

Dear Parents and Families,

We are delighted to be teaching your child this year and just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about Rainbow Class.

Rainbow Class timetable

Please find attached Rainbow Class's timetable. Please ensure that your child comes to school on a Tuesday wearing their PE kit (white t-shirt, navy shorts, plimsolls or trainers and tracksuit if cold and a waterproof coat). We will be doing PE outside regardless of weather. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that your child's uniform is **labelled**. It is amazing how many people don't do this. Additionally, we have Forest School on a Tuesday afternoon. Please supply named wellington boots and waterproofs that we can keep in school. This too will go ahead regardless of the weather.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, preferably **labelled**, in school on a daily basis.

Celebrating your fabulous children

Please keep us updated with photos and details of your child's achievements or of special family occasions, for example, sporting awards or birthdays. These will not only enhance our class 'achievement tree', on the notice board at the entrance to our classroom, but also boost children's pride and self-esteem. We have given your child a green paper 'Hope & Dreams' leaf for our notice board tree. Please could you fill this in with your child and send it back in their book bag. Photographs can be emailed to us (rainbow@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk).

Homework

Weekly homework will be issued on a **Friday** and will be **due in on a Wednesday**. The children will receive homework based on what we have been doing in class. Should your child have any problems with homework at home, please let us know so that we can help you. If your child's homework book is not in school on Friday then next week's homework will **not** be stuck in their book. This book is not to be scribbled in. It is a school book which will be looked at by the Head Teacher. Please encourage your child to be proud of their work.

Additionally, we will be setting a homework project every half term which will need to be handed in during the last week of half term.

A copy of the homework will be available on the school website.

Home Learning

If your child is at home waiting for the results of a Covid test or if they are self-isolating as a result of testing positive or because someone in their house has tested positive, work will be emailed to you for them to complete.

Daily reading

Daily reading is fundamental to a child's reading progress so we ask that children please read, aloud to an adult, at home on a daily basis and that this is noted in their reading records. Please ask your child questions to ensure their understanding. Children's reading will be listened to regularly in class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Reward system

As well as the school's house point system, Rainbow Class has an additional reward system.

The reward chart system works on colour coding, where at the beginning of each day, all the children start on the green colour - 'I am ready to learn'. Throughout the day the children can move up and down the colours depending on their behaviour, learning, effort or involvement in play and learning.

The colour system is as follows:

Pink/Rainbow - Hooray! I am a superstar'.

Blue - 'Yippeee! I am making great choices!'.

Green - 'Yes, I am ready to learn'

Yellow - 'Oopsie! I need to think about my choices'.

Red - 'Oh no! phone home'.

If your child is still on the green by the end of the day, this is good as they have done everything that is expected of them throughout the day. If they reach the 'Rainbow' they will receive a certificate for their efforts that day. If they are on Red at the end of the day, then we will discuss with you the behaviour that has resulted in this. However, this is very rare.

We hope that this information is useful and we will continue to share what we are doing as a class to keep you informed.

We are really looking forward to being part of your child's educational journey and helping them to fulfil their potential. Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to a positive working partnership with you all, resulting in your child's success.

Should you need to meet with us confidentially at any time in the future, please do not hesitate to book an appointment via the School Office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eaves, Mrs Maryon and Mrs Pepper