



# Bluebell

Autumn Term

September 2008

*Upper Key Stage 2 (Juniors)*

School closes for teaching	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2008
School closes for teaching	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2008
School closes for teaching	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2008

## Welcome:

Welcome to the new school term. ☺ There have been a few staff changes since the summer. New to the school are Miss Beere and Mrs Bowe who will be teaching in year 6. Miss Brown remains in year 5 and we are pleased to welcome Mr Jarvis who will teach in year 5 alongside Miss Brown. Mrs Godfrey remains as Lead Practitioner and will take charge of the mixed year group in J8.

## Curricular Information - Topics for the Autumn Term

**Mathematics:** space & shape, times tables, counting & understanding number, calculating, handling data.

**English:** Poetry, biography, narrative.

**Science:** Sound & hearing.

**History:** Tudors.

**RE:** Christianity.

**Design Technology:** Tudor Musical Instruments.

**ICT:** Spreadsheets.

**Outdoor Games:** Rugby.

**Indoor Games:** Tudor Dance.

**SEAL:** New Beginnings.

**Music:** Tudor Music.

## School Times:

	Gates Open	Children assemble	Children Supervised by school staff from	Whistle / Hand Over	Teaching Begins / Gates Close	Children finish school
KS2	8.30am	KS2 Playground	8.40am	8.45am	8.50am	3.10pm

## Afternoon Timetables:

This timetable will show you the days in which your child is expected to have either an Outdoor Games kit or an Indoor P.E. kit. A small number of school kits are available if children forget their own.

Outdoor games kits should contain track suit, t-shirt and trainers and should be brought only on Games day. Indoor PE kits will be sent home each half-term to be washed. All children must have a set of shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls in school at all times.

<u>Afternoon Sessions</u>	<u>J6</u> <u>Miss Brown</u>	<u>J7</u> <u>Mr Jarvis</u>	<u>J8</u> <u>Mrs Godfrey</u>	<u>J9</u> <u>Miss Beere</u>	<u>J10</u> <u>Mrs Bowe</u>
<u>Monday</u>	ICT/Music/ <i>Games</i>	Art/PSHCE	RE/ <i>Games</i> / PSHCE	Science	History
<u>Tuesday</u>	History	ICT/ <i>Gym</i> / Music	Art/ <i>Gym</i>	RE/ <i>Games</i> /PSHCE	Science
<u>Wednesday</u>	Science	RE/ <i>Games</i>	History/French	ICT/ <i>Gym</i> /French	Art/French
<u>Thursday</u>	RE/PSHCE/French	History/ French	Science	Art/	ICT/PSHCE/ <i>Games</i>
<u>Friday</u>	Art/ <i>Gym</i>	Science	ICT/Music	History/Music	RE/ <i>Gym</i>

### **Homework:**

Expectations are that Y5 and Y6 pupils will read on a **daily** basis and that their reading records are **signed by an adult**. There will continue to be weekly spelling tests and mental maths tests which will require a firm knowledge of mental computation and multiplication tables. Spelling days are different in each class but new homework is given on the day of the test. Homework should be returned in time for the next test. Science homework will be set weekly on the SAM learning website, occasional homework may be set in other subjects as required by the curriculum. Pupils who fail to complete homework assignments may be required to spend some of their playtime catching up.

### **SAM Learning:**

The children will receive letters explaining the SAM learning website, however where there are concerns or lack of access to the internet please let us know. A small number of children can access the site during playtimes if required.

### **Extended Schools:**

Pupils will be offered the opportunity to join out of school clubs and events as and when they are available. Choice is generally made on a first come first served basis.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

We are very fortunate to have been able to get the 'Hautbois Historical Experience' to come to school to start our Tudor topic off in style. The children will get a feel of what it was like in the time of King Henry VIII and will dress up in Tudor costumes.

### **Clothing/Lost Property:**

Please clearly name all belongings. There is a lost property box by the front door, which is emptied on a fortnightly basis, so property needs to be collected promptly.

### **Contact with teachers:**

If you have any concerns and would like to see your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the office or on the phone with the teacher in question. Whilst we are always pleased to see you, we often have after school meetings and can not always see you straight away.

### **Absence:**

School policy is to discourage unnecessary absence from school; however it is doubly important that holidays are not booked in the SAT's period from April to the end of May. Important booster work takes place in the run up to the exams.

### **Water Bottles:**

Please ensure that you child brings a named water bottle to school each day.

Many thanks to all our parents for a super term.

*The Bluebell Team.*