



Useful information sheet for the beginning of term



Welcome to Apple Class. This is the start of your child's journey in Batheaston Church school. The teaching team are Nikki and Louise, TA/HTLA's Amy and Natalie. We also work closely with UWE and Norland Nannies, so you are likely to see trainee students throughout the year too.

The following information has been put together to help you and your child settle into the routines of school life.

- **PACT bags** (Parents and Child Together) should be brought in everyday so that books can be changed, and any correspondence can be placed inside for safe keeping. Please do not put water bottles into these bags for risk of leakage and damage to books.
- **Reading - It is vital to your child's ongoing progress if you take the time to either read or hear your child read on a daily basis.** We will change your child's book twice weekly (Mondays and Thursdays) You will be given two books to begin with. Bear in mind that we are expecting you to share and read these books, up to 3 times whilst at home. This will support your child's confidence and vocabulary understanding. When you have read with your child, please acknowledge this in your child's PACT book.
- **Apple Class Little Library** – outside our classroom is a basket with a lovely range of books for you to borrow and take home.
- **Scheme 'Big Cat Collins' decodable books**– we start with wordless books first, before we launch our phonics sessions in Autumn Term 1.
- **P.E** – We have two P.E lessons per week Tuesdays (Louise), Thursdays (Nikki). Please ensure your child comes into school dressed in their PE kits.
- **Mike's Meadow** – we find plenty of opportunities to visit Mike's Meadow either planned or ad hoc. We aim to use this lovely resource to support lots of our curriculum. Including Forest School type activities. **Therefore, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the day, i.e. coats if it may rain.**
- **Wellies** can be stored outside on our rack. We regularly go to Mike's Meadow so it would be preferable to have a pair in school at all times. Please ensure they are named.
- **Phonics** – I will be holding a parent workshop on **Tuesday 14th October at 9am.** It is a useful workshop to attend as I will introduce you to our Phonics programme and any useful resources for you to access at home.
- **On Monday 22nd September the children will be in full-time and stay for lunch.** *Please remember that every child in KS1 and reception are entitled to free school dinners. If you think you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please see the office staff for further details.*

- **Lunchtimes** – We offer healthy, delicious hot dinners that are cooked on site. If your child has an allergy or has eating issues, please come and see me and I will relay this to the kitchen. Please order and pay for your child's lunch through our online system Arbor.
- We are always happy to listen and help with any queries or worries you may have concerning your child. It is preferable to set a time after school for anything major or confidential. However, there will always be another adult available if you wish to speak to someone in the morning. Or alternatively use the PACT book to pass on information.
- **Special toys** – Your child is very welcome to bring in special toys and have their own drawers to keep them safe. Please be mindful though that if the toy is really special or expensive you may want to reconsider as things can go missing!
- **Snacks** – We have fresh fruit or vegetables delivered every day for the children's snacks. Your child is welcome to bring in their own as long as it is a healthy option (no nuts please). Milk is also available, and we have our own water fountain in our garden area.
- **Parent help** – We love parents helping in school and we welcome any help such as hearing readers, helping in class for a morning or afternoon, even coming on class trips! Please come and see me if you are interested in any way. You will need to complete a DBS form if you plan to regularly help in class.
- **FOBS** – Our fundraising committee are always open to new helpers. Please see Emily Holden in Hazel class if you are interested.
- **Arbor** – All emails now go through the office. Rachael in the office will forward emails onto us. We now respond via Arbor.

I am hoping this is enough information for now!! Please keep this fact sheet safe so that you can refer to it as and when. Also please visit our website as lots of general information can be found there too.

Many thanks

Nikki and the team

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[Blue Sky - @batheastonschool.bsky.social](#)

[Phonics Scheme – Little Wandle Letters and](#)

[Sounds](#) - portal for parents to access at home

for support and resources