

# Welcome to BPS

## September 2018

**We look forward to another year...**

*I am delighted to be joining Bridport Primary School and have already been made to feel very welcome. It is lovely to begin to know some of the children by name, although it will take me a long time to get to know them all! I have been very impressed with their behaviour in and around the school and look forward to seeing them in their new classes as they settle to learning. We have of course been joined by the new reception class children who are finding their feet and beginning to get to grips with being at 'big school'. I look forward to meeting many of you as the new term progresses and sharing with you the events and successes of the new school year.*

Helen Farmer - Headteacher

### **Academic overview 2017-8**

End of KS2 results (Year 6)

82% of pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in reading

84% of pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in writing

73% of pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in maths

79% of pupils met or exceeded the expected standard in punctuation and grammar

**We continue to refresh our VALUES in everything we do as we start our NEW school year...**

See if you can see where we demonstrate them. Your children should be able to say how they show them too...

**DIVERSITY**

**CREATIVITY**

**TRUST**

**KINDNESS**

**RESPECT**

**CURIOSITY**

### **Attendance**

Holiday requests will **not** be authorised and may result in fines for absences of 10 sessions or more (repeated holidays may result in further fines and ultimately prosecutions). Children need to be in school to learn and therefore non urgent medical/dental appointments should be made outside of the school day.

## Who should you talk to about something in school?

Mrs Russell is the lady to talk to about SEND or Miss Bowles, Mr Gough is our Deputy Head and will often be outside at the start of the day. We would however ALWAYS recommend a chat with the class teacher in the first instance as they are most likely to be able to resolve any issues early on or redirect you to someone who can help you. Please remember that teachers are busy in class in the mornings with your children and will be able to give more time at the end of the day to discuss any concerns. You will see Marian Smith (our **Family Support Worker**) often out on the playground before school and at the end of the school day. Our office staff are very happy to pass on any quick messages to the class teams.

Please do remember that your children are your responsibility before and after the school day – it helps us and all other families significantly if you keep your children in sight and insist on them behaving well in the school grounds.

Please do take the time to log on to the *school website* each week as it is regularly updated with information and photos of life in school. You will always find something new to enjoy on there. There are also Class Tweets to enjoy!

### 2018/2019 – Term Dates / Non-Pupil Days

October Half Term – **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018** Children back **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Parent Consultation Day / Non Pupil Day – **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Non Pupil Day – **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Finish for Christmas Holidays **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 @ 2pm**

Non Pupil Day – **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

First day back after Christmas break **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

February Half Term – **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019**

Easter Holidays – **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019 & Easter Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April** Children back **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

May Day Bank Holiday – **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

May Half Term Holidays – **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

School finishes for the Summer Holidays **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 @ 2.00pm**

<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>ACTIVITY (who)</b>	<b>Additional Info</b>
Tues 18th Sept	Y2 Parent Learning Session	9.00am In Hall
Wed 19th Sept	Y2 Parent Learning Session	3.00pm in Allington A
Thurs 20th Sept	Y6 Shelter Day	Open Classroom/Parents to view Shelters 1.30 – 2.30pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 Workshop for Parents (Reading)	2.30pm in Eggardon A
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y1 Phonics & Reading Session for Parents	9.00 am in Coneygar B
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Welcome Meet for Parents	3.25pm in Y6 Classrooms
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	EYFS Coffee Session for Parents (Phonics & Reading)	9.00am in Staffroom
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y1 & Y4 Welly Walk to Coneygar Hill	1.30pm – Wellies needed in School
Mon 1st Oct	Friends of BPS AGM	7.30pm @ BPS
Fri 5th Oct	Y6 Cake Sale	Run by Friends at end of school day
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Mock SATs Week	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 Parent Learning Session (Reading)	2.40pm - Y5 Classrooms
Mon 15th Oct	Y3 Trip to New Barn Farm	Day Trip, details to follow...
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	EYFS Open Doors for Parents (Phonics)	EYFS Classrooms
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 Space Museum	2.40pm – Y5 Classrooms
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y3 Parent Learning Session (Maths)	2.40pm – Y3 Classrooms
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for Half Term Holidays	Normal finish time
Half-term Holidays 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Children return Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018		

You will know we are passionate about promoting an exciting and varied curriculum and in looking out into the world around us through our ever-present Rights Respecting ethos.