

# Bersted Green Primary School

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**Newsletter No. 1** - This Newsletter is being sent both as a paper copy and via 'My Child at School' (MCAS) app, as it is the first one of the year. All future Newsletters will be sent by MCAS only.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome new families to our school and welcome back all of our families and children. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and made the most of the weather and time with the family. Children have had lots to say about fun activities over the summer. Everyone looks smart and children have already settled into their new classes and to learning.

**Over summer** - we have had a lot of work done to improve the school, including new windows in the hall, new astro and steps in the bank on the KS1 playground. The chickens have also received a new house. The gardens planted by the children have also grown beautifully.



**Doors open 8.40 and school starts 8.45** - Please ensure your children are punctual when arriving to school) and as much as we love parents being part of

school life we are asking that parents leave the school grounds as soon as they can so we can close the gates. We are happy for parents to leave children from year two upwards at the gate. School ends at 3.15 for YR, Y1 and Y2 and at 3.20 for all juniors (Y3-Y6). Pick up is 3.15 for YR, 1 and 2 and 3.30 for KS2. Please do not use school equipment at the end of the day. (There was a nasty injury on Monday). Gates will close at the end of the day.

**Priorities** - This year our main focus is to ensure pupils make the really good progress we expect and catch up/fill any gaps following covid as well as enjoy their learning with a good impact on age expected and good attainment. Ofsted expect a broad curriculum to be taught - we have always prided ourselves on this but we have worked hard to make learning even more exciting. We will all be talking to children about their learning

**Topics for September:**

- YR Marvellous me
- Y1 What makes a superhero?
- Y2 Mrs Armitage on wheels
- Y3 What would you find in a rainforest?
- Y4 Healthy bodies
- Y5 Mysterious materials
- Y6 Great engineering feats and trade links

Children may wish to learn or research at home, we also ask parents to hear children read as often as is possible. Children in Y1 to Y6 will have homework each week including spellings and times tables.

Please do chat to your child's teacher if there is anything that you are concerned about or not sure about.

**Parents evening** - to give you time "parents evening" will be the week before half term from 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October they will be run after school by your child's teacher.

**Uniform** - continues to be available from the office. We sell from here to save a mark up if we used a shop. (We are expecting a delivery this week). We are also happy if children wear dark green jumpers and white polo shirts from supermarkets to save expense. We have some second hand uniform in the office donated by families that we sell for £1 per item. Black school shoes, no heels and in the summer ensure children's toes are covered and no crocs.

**PE kit** – Light blue or white cotton t-shirt with dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms. No football shirts as these have often got lost. Suitable trainers.

**Dogs** – whilst we would rather dogs stayed with owners and not tied to the fence we do expect any mess to be cleaned up. Please show up to date public liability insurance/vaccination cards to the office to be able to bring dogs on site.

**Chickens at the weekends** – If anyone is interested in letting them out 8am ish/putting them to bed at dusk we would be very grateful. Please call in to the office so that we may put your name on the rota. You only need to open their door in the morning and close in the evening. They are good girls and go to bed themselves at dusk. You also have opportunity to use the school field for a play or picnic. They may even lay you an egg or two (which you are welcome to take home with you).

**School crossing patrol** – we fought to get the school crossing and hope you will use it. Please park away from the front of the school to avoid accidents, congestion or parking fines and use the crossing.

**Parking** – **Please do not park in the school car park at any time.** It is very important that emergency vehicles and coaches are able to get through at all times. We also ask that you use the one-way along the road at peak times.

**Filming** – Please. No photos or filming children within the school grounds. Thank you.

**Medical – Inhalers/Epipens** – If your child needs to use an inhaler at school please ensure we have two of them, one to be kept in the classroom and one to be kept in the medical room as a spare. Please complete an asthma form, these are available from the office. For Epipens or other medical conditions please complete forms in the office to enable us to help.

