



OLD BEXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love God ♦ Love Each Other ♦ Love Learning

*Happy Children and Limitless Learning in an Anglican Christian School
A place where everyone can flourish*

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer



It was lovely to welcome everybody back to school last week. There were lots of smiley faces ready to return and start a brand-new school year. The new reception and nursery children have settled in well and we welcome them to the Old Bexley family.



Positive relationship and behaviour policy

We have updated our behaviour policy and it is now called the 'Positive Relationship and behaviour policy'. The rewards and sanctions have not changed but the staff have been trained in Trauma Informed response approaches, attachment theory and reflective response approach. There is also a more detailed section on how parents can support and work with the school. The new policy is attached to this email and will be on the website. The rewards and sanctions have not changed so hopefully you will see your child wearing stickers and bringing home postcards for their positive behaviour.



Like last year, we are also having a big push in school this year on everyone using good manners in and around the school. This has been our behaviour focus in school this week and all the children know how important it is that everyone uses good manners all the time.

Please can you support the school by encouraging the children to do this at home as well. Children should not have to be prompted to say please and thank you or excuse me, it should come automatically. Good manners also ensure that they develop into polite and courteous young adults.

Thank you for your support with this.



We are introducing a new writing scheme called 'Literacy Tree' in Key stage 1 and 2. The teachers will use this scheme to teach daily english lessons which are all centred around high quality children's texts. This will inspire and encourage the children to become creative and independent in their own writing.

Here are some quotes from their website:

We immerse children in rich literary experiences that spark curiosity and inspire meaningful reading and writing. Through drama, debate, and discussion, they explore important themes and write with purpose for real audiences.

Lessons don't happen in isolation. Through our carefully layered learning curriculum, we provide a comprehensive progression throughout the year and beyond. Writing opportunities are revisited to reinforce objectives and make learning stick.

We want children to see their own lives and the lives of others reflected in the stories they read. We don't shy away from issues of social justice, representation, and diverse cultures. Every resource is based around carefully selected award-winning books that spark imagination and deepen understanding.

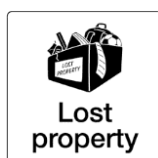
If you would like to find out more please click on the link below to access their website.

<https://literacytree.com/>



Outdoor learning

We are excited to announce our new dedicated outdoor learning time that is taking place every Friday afternoon. Ms Murray is sending out a letter today to explain more about it. All the children will have the opportunity throughout the year to get involved with gardening and learning activities that take place outdoors (whatever the weather!)



There is already quite a lot of clothing being left around the school and playgrounds. The children have been reminded to make sure they keep their belongings with them and to look after them. Please make sure all items are named.



The formal parent meetings will be on **Wednesday 7th October** and **Thursday 15th October**.



Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 28 th September	Year 6 residential at Bowles
Wednesday 7 th October	Parent's evening
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest services (parents not invited)
Friday 9 th October	World mental health day 'Hello Yellow'
Thursday 15 th October	Parent's evening

We look forward to another exciting year at Old Bexley!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jill Ivil