

1<sup>st</sup> September 2015

Welcome Back

It was really nice to see the children back again this morning and to hear some of their summer experiences. I hope that our return finds you all well and relaxed after the break to routine.

Parents of year 5 children, at the end of last term you were told that forest school would be starting this week, unfortunately due to circumstances these sessions have to be rescheduled for later in the school year so will not be taking place this week.

Just a few reminders for the start of the year:

- School starts at 9:00 and finishes at 3:00 children **must be picked** up on time. We are not able to stay with children as we often have commitments elsewhere within the county. Several times last term teachers missed meetings when parents were late.
- Please remember that I stand outside every morning if you would just like to drop your children off and ease the parking situation
- If you are parking within the vicinity of the school please remember that the Highway Code rules apply – no parking on corners, blocking driveways and definitely no parking on Zig Zag lines
- Please use the one way system when arriving and leaving the school Left out of the gate and not Right. It adds less than 1 minute to the journey if everyone follows the route
- School clubs – here at Great Bedwyn we have no clubs running in the first week we have had notice from Tall Tales in the last few days that they will not be able to run their club this term.
- **SCHOOL DINNERS-** this is crucial for your child. All children in year R/1/2 are entitled to a free school meal. **They only get it if you have ordered it though! We do not cook the dinners here so if you haven't ordered they don't get fed! You must be organised and do this through the Sue Brady website.** In years 3-6 children become upset when they are not on the dinner list it is the responsibility of parents to organise dinners!
- If your child has an inhaler or any medication in school you must come and check that these are all in date as this is your responsibility

**On the flip side of my reminders please remember that if you have any questions or want information there are several ways to do this:**

- First check the school website – there is lots of information on there and it is updated weekly
- Then ask another parent in your class
- If all else fails call us but please check bags for letters, try the website and ask around first. The office is a really busy place and is not staffed full time

I know it looks like moans but it's not ☺. It's very good to be back and all of these little things help for a smoother running day in order for us to concentrate on educating children instead of running around after the adults.

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