**Universal Free School Meals** – children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free hot school meal. These are very tasty meals with choices and menus are available in the office. These children also get a healthy snack at break time. If your child has moved to Y3 you now need to book and pay online with Chartwells (please call in to the office if you need help with this). **All meals need to be ordered even if there is no charge**



**Entitled to free school meals?** - Please let us know in time for the October Census on 5<sup>th</sup> October, as this affects our school budget considerably. If you are in receipt of benefit related free school meals we can give you a free uniform in reception class and year 1 to 6 a Jumper/cardigan every school year, so please speak to us. Application forms for free school meals are available at the school office or you can apply online through West Sussex County Council.

We are having a special menu on Census day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the poster in the window at the front of school, if you would like your KS2 child to have the special hot school dinner on this date, please order online via ParentPay. The meal must be ordered by 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Absence** - Please can you use MCAS or telephone the office on 01243 822885 between 8am and 9.20am or e-mail [office@berstedgreen.school](mailto:office@berstedgreen.school) if your child is unable to attend school that day.

**Flu immunisation** - further details to follow.

**After school club** - Our after School club is up and running and lots of fun activities are planned. The fees are £6 until 4.30pm and £12 to 5.45pm and include a snack. Fees are paid in advance of sessions - thank you. Forms are available in the office.

## Stick on the fridge.....

We have, as ever, lots going on this term and we will attach dates regularly:

### Dates

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	All	European Day of Languages
Week of 25 <sup>th</sup> September	All	Harvest festival week
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6	3.30pm meeting about SATS and Residential
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	All	No pens or pencils day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 20 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Parents evening meetings after school
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November		Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.15 - 11.30 for next year's Yr R
WC 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6	Cycling Proficiency, more information nearer the time.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Film night - Tom and Jerry £1 to the office for drink and a biscuit. Collect at 4.30pm
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	All	Whole School photographs (Sibling photos will be available - more information nearer the time)
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Road safety week
		Flu nasal spray session to be held here. This is to help stop children getting flu
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November		Film night - The Elf that Rescued Christmas - £1 to office for drink and a biscuit. Collect at 4.45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Disco - 3.30-4.30pm Yr R/1/2 (£1 on collection), 5.30 - 6.30pm for KS2 Y3
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>		<b>End of Term</b> Parents invited for mince pies at 2.30pm and <b>raffle</b> at 3pm. Parents may wish to set up stalls.

**Christmas** - Children will design Christmas cards for you to buy (these are good quality!)

**Christmas performances:**

YR - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm (Tickets issued)

Y1 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm (Tickets issued)

Y2 - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am  
(Tickets issued)

Y3 - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm at Holy Cross Church (by pink pub)

Y4 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm at Holy Cross Church (by pink pub)

Y5 - will sing in the community and at the parent's tea on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

(Y6 will attend a Christingle service linked to their RE)

**Sussex Day** - this year is on a weekend so we will not be celebrating.

Bersted Green is 10 years old - we will celebrate in September 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Jarvis  
Headteacher

## TERM DATES

WSCC dates are published on line too.

Autumn term 2023	<b>Starts:</b> Friday 1 September <b>Half term:</b> Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October <b>Ends:</b> Friday 15 December
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2024

Spring term 2024	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 2 January <b>Half term:</b> Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February <b>Ends:</b> Thursday 28 March
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Summer term 2024	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 15 April <b>Half term:</b> Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May <b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 23 July
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Autumn term 2024	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 2 September <b>Half term:</b> Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November <b>Ends:</b> Friday 20 December
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2025

Spring term 2025	<b>Starts:</b> Monday 6 January <b>Half term:</b> Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February <b>Ends:</b> Friday 4 April
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Summer term 2025	<b>Starts:</b> Tuesday 22 April <b>Half term:</b> Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May <b>Ends:</b> Tuesday 22 July
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## Notes

On the following 5 INSET days, school will be closed for pupils, but teachers will be required to undertake professional development. School is closed on bank holidays

### Bersted Green Primary School Inset Days 2023-2024

- 1 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- 2 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024
- 3 - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024
- 4 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- 5 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### Bersted Green Primary School Inset Days 2024-2025

- 1- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- 2- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 3- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 4- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- 5- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025