Head writes

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are well rested. We have been really impressed how quickly all the children have settled into their new classes. There has been so much excellent work happening already. We are making some slight changes this year, including inviting parents to Golden Book Assembly when their child is getting an award. You will receive a text on the Wednesday to invite you to Friday assembly if your child has been successful. It has been great to see the sign up for the clubs too. I look forward to chatting to all of you on the gate as the year progresses. Mr. Laken



Coats and Wellies!

We are aiming to stay outside for all breaks and lunchtimes—no matter the weather! This is to ensure the children get the exercise and release they need. Obviously we will make amendments in cases of extreme weather. However, if you could ensure your child has a coat in school at all times and consider having a pair of wellies in a plastic bag in school or send children in with appropriate footwear.



Contact Details

It is very important that we have at least two working telephone numbers for every child. If there is an emergency we must be able to contact an appropriate adult. If you think your details may be out of date, please speak to the office.



Important Dates

Date for your Diary

PTFA Picnic—16th September

Coffee morning—22nd September

Coffee morning—6th October

Apple Tree Class Assembly— 10th October

Coffee morning-20th October

Special Needs

Would you like to speak to someone about your child's additional needs? You can now contact the new FLORA team (Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice).



School Attendance

If your child is unwell, you must call the school office on 0117 377 2080, every day by 9am, to let us know, leaving your child's name and class.

Polite reminder: All parents and carers have a responsibility to get their children into school on time, by 8:45, each day. If your child arrives late, this will be marked on the register. Arrival after 9:10am will be considered an unauthorised absence and may be subject to a Penalty Notice. Penalty notices are a fine of £60 per child, per adult.

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. If you take your child away during term time, they will be marked as unauthorized, and you may face a Penalty Notice. If you are planning on going away, you must complete a holiday request form. If your child doesn't attend school and we have not been given a reason, the school are obliged to contact Education Welfare, who will investigate your child's absence.

Opal

We are pleased to announce that we are now an **OPAL platinum school** and will be having our local MP presenting us with our award in early October. The children love playing with the new equipment such as bikes, buggies, tubs and barriers. We also have a sand pit, mud kitchen and water play. We will be out in all weathers this year so please make sure that your child as a suitable coat EVERY DAY and that they have wellies with them if they'd like to play on the field or in the fairy garden as it can get muddy.



If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

First Response on 0117 903 6444 or the NSPCC on 0808 800500 or contact the police directly by dialing 101.



In an emergency always contact the police by dialing 999.

Golden work Last week we saw fabulous golden work from; Cherry - Yemi Acer –Yahya Lime - Nusaybah Guava—Wren Lemon - Kamiyah Apple—Seren Bay - Yusef Yew—Fardosa Mango - Filip Acacia—Malalai

African Olive—Zara

PTFA

We are recruiting for our parent, teacher and family association. The PTFA meet 6 times per year to arrange 4-5 major events. They do such good work for the school but many parents have

had children leave the school, resulting in vacancies. Please consider giving your time to support our community and raise funds for the school. See Miss Bradshaw or the office.

Banana - Maysun



GUIDANCE

<u>Family Support</u> there is a notice board for parents/carers to look at - Its by the gate as you enter towards Y1.

If your child and/or family needs support, please don't hesitate to call us on 01173 772 080 and ask to speak to;

Anna Hicks - Family Support Worker (for housing, immigration queries, benefits, access to foodbanks etc.) anna.hicks@bannermanroadbristol.org

Sian Lennox-Gordon - Pastoral Lead (for support with mental health, behaviour or attendance) sian.lennox-gordon@bannermanroadbristol.org

If you have a concern or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any of these issues, including bullying or safeguarding please contact us via phone or email.