Bude Primary Academy Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer break and that your child has returned to school feeling refreshed and energised for the year ahead. We are delighted to welcome the children into their new year groups for a fantastic year of learning.

This letter will give you a brief overview of some of the key information for this half term, including trips and events that are coming up.

Trips, events or visitors

Wednesday 10th September - Anglo Saxon Immersion Day - The children do not need to bring anything for the day but please ensure they are prepared for all weather conditions. Additionally, children may wear their PE kits. We're looking forward to a fantastic day of learning about the Anglo-Saxons!

Reading

Reading aloud daily is highly recommended, as it plays a key role in building children's fluency, accuracy, and reading confidence. It's also a great opportunity to explore new vocabulary, discuss predictions, and check understanding through simple questions. In school, children are supported in selecting books from their class library that match their reading level. To help with this, books are grouped into three categories: *Tasty* (easy-to-read texts), *Hot* (shorter novels and more accessible non-fiction), and *Spicy* (longer novels and more challenging non-fiction).

Love for Reading

As we begin the new school year, we're excited to remind you that all children will have access to their own class libraries as well as our whole-school library. Our library is a brilliant space for reading and exploring new books—children are also welcome to pop in during Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes to enjoy a quiet read or choose a book to take home, with our wonderful reading ambassadors on hand to help and recommend great reads.

Home Learning

You can support your child at home by practicing their times tables. Pupils who know their times tables find all areas of maths far easier to approach and understand. Your child can access Numbots or TTRockstars through their Google login at home, this will be shared with your child. You can access this login here. Your child can also access Spelling Shed to practise spelling rules being taught in class that week.

PE days – Tuesday and Wednesday

Children should continue to come to school in their full PE kit, which comprises of:

- A turquoise PE T-shirt (optional, with embroidered school logo)
- Black shorts / leggings or joggers
- Trainers

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Our turquoise school jumper or cardigan

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. As some PE sessions take place outside, they may need a coat on cooler or wet days. On warmer days, please ensure they come to school with suncream applied and a sun hat.

School Uniform Expectation

- White Polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Grey trousers, skirt or shorts no leggings or jogging bottoms
- Turquoise school jumper or cardigan with or without the school logo
- Tights/socks black, grey or white (non-branded)
- Shoes black shoes no boots, heels or open toe

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital for learning and progress. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Morning Routine and End-of-Day Arrangements

Our school day starts at 8.50am (gates are open 8.40 until 8.50am) and finishes at 3.20pm. Please inform the school office (hello@budejuniors.org.uk) if you would like to give permission for your child to walk home.

Clubs and Enrichment

Information about after-school clubs will be sent out each half term. Check out ParentPay to sign up.

Reminders

Just a quick reminder to please send your child in each day with a water bottle and a healthy snack for breaktime—this could be fruit, yoghurt, a cereal bar, vegetables or cheese. If your child is staying for an after-school club, an extra snack is a good idea too. Please remember that all snacks and packed lunches must be **nut free**.

Useful links

School website - <u>Bude Primary Academy - Juniors - Home</u> Follow our Facebook page - <u>(1) Facebook</u>

We look forward to an exciting half term, thank you in advance for all of your continued support. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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