

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Achieving Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers.

Welcome back! It has been great to see the children back at school and all transition has now concluded for our new F2 and F1 classes. All children have been so keen and happy, and look so smart, too.

A special welcome goes out to our new children and their parents/carers – welcome to our Biddy Ave family! We hope you all have many happy years here. In the last couple of weeks, we have had over around 90 new children. 60 have arrived in reception, 26 into nursery and a number of new starters from other schools. This has created a huge knock-on to our admin team, so please be patient with any office requests you may have. Mrs Welch is our office manager, ably supported (particularly with attendance) by Mrs Bell. Mrs Evans is our business manager, so any issues with ParentPay, paying for trips or other finance and building stuff should go to her.

The focus across school, for the first couple of weeks, is **'bonding'**. It is essential that your child likes his/her teacher; trusts in them; can tell them anything. It is essential for your child to feel that they belong and are wanted, in school, by us. Every child is wanted here! Every child belongs here! This period enables our staff to get to know each child better.

We have new teachers in school, so please say hello to them if you see them outside:

- Mrs O'Toole (Assistant Headteacher)
- Miss Brookes (Assistant Headteacher)
- Miss Minshull (Nursery and has now replaced Mrs Jackson for maternity leave)
- Mrs Thompson (SENCo and Inclusion Manager)

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss then, in the **FIRST INSTANCE**, you should always contact your child's class teacher. Our school leaders will be happy to discuss any further issues.

Our leadership team consists of:

- Mrs Illume (Y5/6 Leader)
- Miss Mearns (Y3/4 Leader)
- Mrs Birch (Y1/2 Leader)
- Mrs Caldicott (Foundation Stage Leader – Nursery (F1)/Reception (F2))
- Mrs Thompson (SENCo – Tuesday to Thursday)
- Mrs O'Toole and Miss Brookes (Assistant Headteachers)
- Mrs Hackett (Deputy Headteacher/Safeguarding Lead)

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Class teachers can be met, at the door, at the **end of the day**. Please ask them questions and talk to them about any issues you may have with your child. We regularly talk about anxiousness, eating lunch, education worries, behaviour...to name a few. You are part of this education partnership, so it is important that you keep communicating with us and we can talk to you. Small tweaks for your child can make huge differences.

Please refrain from posting school or personal issues to social media (our Facebook, Instagram or twitter sites) as they are not staffed 24/7. WhatsApp groups are not always the best places to get your information or solve your child's issue either...please speak with the class teacher ASAP.

You will already have been sent specific **curriculum information** to support your child this term. If you haven't received them both then please request a paper copy or download from the website.

1. Year group welcome letter – detailing specifics for each year group
2. Curriculum Plan – overview of class work for this term

We continue to focus on **every child being a reader**. It is the greatest indicator for future success. Please try to read with your child 5 times per week – '**strive for 5**'.

Mrs Brady will be delivering some **Read Write Inc Phonics** workshops for parents, so please keep an eye out for them. Last year, our Year 1 children attained our **highest ever phonics scores** and our Year 6 attained the **best-ever reading scores**, so we have made a great start!

**Years 4, 5 & 6 children are not too old to be listened to, they may pretend that they are, and most of them need encouragement to read more. It will be worth the effort and it makes a huge difference to their life chances.

I hope you and your family have had a great summer and we wish you all a successful school year.

Yours sincerely

S.G. Brady
Headteacher