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Welcome Back – September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Bluebell Class. We hope you had a fun and restful summer break and are looking forward to the Autumn Term. It is our aim to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2 and from Year 3 into Year 4. We hope that the following letter provides you with information about our class routines. We have an exciting year planned and are looking forward to sharing it with the children.

About the Class

This year Bluebell class will be taught by Mrs Lucy Pearce-Bailey Monday- Wednesday and Mrs Megan Painter on Thursday and Friday.

In the mornings we will be a class of Year 3 and 4 children with our lovely Year 2's joining us in the afternoon.

Times

The children are expected to arrive at school by 8:50 am. Please bring Year 3 and 4 children through the green gate around to the door that we come out of at the end of the day. Mrs Painter or Mrs P-B will be there to greet you.

Morning break is at 10:45 –11.00 am.

Lunch break is from 12.30pm – 1.15pm

School ends at 3:20pm

If someone other than parents will be collecting your child from school, please could you inform the adult on the gate in the morning or phone the school office. We will not be able to let a child leave with a different adult if we have not been informed.

What your child will need:

- A fruit snack for morning break. Please ensure your child's name is on the snack.
- Water in a named bottle. Children are encouraged to drink throughout the day so these are kept near tables for easy access.

PE

Bluebell class will complete their Golden Mile runs on **Wednesdays** and will be having PE lessons on **Fridays**. Please ensure that they come dressed in a full and named **PE kit** on these days. Please check the Newsletter each week as this is where we post changes to these routines.

Reading

As in previous years, your child will have a reading diary that they will bring home along with a reading book. These need to be bought into school **every day**. The children will have lots of opportunities throughout the week to read and enjoy books within school and to share this with you at home. We will continue to work towards Roarsome reader's points and prizes.

We ask that children read to an adult at home a minimum of 5 times a week. This is essential to practice the decoding and comprehension skills that are being learnt in school and will allow your child to develop into an accomplished and confident reader. We want children to enjoy the experience and gain a lifelong love of reading so encourage you to read widely with your child sharing the experience together.

When books are ready to be changed, your child is welcome to do so during the school day.

Times Tables

Learning times tables is a vital part of Key Stage 2 maths. Knowing them fluently helps children build strong foundations for more complex calculations, such as division, fractions, and problem-solving. Regular practice at home makes a big difference in boosting confidence and speed in maths, giving children the tools they need to succeed as the work gets harder. All children will have a Times Tables Rockstars login which they can use to access times tables games and challenges. We ask for you to support your child in accessing this program and aiding their learning of these facts.

Home learning

Bluebell Class children will be given a selection of home learning choices stemming from the current topic at the beginning of each term. We ask that children choose two of these to complete during the course of the topic and bring them into school to share with their peers. Please encourage children to pick activities that interest them and may also offer them a challenge.

Lucy Pearce-Bailey and Megan Painter

Class Teachers

