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contains important  
information!!**

# NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2017

18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents,

This will be our last newsletter before the summer break. Term dates for the coming year are listed on the back of this newsletter. They will also be available on our website.

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday with your children, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Flowers  
Headteacher

### **School Dinners**

School dinners next half-term (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October) will cost:-

KS1	Free	
KS2	35 days @ £2.00	£70.00 (£10.00 per week)
Years 4 & 5	34 days @ £2.00	£68.00
Fun Fridays - KS2	7 days @ £2.00	£14.00

Please remember dinner payments are made through the Tucasi cashless system.

As a parent/guardian, you will have been allocated an account for your child and issued with a barcoded letter. If your child(ren) receive Universal Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals, you are not required to make any payment. However, you are encouraged to register online if you wish to keep track of your child's daily meal uptake.

You will have various methods of making payment securely such as:

**Online** - using a debit card via Tucasi's internet payment service

[www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)

**Over the counter** - by presenting the barcoded letter at any PayPoint outlet.

**Via mobile device** – by visiting the Tucasi website ([www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)) and accessing the special mobile friendly features.

### **As a reminder no cash or cheques for top up will be taken at school**

Please note: If your child changes from dinners to packed lunch, or vice versa, you must give the kitchen one week's notice. If dinner money is not paid for 1 week, no further meals will be provided until the debt is cleared.

As a school we endorse the position of the catering services and will not be supplying dinner to a child if the kitchen refuses to give a meal. If the child has not got a packed lunch, we will contact you; you will then have the responsibility of making sure that you provide a lunch for your child.

*ALL DINNER MONEY QUERIES ARE DEALT WITH BY THE SCHOOL KITCHEN,  
(telephone 562945).*

## **Early Years**

We can't quite believe that this is the last Early Years newsletter that Mrs Hiskett and Mrs Crowder will be part of but it has been fantastic for them to be part of Early Years, they will most certainly miss Bramingham very much despite both looking forward to new chapters.

We were very proud of the children in their end of year assembly. They practised hard over a two week period and learned all the songs during some very hot days; especially the dress rehearsal to the school. It was very warm in the hall that afternoon! To hear them speaking together, remembering when to stand up, singing enthusiastically and even doing some actions, made us very proud indeed. We had two successful trips to Dell Farm and enjoyed Charlie's tour of the animals there. He linked it all so well to our topic and the children listened attentively. We would like to wish you very happy holidays. Keep reading to and with your children. Do encourage them to do some everyday calculations as well as pick up a pencil every now and again. September will be easier if they keep practising all their new skills.

Mrs Crowder, Mrs Hiskett, Miss Macdonald

## **Year 1**

As we come to the end of the children's time in Year 1 we have been exploring the topic 'Journeys'. We have looked at different types of journeys and the transport which could be taken on these journeys. We have enjoyed sharing and writing stories about this topic. We particularly enjoyed sharing a story about a journey through a marketplace and even set up our own 'market' in the classroom. The children wrote shopping lists for what they would like to buy and had fun spending their 'money' on different stalls. Please see our class pages on the website where photos of the activity will be coming soon!

In our last week we are thinking about journeys to the seaside. On Wednesday we will be having a special 'Seaside Day' when the children will have the opportunity to take part in fun water and sand activities outside, be sketching and painting pictures of shells and seaside scenes, setting up a pretend ice-cream stall in order to practise working out change and of course eating real ice-creams too!

This term the children looked at the artist 'Lowry' and produced some lovely detailed 'Works of Art' which we hope you will buy!

Finally we would like to say a big thank you for all your help and support with your children's learning over the year. We will miss them very much but know they will continue to have fun and work hard in Year 2. Have a great summer holiday!

Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Zajac and Miss Garton.

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have enjoyed their topic 'Passport to the World' this half term. We held a Wow Day, where we visited the 7 continents on a pretend aeroplane and carried out lots of exciting activities. Please see the class pages for a few pictures. As we come to the end of the year, we wish the children well in Year 3.

Mrs Dyble-Bassett, Mrs Brook and Mrs Bharaj

### **Year 3**

What a busy last half term it has been for Year 3! The children have really enjoyed our topic 'Bark, Shoots and Leaves' and have learnt a lot about trees. They were really enthusiastic about the book we were focusing on in English, The Flower, and they even rewrote the ending to make it happier. There are a few pictures from our trip to Rushmere Country Park on our classes' website pages - have a look! We have really enjoyed our year in Year 3 and wish the children good luck for Year 4.

Miss Gosling, Mrs Baker and Mrs Kelly.

### **Year 4**

Year 4 have had such a busy final half term! Though the highlight has to be our fantastic day in Brighton. We loved it all from the glistening lights of the pier to the ice-cold waves of the sea. The ice creams also went down a treat! Thank you to the parents who accompanied us for the day.

