

NEWSLETTER, September 2022



Dear All

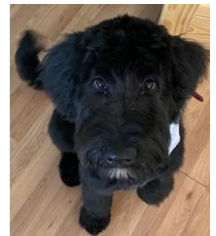
I hope you all enjoyed the fantastic weather during the Summer holidays and managed to spend some time relaxing with your families.

The vast majority of learners have transitioned really well into school after the Summer break and a couple are continuing to familiarise themselves with their new routines. It has been wonderful to see the learning taking place across the school in each of the classes, for example, through the sensory activities in EYFS and KS1, learning about Rio in KS2, Oak class learning to play the recorder and 14-19 engaged in their various option Pathways.

Our extra-curricular clubs are running again at lunchtimes and during Leisure Options on a Friday in Secondary. Some of our lunchtime clubs include football for KS2 with coach Dan, netball for Secondary with Sammy and dance lessons with our dance teacher Sarah.

This month, as it's the start of the new school year, we've included some important information and general reminders as well as news from Ruby's Ramblings and an update from our Chair of Governors, Bev Mitchell-Wright.

In addition to Ruby, Bertie will be joining our school dog team. Bertie is a Golden Doodle. Bertie is still only a puppy, rather large and is still trying to find his paws. Initially, whilst settling into school, Bertie will be spending time with our older learners who are confident with dogs.



We were delighted to welcome two new 'Pods' and an outdoor gym to our school over the Summer. The pods are used for meetings and Annual Reviews and also by our Support & Intervention Team for small group work and by external therapists for individual sessions.

We have enjoyed seeing many of you at the Departmental carer and parent events and look forward to welcoming some of you to the events in October – see the Dates for the Diary section for full details.

Enjoy this edition.

Kind regards
Jenny Baker
Headteacher

New Outdoor Gym

Secondary learners have been keeping fit on our large outdoor gym, this was installed during the summer break, using additional funding. The equipment is extremely popular during breaktimes and during directed PE lessons.



Makaton Support for Carers and Parents



We are extremely fortunate to have our own Makaton Tutor, Donna, here in school who trains our colleagues and helps with communication across the school. Donna is now able to extend this support to Carers and Parents to assist in continuing this communication at home. If you would be interested in learning more, please contact Donna via the school office or by emailing secretary@kennellaneschool.com who will pass your message on.

Ruby's Ramblings



Ruby had a busy summer on holiday at the beach. She kept Michelle busy throwing the ball into the waves for her. Ruby also practiced listening to readers on her holiday. Ruby was happy to get back to School this term. She is visiting classes again and enjoying seeing everyone.

This month, Lyndon in Badger has been enjoying seeing Ruby. He is using his words to request giving her a treat or a stroke. Well done, Lyndon!



Attendance



Please remember to call the school office **each day** your child or young person is unwell and will be absent from school. There is an answerphone service if you are calling outside of school hours. Please do not email your young person's teacher, SLT Link or Department Leader regarding absence. All absence reporting must go through the School Office.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Assembly, which will once again be donated to the Bracknell Food Bank. If you would still like to contribute, please drop in any tinned or long-life items to the school office by **Friday 7th October** and we will pass them on for you. Thank you.



Covid-19, Illness, Sickness, Germs, Bugs, and other nasties

Your cooperation is appreciated in adhering to the following when your young person is unwell:



- For fever, please do not return your young person to school until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal.
- For sickness and diarrhoea, please do not return your young person to school until **48 hours** after the symptoms have completely stopped, i.e., 48 hours after the last episode.

Family Support News

The Chatty Café Scheme

Last term we hosted our first chatty café at Waitrose. It was lovely to meet some of you, we would like to make this a regular event so that you can have the opportunity to meet other parents from school.

We have organised another catch up at Bracknell Waitrose, Lexicon on **11th October at 10.00am** for carers and parents of Kennel Lane learners to go along, have a drink and meet other parents from school. Our family support workers will also be there for support and a chat from 10 – 11am. Feel free to join us, we look forward to catching up with those who can make it.

