



Byfield School

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BYFIELD SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

We aim to provide a safe and effective learning environment at the heart of the community where the individuality of each child is recognised and respected. We encourage enthusiasm and a hunger for learning in order to develop our children's skills and personalities to their maximum potential and so that they are prepared for the next stages of education and their role in society.

20th September 2011

Dear Parents,

New Term

The new term has begun well, although we were all sorry to hear that Miss Stone has had to take time off to recover from her accident. Despite this, Mrs Boardman and the rest of the staff have ensured that the new reception children have settled in well. I know that the children in Class One enjoyed their recent visit to the post office.

Hot School Meals

The children seem to be enjoying these immensely but we do need to point out that the meals are run by 'Flourish' which is part of Northampton County Council and not ourselves. To order any of the hot meals the request must be made on a Monday at least a week in advance even if you only want a meal on a Wednesday it still has to be in the Monday a week before. So if you want meals for any day on the week beginning 3rd October the slip must be returned by 26th September. Meals ordered are not transferable to another child or another day. Please understand that we are doing our best to work with 'Flourish', if we can't answer your queries regarding school meals immediately we will endeavour to find out answers as soon as we can. (If your child is attending the Compton Verney trip this Thursday, and you have already ordered a school meal, you will receive a credit note. Children eligible for a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch on that day).

Photographs Tomorrow, (Wednesday)

The photographer will be here tomorrow, Wednesday 21st September. If you wish to have your pre school child included in a photograph please report to the school hall at 8.45a.m. All other photographs will be taken during the school day.

PTA

I am very proud of the PTA. Many thanks to our outgoing chairman, Tony Bignold and to Fiona Jones for taking on the baton. The PTA is highly dedicated in its mission to raise funds for the school. The amount of money raised by such a small number of people is unbelievable. I do urge you to support them whenever they ask you to help. The next PTA meeting is in the Village Club at 8p.m. on Tuesday 11th October.

Life Education Bus, Thursday 29th September, 2011

The Life Education Bus provides the children with 'a unique Life Education programme which teaches children about the wonder of their bodies, how to take care of them and how drugs can affect them.' Each class will be given a lesson on the bus during the day. There is a special half hour session for parents at 2.30p.m. which I urge you to attend.

School Uniform and PE Kit

I thank you all for sending the children to school looking so smart in their uniform. You have received a separate letter regarding PE kit. You can only imagine how difficult it can be reuniting the children with their clothing. Everything needs to be labelled. I hold up red shirts in my sleep, looking for someone to claim their clothes.

Harvest Festival

We are holding a Harvest Festival service in church at 2p.m. on Thursday 13th October and visitors are welcome. Please send your child with a gift of food which will go to the Hope Centre in Northampton. (No fresh items).

Open Evening

Our open evening will be on Tuesday 18th October from 6p.m. – 7.30p.m. This is the usual opportunity for new families to look round and for the existing school community to spend an evening in school. Prospective new parents find it most valuable to talk to people who already have children at Byfield School. I would particularly like Year Six pupils on site, so that they can act as guides.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew M. Ward
Headteacher