In science we have been researching the impact of different drinks on our teeth. Check out the website for the gruesome results - make sure you've finished eating! Let's just say you'll never look at 'no added sugar' squash the same way again! We would both like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to all the children for their hard work this year. They have all matured so much and have continuously made us proud. We look forward to seeing them progress further as they move on to Year 5. Have a great and safe summer!

Mrs Khinda and Miss Finnerty

### **Year 5**

What a wonderful half term we have had here in Year 5. We started proceedings with a fantastic visit to the Botanical Gardens at Kew. We saw incredible floral displays, and conservatories that were brimming with tropical plants. What a treat it was to see a banana plant and a cacao tree in London! We then went to look at 'The Hive'. This is a mammoth metallic structure that is meant to simulate a bee hive. We even got to experience how bees communicate by using a 'bone conductor' - as you can imagine, this created a real buzz! We also scaled the 118 steps up to the treetop walk. It was quite a climb (especially for the teachers) but it was worth it. A spectacular view awaited us, although some found it hard to look down! The visit culminated in us popping along to the Marianne North Gallery. We had already researched this marvellous Victorian artist in school. We were able to use this as a starting point for our own Work of Art paintings. Our work was a real triumph. This came as little surprise as we already knew what creative children we had in Year 5 after winning Lea Manor's 'What Will You Be?' art competition. As a result of this, the children in Year 5 were treated to an art day with a real artist. Wow! It hasn't been all art though - in English, we have been studying 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and creating some beautiful writing that shows off all that we have learned this year.

So it has been an excellent end to what has been a truly magnificent year. The Year 5 Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and children for all of their hard work and support this year. Have a lovely summer!

Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs Robinson and Miss Dougherty

## **Year 6**

It has been a busy but exciting time for the children in Year 6 this half term. The children's Mini Enterprises were a great success this year and each of the stalls were very popular with children across the school. The children did work hard and they were all able to make a very good profit!

As you may know, Year 6 have worked extremely hard this half term during our rehearsals for Peter Pan. They really put in the hours learning their lines, songs and dance routines for what turned out to be an amazing show! We were incredibly proud and it was wonderful to see how all of their hard work and effort paid off. If you did come to see the show, we thank you and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it on!

However, rehearsals for the pupils in Year 6 did not end there! They were straight back into the hall again to practise for their Leaver's Assembly. Again, the children are working hard in preparation for their goodbye to Bramingham Primary School, a school which they have all loved being a part of and will miss dearly. As teachers, we will miss them too and we would like to say that it has been a pleasure teaching this year group. We would like to say a huge well done for their fantastic SATs results and wish them luck as they move on to High School. We know that if they believe in themselves and aim high, they will achieve anything they want to.

Miss Smith, Mrs Glass, Mr Wyatt and Miss Sutton

## **Choir**

Choir has had another busy and successful year. We have learned songs from a range of times and cultures and we have even sung in different languages. This year, the children in Choir have been responsible for leading singing assemblies, and they have acclimatised well to being in the spotlight. What superstars they are! At Christmas, we spread cheer by singing at a local residential home. In the new year, we took our show on the road by singing at 'Young Voices' in Birmingham. What a super event this was! Just recently, our tuneful children wowed at Luton's annual event - 'Singing Spectacular'! We sang, and it was definitely spectacular. If your child is in Key Stage Two, and is interested in joining our Choir, please look out for letters that will go out in the autumn term.

Kind regards, and do-re-mi!

Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Gosling

## **Family Workers' News**

Once again we reach the end of another academic year. Each year I am sure they go quicker! We have included some information that may be of use to you regarding the Uniform Exchange run by Level Trust, Internet safety and summer holiday activities. Also included in the newsletter is information on the Luton Foodbank should finding food be a difficulty for you in the school holidays. Please see our area on the website for other useful information you may need, of services and activities during the summer holidays.

- Level Trust will be opening a new Uniform Exchange shop in August at the Mall next to the Children's Centre .Bring your school uniform and exchange it for a uniform you may need.

- [www.leveltrust.org](http://www.leveltrust.org)



- Summer Holiday Activities for children in Luton  
<http://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=96WjgtCuYCM>
- Keeping Well, Keeping Safe

If you come across anything on the internet that you may feel is not suitable or should not be available for children to access, you can report it to The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Service. You can access the CEOP via



<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### **Looking forward to September...**

**Toddler Time** will continue to run on Monday morning from 9.00am to 10.15am in the Family room. It is a stay and play session for babies and pre-school children with play activities and weekly crafts, a great place to meet new parents and have fun with your children. We start back on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Meeting Needs** coffee sessions for parents of children with physical, medical, additional learning or Special Educational Needs. Dates for next year are;

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

All will be 9.00am-10.30am in the Family room. Further dates to be set later in the year.

**Year 5 Parents** - High School transfer session for parents. You will have received a letter regarding the session in September. It will cover all aspects of applying to High Schools and any questions you may have. The date is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Family Room.

