



THE BATT C.E. SCHOOL



## THE BATT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone. It was great to meet the Year 6 parents this week and thank you for your positive comments about some of the changes so far. The point about communication from classes cropped up again and so I have moved it up my agenda. Currently the infants use 'Homeroom' which is an effective way of sharing information with the class but doesn't help with the communication directly with the class teacher. Therefore, I would like to introduce 'Class Dojo', a communication app that I have used for many years in other schools. It allows the parent / carer to have the app on their phone or through a web address and directly and confidentially message the teacher and vice versa. No-one else can see these. It also has the whole class message board for the teacher to post reminders to all children but importantly it has a whole school message facility as well. Further details will be sent out next week with all the GDPR information. To work effectively, the whole school has to join but you have the right to specify no photos of your child to be shared - this will all be part of the consent form.

I hope this will help you to feel more a part of your child's learning at The Batt.

A couple of other bits of news - I met with our Trust team this week to look at the site and plans for the future. I am aware that parking is an issue, play space for the children and security. In the first instance we are going to be having CCTV put up around the school as well as looking at making the front entrance gates higher.

This brings me onto the plans and priorities for our school. I have to create a School Development Plan for the school and to do this I would very much like to hear your views on your experience of The Batt. Over the last few years, what have been the great successes that we should build on, continue etc and what are areas we could be doing better? I would appreciate any written comments, emails etc that help in this area. Similarly, if you are a parent who would like to be part of a School Development committee, I would value this.

So have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine. I, myself, am taking my youngest off to university for the first time. 😊

Charlie Barwell  
Executive Headteacher

### Other Information

#### School Meals

Lunches from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Christmas are now bookable on Parent Pay [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Please let us know if you are having any problems booking. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October is census day in schools, so the lunch options for Thursday and Friday have been swapped.

(Please note that due to current problems with food deliveries nationally, the choice of lunch could potentially change at short notice on any given day).



### After school clubs

The following clubs are available for the remaining 5 weeks of term and are bookable on Parent Pay from 5pm today. Some of these clubs have limited numbers and are on a first come, first serve basis. However, should you not gain a place this term, please email the office to register your interest for future terms.

#### Mondays:

Y5&6 boys' football (20 places). Finish time 4pm.

Y5&6 girls' football (20 places). Finish time 4pm.

#### Tuesdays:

Y1&2 multi sports (15 places). Finish time 3:50pm.

#### Wednesdays:

Y5&6 hockey (30 places). Finish time 4pm.

Y3&4 multi sports (30 places). Finish time 4pm.

Y4,5&6 choir (unlimited). Finish time 4pm.

#### Thursdays:

Y3 choir (unlimited). Finish time 3:45pm.

### School Uniform Orders

All items of school uniform can be ordered and paid for via ParentPay. Please make sure you state the size required in the notes field when ordering jumpers or cardigans and state whether you want a rucksack or book bag when purchasing a school bag (the school PE bag is listed separately). When your order is ready it will be sent home with your child (please be aware that uniform orders are processed on Mondays and Fridays only).

### Key Dates

#### Meet the Teacher Evenings

Please find below the remaining 'meet the teacher' dates and times. If you are unable to make this, please let the teacher know and any information will be sent to you.

Reception - not currently, given detailed transition

Year 1 - Monday 20th Sept at 14:30 in classroom

Year 2 - Tuesday 21st Sept at 14:30 in classroom

Year 3 - Wednesday 22nd Sept at 18:00 in classrooms

Year 4 - Monday 20th 4pm

Year 5 - Wednesday 22nd Sept at 18:30 in classrooms

You will be able to meet Ms Barwell and / or Mr Atkins at the start of each meeting.

#### Year 3 Trip to Hill End

3CW – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

3D – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

