

Dear Parents

We are now well into the new term with the 1st October already upon us. We have welcomed a new family to our school community; the Srinivas family have moved here from London and Avani has started school in Year 1. We have also shown another prospective family round the school, who were very impressed with what they saw.

It has been an incredibly busy, but productive, start to the term. The whole school looks fantastic and is full of evidence of children's learning. This week the whole of the BSN have undergone a full inspection by ISI (The Independent Schools' Inspectorate) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the school for their continued hard work and dedication, the children who make the job we do so rewarding and worthwhile and to the parents who have shared their views with the inspectors. We look forward to sharing the report with you later this term.

Yours sincerely,

Michala Warner
Head teacher



Foundation 2 Visit to the Optician Shop

The Foundation class are learning all about the topic of 'Myself'. The role-play centre in the classroom has been turned into a Medical Centre where the children can work as doctors, nurses or dentists.

As part of this topic we visited an optician shop in Assen where we were allowed to try on some glasses and then watched how the glasses are made. Afterwards, the optician gave each of us a short eye test.

Library/Music Room Competition



This week in assembly we talked about what it meant to be a part of our school and the children all contributed really well to this discussion. This is reflected in the whole school poem they have written and in the photographs of children's learning you will see in the hall and all around the school. We talked about the significance of our names and what they say about us. Linked to this we have a combination room at school which is used for music and library and we have asked the children to think of a name that reflects the room and its purpose. The

children have already started sharing their ideas with staff and have until the end of next week to come up with their suggestions. The entries will then be judged by the Parent-Librarians and Miss Warner. We will have an official opening ceremony after half-term and the competition winner will officially name the room and cut the ribbon. Please talk to your child about ideas they might have.

Parents' Forum

On Thursday 13th October at 8.30 there will be a Parents' Forum at school in the Language Room. Items on the agenda at whole school level include extra-curricular activities and inclusion. If you have something you wish to discuss at the meeting that is a whole school issue then come and see Michala Warner or Sue Beattie before Monday 12th October.

Key Dates	
9 Oct.	Y3/4 will be making their own lunch
15 Oct.	Parents Forum (08:30 in Language Room)
19-23 Oct.	Half Term Holiday

Reporting to the school office

In order to ensure we have an accurate record of parents and visitors in the school during school hours for fire safety regulations, all parents who come into school must report to the school office and sign in and then sign out when they leave. Please also indicate the purpose of your visit (i.e. Parent helper, teacher appointment, etc.).

End of the school day

A reminder that parents should collect their child from the playground at the end of the school day, either from the Foundation playground or the main playground. The school gates are open from 15.00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays and from 11.45 on Wednesdays.

In addition, for safety reasons, would parents watch their children carefully at the end of the day. Please note that the Foundation playground equipment is not to be used after school. Unfortunately some resources have been broken this week which had been set up in preparation for the following day.

Harvest Festival Reminder

On Monday 5th October we will have our harvest festival celebration at school. Major Rob Ralten from the Salvation Army will come and talk about the work they do in Assen. We have asked parents and children for donations of non-perishable food items and clothing. Please bring in any items into school for a display.

Warm Lunch



On Friday 9 October, Year 3/4 will be making and eating their own warm vegetarian lunch and will therefore not need to bring lunch to school. This is being organised by Helen Shorter– many thanks!

Staff Training

Sue Beattie will not be in school on Monday 5 October until Wednesday 7 October, as she will be in England attending a conference on positive partnership with parents. Michala Warner will also be out of school on Wednesday as she will be attending a Benelux Heads meeting. On this day Pip Broad will be in charge.

Coffee Afternoon

The Coffee Afternoon last Friday and welcome for new parents was very well attended and enjoyed by all! Many thanks to the "Friends" who organised this and to the many parents who came.

Eid

The whole school enjoyed an Eid celebration last week, led by the Siddiqui family who had brought in a special drink for all children to share. Congratulations to all our children who fasted during Ramadan.

Mathletics: Fun Maths at School and Home

Following a successful trial last year, Key Stage 2 children have again been enrolled in the interactive website www.mathletics.co.uk. All the children have been assigned a username and login code which they can use anywhere they have access to the internet (a copy of these has been placed in each child's diary).

Mathletics provides a wide range of tutorials and practice exercises for the children, enabling them to



hone their mathematical skills in a fun way. The teachers can monitor the children's progress and modify the activities to



suit the needs of individual children. The children can also compete in real time maths games with children from across the world in the "Mathletics Live" section of the website. This has proved to be very popular with all the children.