

***Please read this carefully - it
contains important information!!***



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

19th October, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome parents of our new "Squirrels". Please take the time to read this newsletter as it contains important information for you.

Have a happy break.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Flowers
Headteacher

School Dinners

School dinners for the coming half-term (Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December) will cost:-

KS1	Free	
KS2	35 days @ £2.00	£70.00 (£10 per week)
Year 3	34 days & £2.00	£68.00

Fun Fridays - KS2 6 days @ £2.00 £12.00

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

Bramingham Primary School Website – Bramingham.net

We hope that you will have had the opportunity to have a look at our new improved website and that you have found its content interesting for you and your children to read. If you have not had the chance as yet, please take a look!

You can log on to our website on *Bramingham.net*

If you click on the Children's tab you will find a page for each class. Most classes have put on details of the children's homework and some teachers have added some exciting links.

Sport Results/News

Our teams have been extremely busy with matches against other schools. The sports section of the school website will show the latest results, match reports and photos for our football, netball and rugby teams during this half term.

Well done to everyone who has represented the school and a big thank you to all the support the children have received.

Mr Wyatt and Mr Bavington

Family Workers' News

These are some of the sessions that we run in the Family Hut, if you are interested in any of them or just want to know more about what we do, please pop in for a chat or call us or email us on clegg@Bramingham.net or galtaf@Bramingham.net.

- ToddlerTime – On-going
- Meeting Needs SEN coffee session on-going - new Squirrels' parents invited

We hope you have a happy and safe half term.

Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf

Harvest Festival

Our Year 3 children performed an excellent assembly for our Harvest Festival. Well done to both classes and thank you to Year 3 parents who came to watch.

Thank you all for your kind donations for the Foodbank, the display in the entrance foyer is bursting with boxes, bags and tins of food! We are sure many Luton families will benefit from your generosity!

Mrs Khinda

You will know that Mrs Khinda will be beginning her maternity leave after the half term; her last day will be Friday 20th October. We wish her all the best and cannot wait to have her visit us with her newest family member!

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Pugh will be taking over Rabbits' class. Mrs Robinson will be teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Pugh Thursday and Friday (except for the first week after half term when Mrs Pugh will be teaching the first two days and Mrs Robinson the last three days). They have already spent time in the class, so your children are already familiar with them. Having two current teachers will make the change more easily managed by the children.

Don't Forget

- We have a school disco "Spooky Disco" on the last day of term, Friday 20th October, 2017 - Early Years children 5.15pm/KS1 5.30pm to 6.30pm, KS2 6.45pm to 8.15pm.
- INSET/Closure day on Friday 3rd November, 2017.

Reminders/School Rules

As we are in a new academic year and have welcomed many new parents to Bramingham. We thought it would be an opportunity to send you all a few reminders of some of the school's expectations.

School Uniform

We are noticing a recent drop in the high standards we expect. See below details of our school uniform:

GIRLS

- Navy skirt/trousers, pinafore dress, red and white checked gingham dress, navy shorts
- White blouse or polo shirt, red or navy polo neck jumpers/polo shirts
- Red sweatshirt/jumper
- White or blue socks (during the winter months, navy or red tights may be preferred)
- Brown/black/blue shoes, blue/white/red sandals. NOT trainers.

BOYS

- Navy trousers/shorts
- White shirt or polo shirt, red polo neck jumpers, white or red polo shirts
- Red sweatshirt/jumper
- Grey or navy socks
- Brown/black/blue shoes, NOT trainers
- A navy and red tie is available.

Please be aware that if boots are worn to school, children should change into their shoes whilst on the school premises. If sandals are 'too open' children will not be allowed to participate in some activities. Trainers are not to be worn in school, only for PE lessons, or lunchtimes. The headbands which have 'ears' on them are also not suitable.

PE Clothing

GIRLS AND BOYS

- Navy shorts
- Red T-shirt
- Plimsolls or suitable footwear for outdoor use
- Indoor Physical Education will be barefoot
- Navy or red leotards or gym skirts for girls' P.E. are optional

It is essential that children have a change of clothing for P.E.

It would be much appreciated if a bag with a drawstring, labelled with your child's name, could be provided for keeping the kit together.

