



# Bethersden Bulletin

NEWSLETTER 1  
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Bethersden Primary School, School Road, Bethersden, Ashford, Kent, TN26 3AH

## Headteacher's message

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### This week's attendance

98.93%

### Last year's attendance

95.64%

**We are aiming for  
excellent attendance.**

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What an incredible first couple of days we have had. All the children have come back so confidently and ready to learn, they have remembered all the measures we have in place and their behaviour has been incredible. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families, we look forward to getting to know you all this year.

Thank you for your support at drop off, we appreciate that after 18 months of partial closures and staggered it may have felt strange but it has gone so smoothly. Our afternoon collections have also gone well and it has been nice to have you back in school. Thank you for the way you have allowed space between yourselves and other families collecting.

From a personal point of view, I have been so pleased to be back in school and thank you all for your good wishes and kind comments. I am looking forward to being back more but want you to know that, as I continue my recovery, I will not be in every day just yet. In the first term I will be in for up to 3 days per week. When I am not in school and working from home Mrs Green, our Acting Assistant Headteacher, and Mr Clark, our Senior Teacher, will be leading the school. Each day, one of us will be on the school gate with Mrs Henshaw, Family Liaison Officer, to greet the children.

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Over this weekend, for those of you who did not get round to it over the summer break, please could I remind you to name all your child's school uniform so that we can return it quickly.

On the back of this very short newsletter are key dates for the year so, if you need to book time off from work, you can get your requests in early. Please be aware that we will absolutely try to stick to them and to the events but we may need to change or cancel them if circumstances change - but let's hope this year will be more normal!

Please continue to use [families@bethersden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:families@bethersden.kent.sch.uk) to pass on messages to any member of staff or ask any questions, alternatively phone the office on 01233 820479

Here's to an excellent year of learning, opportunities and getting back to being a community again.

Best wishes,

Mr Stuart Gawthorpe

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary Diary Dates

Date	Event
<b>September</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Individual children's photographs
<b>October</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening telephone appointments (more details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year R to Year 6 Flu nasal vaccination
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset days – no children in school
<b>November</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First day of Term 2 – children return to school
<b>December</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity – 2pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity – 5pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term
<b>January</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of Term 3 - Children return to school