



Letter from the Headteacher.

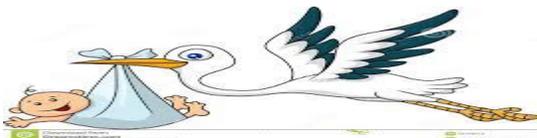
Welcome back to school. I do hope you had a wonderful summer, I know I did! However, I must say how pleased I am to be back and how enthusiastic I am about the challenges ahead. It is always an exciting time and the staff and governors have all met during training days to plan new innovations that will develop and improve the school.

I do want to welcome Rachel Connell who is joining us as a replacement for Avina, as well as Claire Riley who is supporting in Class 4 and Lynsey Anderson in Classes 6 and 4. I am sure that they will be excellent additions to our team.

As always this first newsletter will be more about some of the expectations we feel we need to set out to ensure that the school runs as smoothly as possible and that the children have a positive and rewarding year. I hope it doesn't come out as a 'nag' letter but it is important that we set out clearly what we expect.

One of the main changes you will notice will be to the Celebration Assembly. It will now occur monthly and be strongly linked the metacognition emphasis, enabling children to become powerful learners for life. More details will follow very soon.

Lastly, congratulations to Mrs Payne (formerly Miss Pitman) who will be having a baby in February. We intend to take on a new teacher to cover Mrs Payne's maternity leave with a six week overlap to ensure continuity.



Starting the School Day

The school day starts at 8.55, but we will be providing playground supervision for children from 8.45am.

Comenius

Four children from Year 6 will be visiting Romania in October to share their own tourist videos with all the other countries. There will also be study visits by teachers to Finland, France and Spain to attend high quality international CPD, developing the teaching we offer to our children.



School Uniform

As you are aware I am not a 'stickler' for uniform, however I have noticed that some children are coming to school with inappropriate clothing. It will make it much easier for the school to operate if children do wear the prescribed uniform or colours (black/grey trousers or skirt, white or blue polo shirt and blue jumpers or sweat shirts), shoes not trainers or sandals, and that all clothing is named or labelled.

We also require that children have PE kit in school, kept in a drawstring bag. This should consist of suitable trainers or 'pumps', shorts and T shirt as well as tracksuit bottoms if it is colder. I would really appreciate your help with this matter.

Children cannot wear any jewellery and earrings must be removed for PE.



School lunches

If you do have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 this year they will be entitled to a free school lunch. However, this is not automatic and will have to be booked using the present process. Please can you ensure you understand the arrangements or alternatively make a visit to the office who will be happy to explain the ordering system.

Reminder:

Hot lunches need to be ordered by 5.00 pm on Thursday for the following week.

Home Times

Children from Y3 upwards are allowed to walk home independently if given permission by parents or guardian. Please ensure that your child is aware of arrangements made. If you do require different people to collect your child we must be made aware of this. We cannot let children go home with different people without your permission. If you will need your child to go home with different adults, please complete the form stating who these adults may be and we can then let children leave with less fuss.

Dates for your calendar

For email's from the school please bring your email address to the school office or email bursar@blisscharity.northants-ecl.gov.uk or office@bliss.northants.sch.uk school website: www.bliss.northants.sch.uk

- 8th Sept – New reception children start school
 - Class 1 Parent information session – 3.15 pm
 - Class 2 Parent information session – 3.30 pm
- 9th Sept – Class 6 Parent information session – 5.00 pm
- 10th Sept – Class 3 to Northampton Saints – more information on a separate letter
 - Class 3 Parent information session – 4.30 pm
- 11th Sept – Class 5 Parent information session – 6.00 pm
- 16th Sept – Year 6 Bikeability starts – details to follow
- 22nd Sept – Full Governing Body meeting
- 26th Sept – Harvest Festival at St Peter's & St Paul's Church – 9.30 am
- 28th Sept – Year 6 visit to Romania
- 14th Oct – Visitors from Slovenia in school until 17th
- 20th Oct – Class 1 dinosaur museum
 - Parents evening & school book fair – details to follow shortly
- 21st Oct – Parents evening & school book fair – details to follow shortly
- 23rd Oct – Language Day – Sports around the world
- 24th Oct – School closes for half term
- 3rd Nov – School closed – staff training day
- 4th Nov – School opens – Term 2

Sports

We have luckily retained Ben for another year and Colin is as keen as ever to support Ben with clubs. I am so grateful to both for all their hard work this year. The children really enjoy their sports and have expressed their appreciation for all the hard work they did last year.



Friends of Bliss

Friends of Bliss will be running a Bags2School day in September to raise money for the school. Please remember to save your old clothes and linens.

