

Bakewell Methodist Junior School

Newsletter September 2021

**Living Life in all its Fulness**

John 10:10

**Thank you!**

You will know that Ofsted came and went this week. The report will be published in about a month after it has been checked.

The Lead Inspector, Miss Ashman, was very impressed with your children. She wanted me to thank them for their courtesy, enthusiasm, good behaviour and willingness to speak to her. I did that in Celebration Assembly this morning. She said they clearly loved their school. She wanted me to pass on her thanks to you for responding to the Parent View Survey. I would also like to add my thanks for the positive responses she received.

The children had made an excellent start to the year after a difficult time and I would like to offer them a reward. They can have their say following this link-

https://forms.gle/p2HgDwSbH5LbD6CK7

**Harvest Festival**

We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Harvest Festival in the Methodist Church this year. Please joins us at **9.15am on Wednesday 22nd September**. Parents and Grandparents are invited to the service and to share refreshments following the service

We usually collect for High Peak Food Bank and this year it is even more important that we offer these charities our help. Their website is highpeakfoodbank.co.uk. At the moment they have plenty of pasta cereals and baked beans but would like donations of **tinned meat, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, UHT milk and tinned puddings.** We will be talking to the children about helping people who are less fortunate than ourselves in assemblies and encouraging pupils to show compassion and kindness.

If you are able and would like to donate to this charity, please send items from the above list into school next week. I will try to get the food to the charity next weekend.

Many thanks.

**Wednesday Wake Up!**

Get ready for October 6th! On that day we will launch our **Wake Up Wednesday** weekly running event. All children in Bakewell, including those attending the infant school, will be invited to arrive at school at 8am to run a timed mile. Instruction, support, times and prizes will be given. This should last 30 minutes give all children time to be ready for their school. Children will need suitable shoes but do not need to wear PE kit.

We hope that this will promote activity and show children that running is not only healthy but fun. It is hoped that will be able to see how well they have improved too. Could we also encourage parents to join in? I will be there!

**Clubs**

The letter with the details of our clubs for this term is now in ‘Letters’ on our website.

Clubs start on 20th of September and run for 10 weeks. If you have signed your child up for the club please assume they have a place. If there was a problem we would contact you directly.

There are two clubs for which the providers charge £4 per child per session; please see the separate letter for details of how to pay the club leaders.

We expect that all pupils will be collected from school at the end of the club. This is particularly important as the night get darker. If you wish you child to walk home alone, please contact Mrs Jenkins and she will record this on the club register.

Children who have been signed up to clubs will be expected to attend each week and we will check that the children do not forget and go home by mistake. If your child needs to miss a session, please let Mrs Jenkins know. This helps us to keep your children safe.

**Uniform**

Thank you for sending your children to school in the correct uniform. It creates a purposeful working ethos. PE uniform, that is worn on Monday and Tuesday, should consist of suitable black or dark shorts, joggers, or leggings, a white T shirt and a burgundy Jumper or hoody. Trainers should be mainly black. If this is not possible children may wear their black school shoes and change into trainers for PE. It is not necessary to but new black trainers now, but next time your child needs them, please consider getting black ones. We have some spare bobbles at school to tie up long hair but children might to prefer to bring their own.

**Parents in School**

I am talking to the governors about when they feel it would be sensible to invite parents back into school. This week’s planned governors meeting had to be postponed and will be rescheduled very soon. We believe school is best when education is shared with parents and will open the doors as soon as we can.

**Reading**

**Passionate, Proficient, Prepared.**

This is our reading strategy. We want children to be proficient at reading. Help them to access their online Big Cat book. We want them to be prepared. Help them read their books and answer the VIPERS questions. We want them to be passionate about literature. Help them to unlock the magic of stories by sharing their Bakewell Brilliant Book.

**COVID-19**

See letter form Director of Public Health Derbyshire in ‘Letters’ on our website.

If your child has-

* **A temperature**
* **A new persistent cough**
* **Loss of taste or smell,**

you will be asked to collect their children and advised to get a PCR test. I understand it is very difficult at this time of year as children get winter colds. We will all try to follow the guidance to keep everyone safe and avoid us having to go back to home learning.

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