



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break filled with rest, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. As we start this new academic year, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined us.



Punctuality & Attendance - As we begin the new school year, I would like to emphasise the importance of punctuality and attendance, all children should arrive at school **before 8:50am**. Regular attendance is vital for your child's educational progress, and we kindly request that you report any absences to the school office as soon as possible. Any children arriving after 8:50am will need to be signed into school at the office.

Communication - We believe that open and effective communication between parents and teachers is crucial for the success of the children at MPET, and we encourage you to reach out whenever necessary. The start and end of days can be busy, and at these times staff need to focus on the safety of children entering and leaving school which can sometimes make it difficult for you to pass messages to teachers, if this is the case please remember you can always email the office, Becky will forward your message to



the relevant member of staff. We aim to reply to emails within three working days.

EYFS & Activity Mornings – For our younger classes, Penguins (Reception), Sea Turtles (Year 1) and Red Pandas (Year 2) we will be starting activity mornings on Fridays in October. The first being **Friday 6th October**. On these mornings parents/carers can pop into class from 8:40am – 8:50am to support children with their morning activity. This is a nice opportunity to see your child in their classroom. In Spring term activity mornings will run once a week for these classes but on a different day.

Parent Drop-in sessions for Key Stage 2 – There will be opportunities each term for parents/carers to visit KS2 classes (Year 3, 4 & 5). This term, the drop-in sessions will take place just before pick up at the end of the day.

Year 5 – Monday 25th September – 2:45 – 3:10pm

Year 4 – Thursday 28th September – 2:45pm – 3:10pm

Year 3 - Friday 29th September – 2:45pm – 3:10pm

Dogs - In the interest of everyone's safety and wellbeing, I would like to remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on the school playground. While we understand that pets are an important part of many families, it is crucial that we maintain a clean and safe environment for the children who attend MPET. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Parent/ Carer Coffee Afternoon – On **Wednesday 27th September** we invite you to join us for a coffee and a chat from **2:00pm – 3:00pm**. We will be joined by a SENDIAS parent champion volunteer. They will chat about their experiences and signpost/suggest local services that may be useful to know about.



www.sendiasbathnes.org.uk

Pupil Premium- if your circumstances have changed over the summer and you believe your child may be eligible for pupil premium, please do not hesitate to apply. Pupil premium is a valuable resource that can provide additional support and opportunities for your child's education. Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4 &5) who are eligible will be entitled to free school meals for their remaining years in Primary school. It is worth checking if you entitled to this, you can do so via this link:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Office Hours - Most days the office is staffed 8:30am – 3:30pm, with the exception of Wednesday afternoon.

Please note if you email or phone the office on a Wednesday afternoon your messages may not be picked up until the end of the school day.



Water bottles – It would be helpful if all children could bring a water bottle to school every day in, this way they can take their bottle out for playtimes and PE sessions rather than have to wait until the end of these sessions to get a drink.

Prime drink bottles - It may (or may not) be a surprise to know that we are having various issues in school with Prime drink bottles. This started before the summer and we were hoping the fad would pass, it clearly hasn't. As a result, and like many other primary schools we will **not be allowing** Prime bottles into school. If children bring these bottles in, class teachers will look after them until the end of the day and provide them with a cup to use in school that day.



Bikes and Scooters – Children are welcome to leave bikes and scooters in school, however they should not be ridden inside the school gates. For the safety of other children and adults who are entering and exiting the gates we ask that children walk bikes/scooters to and from the gates.



Lunches - Lunches need to be booked each week via Arbor, they should be booked by 9am on a Friday for the following week as this information is used by our chef when she is ordering and preparing the food.

If your child is having a packed lunch, please can you also record this on Arbor.

We kindly ask you only book a halal meal if your child needs this menu for religious reasons.



Lunchbox Charter - At MPET we regularly talk to the children about the importance of having a well balanced, nutritious diet. For children who choose not have a school meal we ask that items in their lunchbox offer a balanced diet and that all items are in line with our lunch box charter, we thank parents and carers for supporting with this. Crisps and chocolate should not be brought to school.



Our Packed Lunch Charter



Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.

Yes, please include in your lunchbox...	No thank you, please keep these items at home...
<p>1 portion of...</p> <p>water</p> <p>starchy food</p> <p>sliced meat or egg or meat alternatives</p> <p>or pulses</p> <p>At least 1 portion of...</p> <p>fruit and/or vegetables</p>	<p>biscuits</p> <p>crisps</p> <p>pastry items</p> <p>nuts</p> <p>chocolate</p> <p>cakes</p> <p>processed items</p> <p>fizzy drinks squash or flavoured drinks</p>

Remember we are a nut free school

Dates for your Diary

September

Thursday 7 th	Year 2 Meet the Teacher - 3:20pm – 3:45pm
Monday 11 th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher - 3:20pm – 3:45pm
Tuesday 12 th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher - 3:20pm – 3:45pm
Wednesday 13 th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher - 3:20pm – 3:45pm
Thursday 14 th	Year 4 Meet the Teacher - 3:20pm – 3:45pm
Monday 25 th	Year 4 parent/carer Drop-in - 2:45 – 3:10pm
Wednesday 27 th	Parent/ carer coffee afternoon with SENDIAS volunteer – 2:00 – 3:00pm
Thursday 28 th	Year 5 parent/carer Drop-in – 2:45pm – 3:10pm
Friday 29 th	Year 3 parent/carer Drop-in – 2:45pm – 3:10pm

October

Wednesday 4 th	Parent Carer Coffee Morning - 8:40am – 9:15am
Friday 6 th	Activity morning – EYFS & KS1 – 8:40 – 8:50am
Wednesday 11 th	School Photographer at MPET - Individual pupil photos

- October half term 23rd - 27th

