

Welcome back to school



Welcome and Goodbye

Welcome back to all our families.

This term we are delighted to welcome three new teachers



Miss Nasrallah
a new teacher
for year 3



Miss Harris
a new teacher
for year 5

Mrs Tumelty is already known to the children as she completed her school direct training with us last year. She will be teaching a year 2 class.



Sadly we said goodbye to three teachers in July. Miss Kerrigan has left to teach abroad, Mr Doherty has moved away and Mrs Kassam has left to spend more time with her young family. We will miss them and wish them well in the future.



Meet the Teacher

This year we will be unable to run our normal Meet the Teacher sessions. Instead we will be putting all the information on the relevant class page on the school website. In addition a letter will be sent home on Wednesday.

Drop off and Collection

Thank You for your patience over the last couple of days.

We are still continuing to work hard to make the drop off and collection run smoothly.

Please can you continue to be respectful to others and socially distance where possible and please arrive at the gate at your drop off time.



Term Dates 2020—2021

(INSET days may change)

Autumn Term

1st – 2nd September 2020 – INSET Days – School Closed
3rd September 2020 – Start of School Term
26th – 30th October 2020 – Half Term - School Closed
2nd November 2020 – INSET Day – School Closed
18th December 2020 – End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Spring Term

4th January 2021 – INSET Day – School Closed
5th January 2021 – Start of School Term
15th – 19th February 2021 – Half Term – School Closed
1st April 2021 – End of Term, School closes at 1:30

Summer Term

19th April 2021 – INSET Day – School Closed
20th April 2021 – Start of School Term
31st May – 4th June 2021 – Half Term School Closed
21st July 2021 - End of Term, School closes at 1:30



The Gospel

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. "

Exodus 12:1-14



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Travel to school webpage

The new web-portal created to provide all the latest information to help pupils travel safely to school is now live at: www.reading.gov.uk/schooltravel.

You will find an interactive map which allows users to explore and understand different travel options to schools including walking, cycling and public transport routes. A downloadable infographic has been produced for every school in Reading, providing bespoke travel advice for pupils and parents to encourage safe and active travel. As well as information on walking, cycling and public transport links, the infographic provides useful guidance on staying safe whilst travelling, and other useful links

If you would like to talk to someone about the School Street scheme please contact: lillian.green@reading.gov.uk or lucy.prismall@reading.gov.uk. Reading Borough Council has nominated an officer who can assist with amending school transport routes as necessary with authority to redirect resources to match demands. This officer is Stephen Wise, Senior Transport Planner stephen.wise@reading.gov.uk. Please contact if problems occur.

Youth Climate Summit

Brighter Futures for Children is supporting the Youth Climate Summit 2020 taking place in November. Schools from around the world will be coming together online for the week-long virtual festival on 9-13 November. Organisers Global Action Plan are inviting schools, teachers and organisations all over the UK to take action to create a more just, sustainable world and make commitments and pledges for the planet. BFC will be getting involved in this event and we will bring you more details over the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can find out more details at: <https://www.transform-our-world.org/youth-climate-summit-2020>

Help with school uniforms

We have heard from a number of parents eager to find out what help might be available for them to buy school uniform. Neither BFC nor RBC offer a grant scheme, but we are aware that individual schools often have arrangements in place, such as stocks of used school uniform. If you receive enquiries directly from parents you may also find it useful to direct them to some charities which offer support.

First Days, a charity based in Hurst, offers help with school uniforms and can be contacted on (0118) 921 9338 or visit <https://www.firstdays.net/>. The Reading Family Information Service has a list of charities which provide help towards school uniform, dependent on need and parent/carer situation, and they can be contacted by email at fis@reading.gov.uk or by calling (0118) 937 3777 option 2.

Updated guidance for after-school clubs

The DfE has updated its guidance on the protective measures for after-schools clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the COVID-19 outbreak. This includes advice on group sizes and how providers can minimise the risk of children mixing outside of their school groups.



School Meal

Children who are year 3 and above need to pay for school dinners. Please can all dinners be paid at the beginning of the week and put in a sealed envelope with your child's name and amount, the cost of the dinner will be £10.50 for the week, please note dinners MUST be paid in advance or on the day.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Club should be booked in advance using the School Money system. The entrance to Breakfast club is via Durham Close, the children should be accompanied by an adult who can phone the number on the gate and a member of staff will come out to meet you.

P.E.

Please can all children arrive wearing their P.E. kits on the days when it is the timetabled.

All children are to wear tracksuit bottoms and school jumper /cardigan- they can also bring shorts to change into.

Drop off and pick up time

Bubble	Gate	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery	Durham Close	9.00	12.00
Reception	Durham Close	8.50	3.15
KS1	Junior Playground	8.55	3.20
Lower KS2	Junior Playground	8.40	3.10
Upper KS2	The Ark	8.40	3.10
The Ark	The Ark	8.50	3.10

- Please ensure you are on time
- No adult will be allowed to come onto the school site
- There will be a member of staff at each gate and a member of the class bubble will collect the children and bring them to their classroom
- If you have siblings, please drop off and pick up from the youngest sibling gate or the child with the most need
- No gathering/waiting at drop off and pick up time.



Please do not bring your mobile phone to school

