



Baynton West
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The students have settled back in after our lovely school holidays and it is wonderful to see them so excited about learning. We are having a very busy term already and our ECE 3 Assembly performance is fast approaching on 30 May.

On Entry meetings with Miss Smith can still be booked after school this week. These meetings are proving to be a great insight into the children's progress since they began Pre-primary in term 1. Please find a time slot that suits you (see timetable on our communication board) for a 10 minutes talk about your child's Literacy and Numeracy results from the On Entry assessment.

Reading Rewards are now coming thick and fast, to those students who are completing their home reading regularly. Our reward system is displayed just inside our front door. Please ensure that your child's reading record booklet is being signed every time they read to you.

We would like to encourage parents and caregivers to change their child's reading book this term. You or your child can choose a new book from their Level basket when necessary, however do not go up a reading Level without first consulting teachers.

Mathletics is an online Maths activity program that our P & C have financially supported this year. Staff are currently receiving some professional learning to enable us to advise you regularly about activities to access at home, which will support the current Maths concepts we are teaching in class.

I am aware that some students are already using this great resource. Your child's username and password card can be found stapled into their home reading record booklet. Please be aware that if students do not have access to a computer or internet at home, we will make sure they have regular opportunities to use suggested activities during class time. If this is the case in your family, please let your teachers know by contacting the front office.

Connect can soon be accessed by you and your child as an online place to find information, learning journeys we are taking in class, or news about events or activities happening at school. As per the Mathletics login cards, your child's Connect login details will soon be attached to their home reading record booklets.

Our morning routines are an extremely important part of the school day for your child. We are privileged at Baynton West Primary School to have extra skills practice time between 8.05am and 8.25am every morning. Teachers use this time to monitor reading progress of students, while parents are encouraged to engage meaningfully with the Literacy or Numeracy learning on offer.

Many ECE 3 children are regularly arriving much later than 8.05am and we are concerned that they are not having enough time to settle comfortably into the classroom as well as complete activities properly. Please help your child to understand the importance of their schooling by arriving on time for morning activities whenever possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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