During the winter months, it is ESSENTIAL that the children are provided with a tracksuit or similar warm clothing for outdoor P.E. Where possible, these should be red or navy.

Although it is preferable that P.E. kits are left in school throughout the week, please note that in the event of a fire, P.E. kit left at school will not be covered for replacement or cleaning.

All individual items of school uniform MUST have the child's name clearly marked on them.

Parking

We would like to remind all parents that ***the school car park should only be used by staff, school visitors, parents with parking permits*** (these are issued by the school under special circumstances) ***or for dropping off children at Breakfast Club or picking up from After School Club*** (for safety, please make sure you park in a marked bay).

Cars should not be parked on the yellow lines outside school. Cars parked in this area cause an obstruction in general, and in particular they block pushchair access. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter, for the safety of all concerned. We are very fortunate that Sainsbury's store has always very kindly allowed parents to park in their car park when dropping off children. There is also the car park at the back of the Bramingham Public House/Local shops. Please make sure you use these facilities and also avoid parking in Campania Grove or Cicero Drive.

*If you are allowed to drive in the school car park please make sure you drive **VERY** slowly.*

It has been noticed recently that there are cars parked in our car park, as early as 3pm, with parents sitting and waiting for their children. This has resulted in staff not being able to park at 3pm. This increases the number of cars leaving the school car park at 3.30pm and could lead to accidents.

Children's safety outside the school gates and the school car park

Please remind your children not to run across the top of Freeman Avenue or wander off the footpath onto the car park. There have been recent near misses with cars driving in or out of the school premises.

Bikes and Scooters

Children coming to school on their bikes or scooters should not ride them along the school footpaths, or the playground. Once on the premises, they should walk alongside their scooters as riding them can be dangerous with so many children and adults around.

Dropping Off and Collection of Children

The school day starts at 9.00am; children may come into their classrooms from 8.45am. Any child not present for registration will be marked as late on the register and this will affect their attendance record. No child or adult is allowed into classrooms or the school building before 8.45am (unless previously arranged with a member of staff) as staff could be meeting together in a class, or elsewhere in the school.

The Dell outside door should only be used for Breakfast Club and After School Club parents.

Please make sure the front entrance to the school building is only used if you need to talk to a member of our office staff or if your child is arriving late to school or returning from an appointment. There are still a number of parents who walk through the main entrance in the mornings after dropping off your children; please leave the school via the classrooms or outside cloakroom doors unless you need to speak to the office staff.

The school day finishes at 3.30pm; children need to be collected at the end of the day unless they are allowed to walk home. If you have been delayed and cannot collect your child on time, please contact the office to make alternative arrangements. To increase children's safety, a child cannot be left unsupervised in the school. Should we not hear from you by 3.40pm, we will provide a place for your child at After School Club and will request payment from you the following day, as stated on your admission form.

School Apparatus

We would like to remind you that children should not be on the school apparatus before or after school when they are not supervised by a member of staff. Several children hurt themselves last academic year and teachers had to go out to help them.

Early Years play area

The new Early Years area has been fenced off for the children's safety. We would therefore ask you to close the gates behind you when leaving the Early Years unit after dropping off your children.

We would also appreciate it if you could stop your children from using the Early Years play area, particularly bikes and tricycles, when dropping off or collecting your children from school.

Snacks

Children are allowed to have a snack for morning break or in their lunch boxes. All snacks should be healthy snacks such as fresh fruits and vegetables. Winders are not a healthy option and are not allowed.

Lost Property

Please ensure that all items of school clothing (**and lunchboxes**) are marked clearly with your child's name (or even initials). This helps greatly when items are misplaced, and we can then ensure that items are returned to their owners quickly. Our lost property boxes are always overflowing with items which are not named making it impossible for us to find the rightful owners.

Appointments

Could you please make every possible effort to avoid taking children out of school for appointments, such as doctor and dental. We have noted an increase in the number of children being collected during the school day for such appointments.

Child's Personal Information

It is essential that you let the office staff know of any changes in your details (e.g. email, address, telephone number, mobile number or personal circumstances) so that our contact records are kept up-to-date. If you change your address we need to see a proof of address e.g. utility bill or a solicitor's letter confirming the sale completion.

