

Early Years Newsletter Terms 1 and 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Borough Green Primary Foundation Stage.

This letter is to provide you with information regarding our weekly timetable and the names of the adults that will work with your children.

Mondays and Thursdays – Home Readers

The children choose these books from a selection matched to their level of reading. They can be changed twice a week if needed.

PE

PE bags should be left in school. When white has turned to grey they will be sent home for washing! Please be aware that PE is not a statutory 'subject' for Foundation Stage although Physical Development is part of the Foundation Stage Profile. This means that children will not be 'taught' PE every week because they use the outdoor area daily and cover the aspects of Physical Development in several other ways. The Advisory Service do not feel that Foundation Stage children with access to an outdoor area need PE 'lessons'. We will teach some skills but this will not be on a weekly basis.

Wellies

Children need to bring in named welly boots. These will be kept in school as they will also use them for outdoor play.

Wednesday - Library

Books must be returned on the correct day in order to borrow another, this is in addition to their home reader.

If you have not already provided a painting overall please can you do so ASAP.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children must have a jumper/cardigan and coat in school everyday no matter what the weather is like. They do not need their own pencil cases. Fruit and water bottles must be named.

Higher Level Teaching Assistants

Lime – Mrs Wicks

Apple – Mrs Jones

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Foreman

Wednesday mornings is planning time for the teachers, and the children will have Mrs Jones, Mrs Wicks and Mrs Foreman during this time.

The children will have French on Tuesday mornings taught by Mrs Johnson.

Curriculum Outline Terms 1 and 2

In Reception we follow the children's interests and therefore we do not always know the topics in advance.

We will have a daily session of: letters and sounds, handwriting and maths in addition to the child initiated sessions.

We hope that all children will recognise all the letter sounds by Christmas. We will also do a lot of input on number and hope all children will be able to count, recognise, order and draw numbers to 10, if not 20, by Christmas.

Please see the website for further Early Years information -

<http://www.bgpschool.kent.sch.uk/>.

We have our own class Blog and will keep you updated through this and through Tapestry (if you have not activated your account please speak to a member of Early Years staff).

Kind regards,

Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Hemsley

(Early Years Foundation Stage Teachers)