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Tuesday 5th September 2023

Annwyl Rhieni,

It's lovely to welcome you back after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer holiday for you and your family. A special welcome to the new families starting with us this term, I do hope that your first days with the school are happy ones, and that your children settle in quickly. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has any problems, most can be sorted out quickly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kind gifts and words that myself and staff here received at the end of term – they were all very much appreciated.

As always, it's great to welcome the children back to school. Thank you for making sure your child is wearing a uniform. We expect all our pupils to wear a school uniform and we ask you to please support this policy. It is important all children wear uniform, not only for the sense of belonging but also because it reduces the chance of children feeling different about themselves because of the clothes they are wearing; no one should feel left out because of the way they are dressed. You can see where to purchase uniform in the reminder below.

Our school motto is '***Dream, Believe, Achieve Together***'. I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. As parents and carers we understand the great value you hold on school and education. We appreciate you working with us to explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you and the school community as a whole. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

Some useful reminders for the start of the year...

Uniform

We expect all pupils to wear school uniform. Our uniform is as follows:

- White or Pale Blue Polo Shirt
- Grey or Black trousers / shorts / skirt (**no** jeans or short shorts)
- Blue gingham dress
- Blue sweatshirt, hoody or cardigan. (Y6 have their own leavers hoody)
- Black or grey shoes or trainers



We encourage children to wear a uniform as it creates a sense of belonging and unity and presents an image of high standards and high expectations. Uniform is compulsory in Bishopston, wearing a uniform in primary school is good preparation for moving on to the next stage in learning. Please support the school by providing a uniform for your child and ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

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PE Kit

This year we have planned a Health & Wellbeing Day every Wednesday starting from **Wednesday 6th September**. On this day all children and staff need to be dressed for PE. Children can come to school wearing their PE uniform as follows

- Blue T-shirt
- Blue or Black Shorts or Joggers
- Sweatshirt
- Trainers



You can find the links for purchasing uniform on our website. <https://www.pennardprimary.co.uk/uniform/>
PE kit is all available here <https://myclothing.com/Pennard-Primary-School/11963.school>

Long hair should be tied back each week on a Wednesday

Swimming

Each class will also have swimming on a Wednesday starting 13th September 23. All children will need the following for swimming

- Swimming Trunks or Swimsuit
- Towel
- Hair band or swim cap for long hair.
- Armbands must be provided for non-swimmers.
- If your child has a verruca a verruca sock must be worn.
- Long hair must be tied up – please ensure your child has a bobble or a swimming cap.

Jewellery

Please take off any jewellery so that children can safely take part in PE and swimming. New ear piercings can be covered but once healed earrings should be removed.

NOTE – PE and swimming area part of the curriculum and as such all children must take part. A note should be provided to the school for any lesson missed.

Lost property

Please make sure you label every item of your child's clothing – we collected a huge pile of clothing (including some brand new coats) at the end of last year none of which is labelled. It is very difficult to make sure clothing is returned without a label. There will be lost property boxes in each of the corridors in the next week or so, please check these regularly. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated.

Snack & drinks

Children should bring fruit or a healthy snack option for morning break. NO crisps or chocolate please. Teachers will update classes on opportunities to buy snacks in their welcome letters. Children should bring a reusable water bottle to school. Children are only allowed water during the day. Squash or juice may be provided for lunch time only.

Breakfast club

You can still sign up for breakfast club – please book through SchoolGateway. We charge £1 per day unless your child is in receipt of free school meals where Breakfast Club is free. We'll continue as we did in the summer with the separate clubs until we have clear information from the Local Authority. Bae Un enter through the rear door second classroom along facing the yard. Bae dau & Bae tri enter through the door opposite the library. If your SchoolGateway is not working please book by return of this email.

Car Park & Gates

For the safety of our pupils please take care in the school carpark. The speed limit is **5mph**. Ensure that children use the pavements or perimeter of the carpark. The school gates are locked at 8.50 am, this is so that staff can

Clubs- extracurricular

We have a great selection of clubs on offer once again this term.

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		Ukulele Mrs Peake
Tuesday	Chess Bae 3 OP 12:00-12:30	Choir Bae 2 & Bae 3 EB 3:30-4:00 Football Bae 3 OP 3:30-4:15
Wednesday		Fun and Fitness Bae 2 & Bae 3 VE 3:30-4:00 Computer club Bae 3 3:30-4:00
Thursday	Chess Bae 3 OP 12:00-12:30	Netball Bae 3 LB 3:30-4:15
Friday		

Please book a place for your child through SchoolGateway (**booking available from 6th September 23**)

We run the clubs for 10 weeks in the Autumn half term. This half term clubs will run from week beginning 18th September (so Tuesday 19th /Wednesday 20th / Thursday 21st as above) through to 16th October (**NO clubs** week of 23rd October because of parents evenings). 5 weeks of clubs

Clubs start again week of 6th November through to 4th December. 5 weeks.

Finally,

It's been lovely to see the children settle back into school these first few days, especially those children in Reception who are in for full days for the first time. We are looking forward to another positive and successful year packed full of learning and excitement. Once again thank you for your continuing support.

As always if you have a problem or a great idea you'd like to share please drop us a line.

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Kerina Hanson

Headteacher

Dates at a Glance

Event	Details	Dates
Community Events		
School Trips/ Visits/ Events	Bae 3 Performance / Year 6 Leavers Bae Welcome Meetings Curriculum Workshop Parents Meetings Bae Un Christmas Bae Dau Christmas Concert	6 th / 7 th .9.2023 14.9.2023 23 rd – 26 th .10.2023 13.12.2023 14.12.2023
Term Dates	Monday 4 th September 2023 (Children return to school) – Friday 27 th October 2023 Monday 6 th November 2023 – Friday 22 nd December 2023	
INSET days 2023	Inset Day 1 - Friday 1 st September 2023 Inset Day 2 - Friday 6 th October 2023 Inset Day 3 - Friday 22 nd December 2023 (3x Twilight sessions for staff) Inset Day 4 - Friday 9 th February Inset Day 5 - TBC Inset Day 6 - TBC	