

Monday 10th September 2018

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year at Bognor Regis Nursery School! I hope you each enjoyed a wonderful summer. I am writing to share with you some useful information for the coming term.

Dates for your diary

Settling reviews (for new families): week beginning Monday 15th October

Half term (term time only children): week beginning Monday 22nd October

School Photographer: Wednesday 21st November

End of term (term time only children): Wednesday 19th December

End of term (All Year Round children): Friday 21st December

Our next INSET day is Thursday 3rd January. On these days we are closed to all children for staff training. This means all children will return to the nursery on Friday 4th January 2019.

New children and families

A warm welcome to the children and families who are starting with us this month. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to support your child's development. If you have any questions regarding your child's care and education please ask your child's keyworker. Questions relating to your child's hours or to fees can be directed to Rachel or Shelley in the school office. I can be contacted at <u>head@brns.org</u> if needed.

You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's Keyworker for a settling review, to discuss how life at the nursery has begun for your child (see 'dates for your diary' above).

Working together

We value positive relationships with families very highly and recognise the importance of working with you to support your child's development. Please let your child's Keyworker know when there are significant events in your child's life (such as upcoming holidays, the death of a family pet) and we can help them to think about these.

There will be opportunities later in the term for you to see your child's nursery record and talk through it with their Keyworker. If you have any questions about how your child is getting on at the nursery in the meantime, please ask.

<u>New Staff</u>

We welcome Sue Gooch to her role as Gardener for the School and Nursery Assistant in Orchard room.

We also welcome... me! I am writing this in my first week at the nursery and I am still learning my way around. I am grateful that the staff and families I have met have been so friendly- I have been made to feel very welcome. I look forward to getting to know you all better and to making a positive contribution to the School.

<u>Reminders</u>

As the glorious sunshine becomes a distant memory, please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. It is also very helpful if you are can put their initials on the labels of their clothes- this helps us to ensure that items of clothing return to their rightful owner.

We encourage families to provide fruit for the children to share at group times. The children enjoy this sociable activity and it helps us to promote healthy eating habits.

Please do not park on the zig zag yellow lines directly outside the school. This is for the safety of the children.

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, due to the high level of risk for children with nut allergies.

Finally, please be alert when waiting in the entrance hall with your child. The automatic doors are very tempting for young children to run through!

<u>Projects</u>

This term we will be continuing with some of the exciting projects we have established in recent years. Our 3 and 4 year olds will have the opportunity to take part in Beach School visits, Helicopter Storytelling and exploring our Loose Parts. Please speak to your child's Keyworker if you would like to know more.

Contact details

Following a much needed upgrade to our computer systems over the summer, our email addresses have changed. For example, the Admin team can now be contacted at <u>office@brns.org</u>. The school office is open between 8am and 4pm if you wish to speak to a member of our team in person.

We look forward to working with you all during this exciting stage of your children's lives.

Best wishes

Joe Knutson Head teacher