



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

What a lovely first week! The new children are settling in fast and enjoying their first taste of Berky and it was a joy to see Year 3 absorbed in the Music Taster session yesterday afternoon. We now have some very keen potential instrumentalists.

COVID-19 Testing

We need to inform Public Health England if any of our children have a COVID-19 test, even if the result is negative. Please get in touch with the school office if your child has a test and email the outcome. Thank you.

I hope that from your point of view the drop-off and pick-up arrangements are working well. Thank you to all those parents who have managed to keep to the timings. We have adjusted the arrangements on the Cleeve View Road side of the site (Years 4 and 6) and hope this is now improved. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns. Please can I remind parents NOT to loiter after drop-off or pick-up. It is important that we keep the pavements clear and that social distancing is enabled.

We do appreciate how difficult it is to find parking in the area around school during the key pick-up and drop-off times of the day. In recent days, I have received several complaints from local residents, parents and staff expressing concern about some of the car parking they have seen at pick-up and drop-off times in Hewlett Road and Cleeve View Road. The safety of the children and pedestrians must be paramount, and it seems that a small minority of parents are not always parking with this in mind.

I am sure you will agree that creating a safer community is a partnership. In school we teach the pupils to respect the rules and encourage them to conduct themselves safely and considerately at all times. I am sure that you would all endorse this as good sense and good citizenship and would wish to support the school and your children in doing the right thing. I would like to remind you that:

You **MUST NOT** wait or park on yellow lines during the times of operation shown on nearby time plates. Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.

You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings.

DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction (except in an authorised parking space) or in front of an entrance to a property where there is a dropped kerb or H markings

DO NOT park on or obstruct the pavement.

The Curriculum Maps for all year groups will be up on the Parent Portal by next week and this is also the place to find timetables and menus. I hope that you have all managed to get onto Microsoft Teams but do get in touch if you are having a problem; technicalsupport@berkhampsteadschool.co.uk

The children have taken to the new Games arrangements well and their fitness and skills are coming on. It is great to be back on the Hockey pitch and Rugby field. All being well we will be able to schedule some fixtures after half term. Next we are starting Football clubs for the Early Years and Pre-Prep, Mandarin Club for Prep and Fencing Club for Year 6. We hope more clubs will follow.

Have a good weekend.

Richard

Richard Cross
Headmaster



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
AUTUMN TERM

Diary dates...

THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 17th - 18th September
Viney Hill trip Y5



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News from around the school

NEWS FROM YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have started their rainforest topic by looking at famous explorers and deciding what makes a good 'adventurer'. We looked at a book called 'Great Adventurers' by Alastair Humphreys and learnt about explorers like Amelia Earhart and Benedict Allen.

Then on Thursday we had a very special message from Alastair Humphreys himself! He told us all about his adventures and why he likes exploring the world. He asked us to think about what we would take in our explorer backpacks on a trip to the jungle! Some of us wanted to take our special toys from home, but we also thought it would be a good idea to take flare guns, first aid kits and salt to help clean any wounds we might get. Of course, biscuits and food featured high up on our lists too!! Next week we'll be crash landing in the Amazon and writing about what we can see, smell and hear and finding out more about the country of Brazil. HC

MUSIC NEWS

Music lessons have resumed this week and it has been lovely to see the teachers and hear music wafting from the rooms. Y3 watched a Demo Session with 7 teachers visiting yesterday and were treated to some wonderful solos and interesting chat about instruments. One of the most entertaining was the Bass Recorder, which has been likened to playing a chimney! As ever, the Berky children were interested and quick to ask good questions - and eager to indicate their favourites. PM



Message...
For Yr 3 - 6 girls
Please may you check any kit at home
and if you have picked up something
that isn't yours please return it.