Bounds Green School Newsletter

15th Sep 2023

A Message from Bounds Green

Message from me!

Welcome back to everyone after the Summer break. I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing break.

It has been such a pleasure to join Bounds Green School. I have very much enjoyed meeting so many friendly members of our community and getting to know you! I am so pleased to join the Bounds Green School community. Many parents and carers have introduced themselves to me on the gate in the mornings or afternoons - please do come to say "hello".

Before joining Bounds Green, I was Headteacher for 9 and a half happy years at Summerside in North Finchley, which is a 2form entry diverse, inclusive and happy primary school. I am enthused about the new experiences and challenges which await me at Bounds Green.

I am very keen to build on the values and ethos of Bounds Green to be a school that aims high for our children, values every member of our community and nurtures all children to be the best that they can be.



Thank you for your support for Bounds Green. Nadine Lewis

'Meet the Teacher' afternoons next week

Next week there will be 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Years 1, 2 and 3 at 2:50pm:

Wednesday 20th Sept - Y1 Meet the Teacher in Y1 classrooms Thursday 21st Sept - Y2 Meet the Teacher in Y2 classrooms Friday 22nd Sept - Y3 Meet the Teacher in Y3 classrooms

You will meet in your child's classroom and all aspects of classroom life will be covered. You will be able to ask general questions that will apply to all children in the class. For families who are unable to attend, the information shared will be sent home following the meeting. Class teachers will also respond to questions over email (outside their teaching time).





Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't bring an After School Club snack for your child that includes nuts, such as; peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars (as many also contain nuts), etc.

School Payments

As an on-going reminder we'd like to make sure parents and carers keep up to date with their school payments. You can make payment via School Gateway using your mobile and email address. If you are having any troubles with creating an account or logging in, please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you.

Reporting Absences and Late Collections

If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please <u>don't</u> email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy periods so may not be seen until later in the day.

For any late collections or if someone different is collecting, please also call directly to the office with as much notice as possible so that it can be passed onto the teacher

School News

Breakfast Club

Our popular Breakfast Club is open daily, from 8am. The cost per day is £3.50 per day. Parents book online for sessions via Gateway. It is not a contracted service, you only pay for the days your child attends. This offers maximum flexibility for parents/carers.

At the Breakfast Club, children are offered a range of healthy options to choose from, including cereals, toast, fresh fruit and yoghurt. Children are also able to access a range of fun activities including crafts, table top games, imaginative play, construction and quiet reading.

If you are interested in your child attending our Breakfast Club, please email Charity Lee – <u>clee@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk</u>

Care Plans

If your child has a care plan at school then you should have received an email from 'Medical Tracker' asking you to log in and confirm the details of the care plan. Please make sure you do this as a matter of urgency as we need to have up-to-date information in place ready. You can also log in and confirm if your child no longer needs the care plan.

Lates and Absences

School for Reception children starts at 8:45am; for children in Years 1-2 your child is to line up ready to start at 8:55am, and for children in Year 3-6 they can enter the building from 8:50am and with class starting at 8:55am promptly.

If your child comes to school after 8:55am please make sure they come to the main office to receive a late card and get themselves registered. This applies to children in any year group as we need to make sure that they are registered correctly. If a child comes in late and doesn't come to the office, they may result in not being registered correctly and therefore an absence text will be sent home.

If your child is absent, please either call or send a text via School Gateway to let us know the reason as early as possible so that we can put it onto the registers. Please avoid emailing absence reasons as these may not be checked until later in the day.

After School Club Update

Please complete the Contract/ Registration Form for After School Club if you have not done so. The deadline has been extended to the end of September

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=B7gYeyQdhkyE6s2knshZOBvcI3B6iBGlbhM4_bztgtURVdYTDNETDNBTIFKMDJQSIhDUVA1WFBNRi4u



Nursery children can start after school club once they are settled in and Reception children can start next week. Parents are reminded to please provide a healthy snack for their children for ASC for the days that they attend.

Breakfast Club Update

Parents are reminded to pre-book their child's place for breakfast club. Parents need to physically sign in their child in with a member of staff for safeguarding and safety reasons, and not to drop off at the front gate.

Credits/ Debts

All credits and debts from last academic year will be transferred over to your child's account for both Breakfast Club and After School Club for this academic year over the next week.

Bounds Green Air Pollution Project

Bounds Green School is currently collaborating in an Air Pollution Monitoring project with Asthma + Lung UK. With their help we have been monitoring pollution levels on site. Asthma + Lung UK would really like to speak to any families with children who have asthma who might be keen to share their story. They are currently working with a journalist from The Guardian who wants to write a series of articles about this important issue. If your child has asthma and you would like to be involved in raising awareness about the relationship between air pollution and asthma, please contact us on the school on <u>admin@boundsgreen.haringey.sch.uk</u>



Sustainability News from Haringey

Saturday September 16th 11am - 4pm

Haringey Parks Summit at Ducketts Common



https://www.haringey.gov.uk/events/202308/haringey-parks-summit-2023-duckettscommon

Saturday September 16th

Cloud Appreciation Day 12.30 - 5pm at Lordship Hub N17 6NU (by the lake in Lordship Rec) A day of cloud-related discussions and activities for all 12.30pm Luke Howard namer of clouds exhibition 1pm Introduction to Clouds 1.30pm-3pm Cloud Drawing Workshop 3-4pm Luke Howard Weather Station and climate change 2-4pm Kids activities including DIY 'cloud in a jar' 4.30-5pm A Human Cloud. All welcome to join in a performance with sheets Refreshments in the Hub cafe Leaflets and full programme: https://www.tottenhamclouds.org.uk/



https://haringeycommunitypress.co.uk/2023/08/23/haringey-community-action-network-hunger-marchtottenham-food-poverty/

Sunday 24th September, 10-2

Community Harvest Festival Day

Edible Landscapes London Finsbury Park London N4 2NQ Children's plant treasure hunt, bug hunting, garden tours, Indigo dye session (just bring plain t-shirts or fabric to dye), plant sale, plant foraging and tasting, cake and lots more. Just drop in to join the fun! https://ediblelandscapeslondon.org.uk/ell-events/

Saturday 30th September to Sunday 1st October

MHSG Open Homes Weekend

Our tenth season showcasing local energy-efficient homes, including ones new to the event this year. Muswell Hill Sustainability Group <u>https://mhsgroup.org/events/</u>





Important Dates

Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.

September 2023	March 2024
• w/c 18.9.23 – Art/DT/Drama/Music Clubs	28.03.24 – Last day of School
starting	
 20.9.23 - Yr1 'Meet the Teacher' 	
• 20.9.23 – Yr5 CG Swimming	
 21.9.23 – Yr2 'Meet the Teacher' 	
 21.9.23 – Yr6 Secondary Transfer Meeting 	
 22.9.23 – Yr3 'Meet the Teacher' 	
October 2023	April 2024
• 03.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1-6)	 15.04.24 – First day of School
• 04.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1 CF & Yr6 RC	
only)	
 05.10.23 – Parents' Evening (Yr1-6) 	
 11.10.23 – Flu Vaccine 	
 20.10.23 – INSET Day 	
• 23.10.23 – Half term week	
November 2023	<u>May 2024</u>
 14.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening 	 06.05.24 – Bank Holiday
 16.11.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening 	• 27.05.24 – Half Term Week
 20.11.23 – Road Safety Week 	
December 2023	June 2024
 21.12.23 – Last Day of school 	•
January 2024	July 2024
• 08.01.24 – INSET Day	• 24.07.24 – Last Day of School
09.01.24 – First day of school	-
February 2024	
• 12.02.24 – Half Term Week	