Money Collection

Any money being sent to school (trips/BC/ASC, milk etc.) **must not** be taken to the school office; it should be sent in a named envelope and given to the class teacher first thing in the morning.

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 on the school's premises. This includes the school car park, playground and playing field.

Look out for Phonics workshops

Mrs Bharaj will be running a phonic workshop for Early Years parents on Thursday 9th November @ 2.30pm and one for Year 1 parents on Thursday 16th November also @ 2.30pm. We hope that many of you will be able to attend!

For those of you who attended the reading workshop in Early Years, we hope you found it useful!

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 - 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
Training Day	Friday 1 September 2017 Friday 3 November 2017

Spring Term 2018

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

Summer Term 2018

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

Dates for your diaries

These dates will be made available again throughout the year. They are subject to changes and additions so please make sure Newsletters are read carefully! You will be able to see changes in italic and bold.

➤ 20.10.17	School disco
➤ w/b 23.10.17	Half term week
➤ 30.10.17	Fire Service visiting Yr 2
➤ 01.11.17	Yr 5 Victorian Wow Day
➤ 03.11.17	School closure/training day
➤ 07.11.17	Yr 3 – Chiltern Open Air Museum
➤ 10.11.17	Magpies' Assembly
➤ 13.11.17	School photographer - individual & family photos
➤ 14.11.17	Yr 6 – Young Shakespeare Theatre Company in
➤ 16.11.17	Yr 2 – visit Royal Gunpowder Mills

➤ 17.11.17	Frogs Assembly
➤ 12.12.17	KS1 Parents watch Nativity (PM)
➤ 13.12.17	KS1 Parents watch Nativity (AM)
➤ 13.12.17	Christmas Fayre
➤ 14.12.17	Early Year Parents watch Nativity (AM)
➤ 19.12.17	EY Christmas party (PM)
➤ 20.12.17	KS1 & Yr 3 Christmas parties (AM)
➤ 20.12.17	Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas parties (PM)
➤ 20.12.17	Last day of term – Christmas holidays start
➤ 04.01.18	Back to School – Start of Spring Term
➤ w/b 08.01.18	Yr 6 parents visit class
➤ w/b 15.01.18	Yr 2 parents visit class
➤ 19.01.18	Badgers' Assembly
➤ w/b 22.01.18	Yr 5 parents visit class
➤ 26.01.18	Hedgehogs' Assembly
➤ w/b 29.01.18	Yr 4 parents visit class
➤ w/b 29.01.18	Start of Book fortnight
➤ 02.02.18	Kestrels' Assembly
➤ w/b 05.02.18	Yr 3 parents visit class
➤ 08.02.18	Doves' Assembly
➤ 09.02.18	Book fortnight Assembly
➤ w/b 12.02.18	Half term week
➤ w/b 19.02.18	Yr 1 parent visit
➤ 21 & 22.02.18	KS2 Open Evenings
➤ w/b 26.02.18	EY parents visit class
➤ 28.02 & 01.03.18	EY & KS1 Open Evenings
➤ 02 to 04.03.18	Yrs 5 & 6 Residential trip to PGL - Marchants Hill
➤ 09.03.18	Wrens' Assembly
➤ 16.03.18	Foxes' Assembly
➤ 23.03.18	Owls' Assembly
➤ 29.03.18	Rabbits' Assembly
➤ 29.03.18	Last day of term - Easter holidays start
➤ 16.04.18	Back to school - Start of the Summer Term
➤ 04.05.18	Robins' Assembly
➤ 07.05.18	May Bank Holiday
➤ 11.05.18	Swifts' Assembly
➤ w/b 14.05.18	KS2 SATS week
➤ 18 to 21.05.18	Yr 6 Residential trip to PGL – Little Canada
➤ w/b 28.05.18	Half Term Week
➤ 04.06.18	School closure/training day
➤ 22.06.18	Early Years' Assembly
➤ 26.06.18	Sports Day
➤ 20.07.18	Leavers' Assembly
➤ 20.07.18	Last day of term - Summer Holidays start