



Bernards Heath Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to welcome you and your child to Bernards Heath Junior School and I invite you to an information meeting at Bernards Heath Junior School on **MONDAY 4TH JULY at 7.00 pm**. I will be able to give you information about your child's transfer, as well as an opportunity to meet the Year 3 teachers, ask questions or raise any concerns that you may have, either in the meeting or confidentially afterwards. Bernards Heath Junior School welcome a new Headteacher in September, you will have the opportunity to meet Mr Armoogum during the evening. Following the meeting, you will then have an opportunity to look around the school and meet some of the staff and Governors, as well as your child's new teacher. May I ask that you **do not bring babies or toddlers** to this meeting as it can make it very difficult for other parents to hear what is being said. **This meeting is for parents only, please do not bring your Year 2 child.**

CHILDREN:

The Year 2 children will be joining us later that week, for the morning on:

- **Thursday 14th July to go into their new class, stay for lunch and playtime afterwards**
- **On this day infant children should be brought to this school at 8.50 a.m. to wait on the playground to be collected by junior school class teachers**
- **The Year 2 teachers will collect the children here, after lunch, and take them back to the infant school for the afternoon**

Our School Brochure is available on our website for you to see. You will know from the Infants' school that all of our uniform is now available from Stevenson's, the school uniform supplier on Victoria Street. All children are expected to wear the Bernards Heath uniform of red sweatshirt with logo, white polo shirt with logo and grey school trousers or skirt with black school shoes.

CLASS ORGANISATION FOR YEAR 3 SEPTEMBER 2022

This year, we intend to keep the children in their current classes upon transfer, we then intend to reorganise the classes for Year 4. Once the children are put into their Year 4 groups, they will stay in these classes right up until Year 6. We will do our best to create three equally balanced classes, taking into account gender, attainment, special needs, group dynamics and friendships. By the end of Year 3 we will know the children very well, allowing us to make very well informed decisions about groupings.

MUSIC TUITION

Please see additional letter regarding individual instrumental tuition provided by Hertfordshire Music Service. This is an optional extra and not to be confused with our own music teaching which is for all children and taught by our own class music teacher Ms Lloyd during lesson time.

All children in Year 3 require a recorder to use in their class music lessons. Please see separate letter to pre-order for September.

PENCIL CASES

We stock recommended Junior School pencil cases. Please see separate letter to pre-order for September.

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, school meals will be £2.85 per day. You may pay weekly or half termly, in which case an invoice will be sent to you. **Children must either have school provided lunches every day or home provided sandwiches every day, we cannot provide school lunches for certain days only. Please note if your child has a serious food allergy and you wish them to have a school lunch you can make an application for an allergy menu on line by visiting: specialmenu.hcl.co.uk**

If you believe you are entitled to free school meals you can apply in the following ways:

- visit the Herts Direct web page and log on to www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals using the online services link to apply on line (all Hertfordshire libraries provide free computer facilities)
- telephone the Customer Service Centre where a specialist team will fill out the form online Tel. No: 0300 123 4048
- Please be aware that Free School Meals can only be backdated from the date that application has been approved

PRIMARY SITE

We send letters to parents using email. This improves reliability for parents receiving school information promptly: child mail is not always as reliable as either we or parents would hope!. You may also make online payments for school dinners and trips etc. through School Gateway.

ADMISSION FORM

I enclose an admission form for you to complete and return to the Infants' School, who will forward it to us. Please complete all three pages of this form

I very much look forward to meeting you on **Monday 4th July at 7.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely,



Sian Kilpatrick
Headteacher