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Newsletter 4 – Autumn Term

25th September 2020

A message from the head.....

It has been a busy week and our school is full! We have 560 children back in school and have loved welcoming our new Nursery and Reception children over the last ten days. The children have been amazing and are settling in brilliantly! We are so proud of all of them!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Please join me in welcoming Omar & Oliver who joined us this week in Year 1.



What happens if your child is ill and you need work to complete at home?

If your child is off school awaiting a test or if a family member is awaiting a test please continue to inform the office through our absence line. You can then log on to our school website and under the tab called 'home learning' select your child's year group. On here there are activities and website links for your child if they are well enough. This is in addition to their normal homework set that week which they can work on.

If you get confirmation that your child needs to isolate for 10-14 days please inform the school as per the flow chart which can be found on the COVID section of our website. At this point the school will provide you with a home learning pack which will be delivered to your house.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

This week's letters home –
look for them on our school
website under

[parents/letters home/2020-21](#)

Critical Workers – COVID-19

PHE – Test & Trace

Y6 – Daubeney Academy Open

Evening & Virtual Tour

Y1-6 Curriculum Maps

Rec – Year Bubble

DIARY DATES

- **Thu 1st Oct** – Theme Day
Lunch

Start and End of the school day

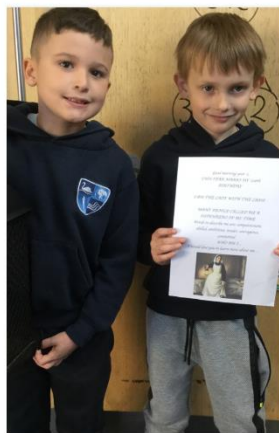
Children in Year 1 - 6 are welcome to be left at the correct gate to walk round to their classroom if they would like to avoid you having to enter the school site and walk around the one way system.

In the afternoons we have noticed that some parents are arriving early rather than at their family groups allocated time. If you arrive early you will be asked to wait by your child's teacher until the allocated time. Children in the later finish times will be completing work that the other families would have done in the morning so they need to remain in school until the finish time. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 2 UPDATE

Year 2 have been hard at work these past few weeks and are definitely getting back into the swing of school life. All the children are really enjoying their new project and are amazing us with their vast knowledge. This week the classes found a letter in the spider webs and a mysterious lamp. This then lead us to learning all about Florence Nightingale and why she was a superhero of her time.

Serpens class have been enjoying their weekly Forest School with Mrs Eaton and even found newts last week whilst pond dipping. Volans and Delphinus will get their chance later in the year. We would like to say well done to all the year 2 children for continuing to show all our school values.



Stars of the week

Little Stars: Darby

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Jordan, Tucana – Amarri, Orion – Luca, Aquila – Elliana, Pavo – Austin, Cygnus – Madeleine, Volans – Freddie, Delphinus – Freddy, Serpens – Poppy, Andromeda – Nodari, Pegasus – Grace, Perseus – Muhammad, Auriga – Amelia, Vela – Isabel, Lyra – Barbare, Lacerta – Harrison, Circinus – Saima, Phoenix – Rio.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Elizabeth, Tucana – Willow, Orion – Scarlett, Aquila – Jai, Pavo – Amy, Cygnus – Dylan, Volans – Anayah, Delphinus – Ophelia, Serpens – Oskar, Andromeda – Lulu, Pegasus – Alex, Perseus – Mya, Auriga – Leo, Vela – Evie, Lyra – Zaraah, Lacerta – Luca, Circinus – Joshua, Phoenix – Amari.



Curriculum Maps

Curriculum Maps will be coming out today outlining what your child will be learning about in their project this term.



GOVERNOR UPDATE

This week we hosted our first governor meeting of the year and a new chair of governors was elected. Mr Paul James is now our chair of governors. Paul has a daughter in Year 4 and has been a member of our governing body for several years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Paula Dunne our outgoing chair who has done a fantastic job over the last couple of years - thank you!

Link to this week's celebration assembly

<https://youtu.be/0tY5aaVPv9Y>

Sports Stars of the Week:
14th - 18th September

Year 1 – Tommy, Kaliese & Usman

Year 2 – Harry, Wiktoria & Rayyan

Year 3 – Hassan & Mia

Year 4 – Alice & Joe-Joe

Year 5 – James & Tobi

Year 6 – William, Swayley & Julian

21st - 25th September

Year 1 – Freya, Maheer & Monty

Year 2 – Jordan, Jacob & Joseph

Year 3 – Tyler & Mason

Year 4 – Saheim & Charlie

Year 5 – Afrin & Summer-Star

Year 6 – Kevin, Gabriel & Laila-Marie



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Calendar of Events Autumn Term

Monday 28th September 6pm – Low Mood and Stress Wellbeing Session

Thursday 8th October 10am – Talk from ADHDwise

Thursday 8th October 7pm – Inclusive Sport Discussion

Wednesday 14th October 10am – SALT Special Schools Team

Wednesday 14th October 7pm – Talk from ADHDwise

Thursday 15th October 10am – Anxiety and Sleep Wellbeing Session



All of these sessions are being run virtually and are free to attend, you just need to be a member of the parent carer forum. If you would like to book a place at any of these events or join the parent carer forum please email us communications@bbpcf.org.uk