



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 back to a brand-new school year! It has been wonderful to see the children return today, full of smiles, energy, and enthusiasm for the year ahead. In our first whole-school worship this morning, we reflected on the idea of *fresh starts*—how each new day and each new school year gives us the chance to learn, grow, and try again. We hope your children are as excited as we are about the opportunities this year will bring.

A very warm welcome as well to our new Reception children and their families, along with those joining us in other year groups. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks ahead. We are also pleased to welcome our new teacher, Miss Coles, to the staff team.

We would like to let you know about some staffing changes this term. From this September, our Year 4 teacher, Mr Osborne, will be teaching four days a week (Tuesday to Friday). On Mondays, the class will be taught by Mrs Drake. This means that in Year 2, Mr Tough will teach all day Monday, and for the remainder of the week, Mrs Drake and Mr Tough will share the teaching responsibilities. We are confident that these arrangements will work smoothly and ensure continuity of learning for the children.

As always, we value the strong partnerships we share with families. To give us a chance to come together as a community, we warmly invite you to our 'Welcome to the new school year' coffee morning on Tuesday 16th September 8:45 am – 10:30 am. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and carers, particularly if you are new to the school. Our fantastic Friends of School will be supporting with the event, and we would be grateful if you could let the office or a member of staff know if you plan to attend, so we can plan for numbers. Thank you.

In the coming days, your child's class teacher will send home their curriculum newsletter, giving you an overview of the key themes for this term and how you can support learning at home. You will also shortly receive details about this term's clubs, which will begin from Monday 15th September.

We are once again looking for parents and carers who would like to volunteer in school—helping with reading or supporting groups of children. If this is something you are interested in, please come along to the Parent Volunteer Information Session in the hall on Tuesday 23rd September at 2:30 pm, led by Mr Tough.

Parents and carers of children in Years 1–6 are warmly invited to our ‘Welcome to Year Group’ information sessions with your child’s class teacher. These sessions will outline the key learning for the year, expectations for reading and homework, and provide an opportunity for questions. Sessions will last around 30–45 minutes and will take place as follows:

Year 6 – Thursday 11th September, 3:30 pm

Year 5 – Monday 15th September, 3:30 pm

Year 4 – Tuesday 16th September, 3:30 pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 17th September, 3:30 pm

Year 1 – Thursday 18th September, 3:30 pm

Year 2 – Friday 19th September, 3:30 pm

Please also note that Parents’ Evenings this term will take place on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes such a difference to our school. Please remember that we are always here for you and your child, and we encourage you to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you over the year ahead.

With best wishes,



Mrs Rosaleen Beaver

Headteacher