

# Bel Royal Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break, filled with special moments and memories with your loved ones. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all back for another exciting academic year. A warm welcome to our new pupils and families joining our school community – we are delighted to have you with us.

Throughout the summer holiday, we have had some extensive works taking place within school – we have developed a new staffroom, an art & DT classroom and a community room to be used for various activities, including life skills and food technology. We have also had works to increase our electrical capacity and to enhance health and safety throughout the school, ensuring our building is maintained to the best possible standard. A big thank you to Mr Jones and our staff who have spent a significant time during the holidays to support with these developments.

Today has been a productive INSET day where we have reminded ourselves our core purpose and school development priorities. A focus for us at Bel Royal this year is to continue to develop children's oracy skills through the implementation of the Voice 21 programme. This is a structured approach to promoting pupils' oracy which helps pupils to speak confidently and collaborate to debate ideas and develop their understanding. Staff have received oracy training today and we will be continuing to develop language rich environments and plan opportunities for children to develop their confidence and skills in their use of language.

Communication between school and home is key to ensuring our children succeed. I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's education through Seesaw and reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Together, we can make this year a rewarding and successful one for all.

We will be continuing with the same drop off and pick up arrangements as last year with our one-way circuit between 8:30am and 8:45am. Only Reception and Nursery families are permitted to park in the playground at this time and please can we ask that only parents with permits park in the drop off area directly outside our main entrance as this is to allow any children who require support to arrive and depart school safely.

At the end of the day:

- Nursery finish at 2:30pm
- Reception finish at 2:45pm
- Year 1, 2 and 3 finish at 3pm (Year 3 collect from the top playground, Year 1 and 2 from the front of school)

- Year 4, 5 and 6 finish at 3:15pm (Year 4 collect from the front of school, Year 5 and 6 from the top playground)

You will have hopefully received a message from your child's new class teacher today and further information regarding your child's curriculum foci for this term and any confirmed key dates will be sent by the end of the week. A reminder that school will be closed for INSET on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September for the Jersey International Air Display.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of our school values – Include, Believe and Achieve. These values will guide our actions and decisions throughout the year, helping us to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for all. "Each unique, Together we Thrive".

I am looking forward to seeing all of you tomorrow, wishing you all a wonderful start to the new school year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Hammond', written in a cursive style.

Claire Hammond  
Headteacher