly to support our children within the classroom- hearing the children read or working with a small group of children. Mr. Tough will be leading a 'Parent Volunteer Information Session' in the school hall on Tuesday 17th September at 2:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering then please do come along.

Lastly, we would like to invite the parents and carers of our children in Years 1 – 6 to our 'Welcome to Year Group' information sessions that will be hosted by your child's class teacher. These information sessions will offer you the opportunity to hear all about what your child will be learning this year, as well as the expectations set for reading/homework etc. There will also be time at the end of the session for you to ask any questions you may have and talk informally to your child's class teacher.

The information sessions will take place on the following dates and times and is estimated they will last between 30 and 45 minutes:

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| Year 6 | Thursday 12 th September | 3:30pm start |
| Year 5 | Monday 16 th September | 3:30pm start |
| Year 4 | Tuesday 17 th September | 3:30pm start |
| Year 3 | Wednesday 18 th September | 3:30pm start |
| Year 1 | Thursday 19 th September | 3:30pm start |
| Year 2 | Friday 20 th September | 3:30pm start |

As always, thank you for your ongoing support - it is always greatly appreciated and finally, please remember we are here for you and your child. Please do speak to us if you have any concerns or issues. We are only too happy to help.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Kindest regards



Mrs Rosaleen Beaver

Headteacher