



# BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL



FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER  
AUTUMN TERM

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents

### It is such a joy to be back in school!

I write this hearing the happy chatter of Year 2 in their classrooms and I know that for all the staff – and I hope children too – being back in school has given a momentous lift to the spirit.

It is great to see so many new pupils settling so well and making new friends and learning. It's a pleasure to see the smiling faces of the Year 3 children as they embrace the new routines and challenges of the Prep department – they are rising to them! I have just taught my first Year 3 Computing lesson; it was great fun and I was impressed with their skills – maybe one of the benefits of lockdown!

In Kindergarten, the children have settled well into the routines. There were a few tears on the first day, but they are loving getting to know the staff and spending time in the spaces both inside and out.

### INFORMATION

We will continue to keep you updated with information. We want to be able to offer more in the way of clubs as we progress through the term and will keep you informed over this. The Parent Portal is a very valuable resource for information and we have now added recent letters to the documents section.

### TIMETABLE

These are on the Parent Portal and are specific to our COVID-19 routines so please find them under *Curriculum > Timetables > Prep/PrePrep/EarlyYears*.

### PREP UPDATE

For the time being, please do not bring rucksacks into school. Pencil cases, reading books and homework diaries will remain in school and homework will be delivered via Teams. On PE and Games days, children should wear kit and bring their boot bags and, for girls, hockey sticks. Water bottles and raincoats should come into school every day.

### PARENTS' MEETINGS

We are working out how the staff will keep in touch with you as there is less time at the school gate. With regard to our usual information evenings and parents' evenings, we are planning to make use of MS Teams for video calls to you and will be sending you a reminder of how to access Teams in the next few weeks.

In the meantime, if you wish to speak to a member of staff then do please phone the office for an appointment.

*Richard*

Richard Cross  
Headmaster

## Diary dates...

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Thursday 10th September  
2pm - Y3 Music Taster  
afternoon



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