We hope you have a fun, enjoyable and safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Regards

Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf

### **Staff Leaving**

We have several members of staff leaving us:

- Mrs Crowder who is taking a deputy head role in a large London school
- Mrs Hiskett who has been with us for 16 years
- Mr Gardiner who is moving to a school near his home, he has been with us for 8 years
- Miss Forde, Miss Thompson-Robertson and Miss Gomez (Teaching Assistant) who are moving on to new things
- Mrs Shearer, the kitchen cashier, who has been made redundant by the LA, she has been with us for 15 years.

We wish them all every success in their new roles, and will miss them dearly!

We will be welcoming three new teachers:

- Mrs Pugh, Miss McGough and Mrs Hales (formerly Miss Dougherty).

We have three members of staff who will be getting married during the holidays, Miss Finnerty will become Mrs Haughney, Miss Dougherty will become Mrs Hales and Miss MacDonald will become Mrs Lockett. We send them our best wishes!

## **Reminders**

### **Swimming Lessons**

Due to a shortfall of over £2,000, a decision was made by governors on Tuesday to change the way swimming takes place at Bramingham. We will only send Year 3 children swimming for the year. This way children will have a longer period of swimming practices which will help them learn to swim the 25m expected, as laid down in the National Curriculum. Those that can swim this length will of course be extended further, in terms of their swimming skills.

We will be taking our school mini buses, and although this will be time consuming in terms of staffing, it does mean that we are not allowed to make any charges for children using the mini buses, so the cost of swimming will reduce for Year 3 parents. The cost for Year 3, for each half term will be halved. (So it should be approximately £1.70 a session, letters will be sent out in September)

### **Milk**

Milk will be available for children from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Letters with details of the cost will be sent out on the first day of term, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Clubs**

A letter will be sent out in September giving information about new club times and starting dates.

### **Lost Property**

We are seeing increasing amounts of lost property each term, so can we remind you to please **ensure you name all uniform** - especially school sweatshirts. If they are clearly named we can return them to your child.

### **Children Cycling to School**

We encourage children to ride their bikes or scooters to school. Please remind your children of road safety and how to ride their bikes in a safe way. We have had several near misses!

We would also like to remind parents that, for safety reasons, before the start and at the end of the school day, children should not ride their bikes or scooters, play football or use any of the equipment in the school playground.

### **Children's safety in Freeman Avenue**

Can we remind parents to avoid driving up Freeman Avenue to drop their children off for school unless they have a pass as this can put children at risk. We have had dangerous incidents reported to us by our site agent who is on attendance at the school gate in the morning and in the afternoon:-

### **Parking/Access to the school**

The school car park should only be used by staff and school visitors. Parents should not be driving into the school car park to drop off or collect their children unless:-

- It is to drop them off at Breakfast Club (before 8.45) am or to collect them from our After School Club or other after school clubs.
- They have a disabled badge; we have spaces in the school car park which are reserved for people driving cars with disabled badges **only**.
- They have been authorised by the school and have a school permit (these are issued by the school office in specific circumstances).

### **Dogs on the school premises**

Dogs may be allowed on the school premises but we must all be mindful of the health safety risk that this may cause and the fact that some children and adults will be scared of dogs. Dog owners have to act responsibly and ensure that their pet will not cause harm or distress and therefore may enter the school grounds as long as they respect the following rules:-

- Keep dogs on a tight leash and ensure they are aware of people's reactions around their pet and that their pet does not behave in an aggressive manner towards people or other dogs
- Make sure that their dog does not foul on the school grounds or ensure that if they do, they clear it up immediately

### **No Smoking**

In line with the council's policy, Bramingham Primary School is AT ALL TIMES A NO SMOKING SCHOOL. May we therefore remind parents not to smoke (this includes smoking electronic cigarettes) on the school premises. This also applies to the school car park, playground and playing field.

The safety of our/your children is paramount to us all!



## **Term Dates**

Below are the term dates for 2017/2018. A copy of these dates is displayed on the Parents' Notice Board in the entrance lobby as well as on our website ([bramingham.net](http://bramingham.net) - note no 'www').

### ***Term dates 2017/2018***

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

Term Starts	Monday 4 September 2017
Half term	Week commencing Monday 23 October 2017
Term ends	Wednesday 20 December 2017
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 1 September 2017</b> <b>Friday 3 November 2017</b>

#### **Spring Term 2018**

Term starts	Thursday 4 January 2018
Half term	Week commencing Monday 12 February 2018
Term ends	Thursday 29 March 2018
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 19 March 2018</b>

#### **Summer Term 2018**

Term starts	Monday 16 April 2018
Half term	Week commencing Tuesday 29 May 2018
Term ends	Friday 20 July 2018
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 4 June, 2018</b>

## **Activities for the Summer Holidays**

See below information from local companies about holiday activities for children, we do not endorse any of the companies but thought you might find it useful:

- Wardown Museum is newly refurbished and is offering some activities/workshop for the Summer, for more details log on to Luton Culture website which holds events for both the museum and Stockwood Park.
  
- Luton Hoo Estate workshops – see poster below