Top Tips

To support your young person with developing their communication at home:

- Ensure that their communication method e.g., PECS book, communication boards or book are taken out of their bags.
- Place them in an easily accessible and consistent place in the home so that they always know where to find them.
- If possible, get your young person to do this themselves or with help.

If you have any questions about your young person's communication, please contact their class team, the KLS communication team, speech and language therapist, or your family support worker, for further support.

Governor Update from Bev Mitchell-Wright, Chair of Governors



And so, another academic year has begun. We have already had our first Governor's meeting of the year and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to see some of the site improvements which have been made over the summer. The outdoor gym equipment in secondary seemed to be particularly popular.

This will be an important term for us as Governors as after the October half term, we will be running elections to find a new Carer/Parent Governor. If this is something that you have ever considered doing or perhaps something you would like to know a bit more about then please do contact our Clerk of Governors Fiona, fiona.stanton@kennellaneschool.com. We are always happy to have a chat with anyone who thinks they might be interested but who wants to know more about the role before making any decision. We are a friendly and supportive bunch so please don't hesitate to get in touch with Fiona if you think you might be interested.

School Lunches

School lunches are £2.60 for Primary learners and £2.70 for Secondary learners including desserts. Please remember that school lunches must be paid for in advance. Visit www.scopay.com or download the **SCOPAY mobile app** to register if you have not yet done so.



If you have a question regarding your SCOPAY account, see the SCOPAY Parent Information Page at help.scopay.com. This page includes information regarding the SCOPAY mobile app, setting up Parental Alerts and FAQs to help with your queries.

School Gateway

If you have an Android or iPhone, please download this app for the 'School Comms' service. This saves us the cost of a text when we need to communicate news or information to you immediately.



If you already have the School Gateway app, please check that the email address you have nominated (there is only capacity for one per household), is correct. Please email secretary@kennellaneschool.com if you need to make any changes.

Transport



If you are collecting your young person early from school for any reason, please remember to call the transport team and let them know.

Likewise, if you bring your child to school late, please notify Transport that they will need collecting at the end of the day as usual. It is always a carer/parent responsibility to do this. Thank you.

Car Parking

We kindly remind you to always adhere to the Highway Code, paying particular attention to double yellow lines, "keep clear" signs and school zigzags. Please also avoid parking on blind bends and take care not to block our neighbours' driveways or access. This will not only help to keep Kennel Lane residents happy but will ensure the safety of our school community too. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Community Information

Bracknell Forest's Family Services Directory & SEND Local Offer



"Providing free, impartial information & advice about Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) and all other family matters..."

- SEND information all in one place - How to access services & support including Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Education, childcare & early years funding
- Leisure & holiday activities
- Advice & support services
- Brokerage service for those struggling to find childcare

Family Information Service fis@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

01344 353133

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/localdirectory



Where can I get help with an EHCP?

Where is my nearest baby clinic?

I'm struggling with my child's behaviour – where can I get help?

How do I apply for free 30 hour childcare funding?

Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 30 th September | Woodlands Hub Coffee Morning | 09.30am – 10.30am |
| Thursday 6 th October | KS2 Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| Friday 7 th October | 14-19 Coffee Afternoon | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| Thursday 20 th October | Earwig Support Session | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
| Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October | HALF TERM | |
| Friday 18 th November | Children in Need | |
| Friday 9 th December | Christmas Jumper Day & Secondary Christmas Fayre | Timings TBC |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Primary Christmas Production | Timings TBC |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Secondary Christmas Production | Timings TBC |
| Friday 16 th December | End of Autumn Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm Finish Secondary 13.00pm Finish | |
| Monday 19 th December to Tuesday 3 rd January | WINTER HOLIDAY | |
| Wednesday 4 th January | Start of Spring Term All learners return to school | |