

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



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017

10th February, 2017

Dear Parents,

We will be on half-term holiday for the week beginning 13th February, 2017. The children will be back in school Monday 20th February, 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Flowers
Headteacher

School Dinners

School dinners this half-term (Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March) will cost:-

KS1	Free	
KS2	30 days @ £1.95	£58.50 (£9.75 per week)
Fun Fridays - KS2	6 days @ £1.95	£11.70

You can view the School Dinners menu around the school and on our website (bramingham.net) in the Parents section.

As part of a continuous effort to improve online payment methods LBC Catering Services reviewed its provider, and they are pleased to inform you that Tucasi is now the cashless provider. This system proves to be user friendly and easy to navigate.

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

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

Via mobile device – by visiting the Tucasi website (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 MEALS' CASHIER, Mrs Shearer, (telephone 562945).*

Bramingham Primary School Website – Bramingham.net

We hope that you have been able to access our website and that you and your children are finding the information that it contains of interest.

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 what they have been learning this half term, you should also be able to see the children's homework and some teachers have added exciting links. See below some short messages from each year group.

Early Years

Look at our Squirrels website for the latest news on this term's learning.

After half term our topic will be 'Up in the Air' with many of the weeks focusing on learning about space and travelling in space as well as different methods of air travel.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise reading and writing their keywords from memory (no blending for these!) as well as hold their pencil in a mature tripod grip.

We are looking forward to meeting with you on either the Wednesday or Thursday after half term for our Spring Parents' Evening.

Have a great half term

The Early Years Team

Year 1

The children and staff would like to say a big thank you to our visitors - our fire lady, the nurses and our policeman for coming in to talk to us about what they do to help us. We hope to be able to upload some photos of our visitors on the website.

We also enjoyed doing our work on Mrs Jolly for Book Fortnight.

Thank you for all the support with the children's homework, it has been very helpful.

Miss Garton, Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Zajac

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about life cycles and have been enjoying finding out about frogs.

We have really enjoyed studying Julia Donaldson books during Book Fortnight.

In DT we have been building towers, please look at our website to see some pictures!

Helen Dyble-Bassett/Laura Brook and Kam Bharaj

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very exciting half term! From learning about Taylor Swift, writing our own autobiographies, writing a 'Worst Witch' chapter to learning all about Caribbean Culture. If you would like to see some pictures of our Jamaican Food Tasting afternoon, then go to our class pages of the school website.

Miss Gosling, Mrs Baker and Mrs Kelly

Year 4

Thank you very much for your support this half-term. We are sure you enjoyed your child's class assembly. The children worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of them!

We will continue to go swimming each Friday after half term. Outdoor PE kits are needed every Monday.

Recently, we have noticed that lots of children's homework has been handed in late or incomplete. Please ensure your child returns their Brain Builder, complete, on the date specified. Brain Builders are followed up in class and children lose out if they have not been completed. Maths and spelling homework are both due on a Wednesday. If children are unsure of a task, they must see the appropriate teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Thank you to those who joined us for a half-day parent visit. If you have not already, please return the questionnaire at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Mrs Khinda and Miss Finnerty

Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another busy half-term, delving into England's interesting, and at times turbulent, history. Examples of some of our work will shortly be appearing on our class pages on the school website. To wet your appetite, you can expect illuminated pages of our very own Anglo-Saxon chronicle and our descriptions of the ferocious monster, Grendel, from the epic Anglo-Saxon poem 'Beowulf'.

We wish you all a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you after the half-term break, when we will be asking the question 'Is it fair?'.

Miss Dougherty, Mrs Robinson and Miss Fitzgerald

Year 6

Kestrels and Doves – It has been another busy term in Year 6! The children thoroughly enjoyed performing in their class assemblies. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and would like to thank those who came to watch.

We would also like to thank those who joined us for a half-day visit and completed the questionnaire. Your feedback and comments are always very much appreciated.

Our revision period begins after half term. Please visit our pages on the website to view all of the necessary information. Thank you to those who attended the SATs meeting. We hope you found the information useful.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Miss Smith, Mrs Glass, Miss Sutton and Mr Wyatt

Sport Results/News

This half term has been particularly quiet, but you will be able to see our boccia results on our website. Next half term a lot of our sporting activities will resume, so we will have a lot going on!

Family Workers' News

We can't quite believe that the first few weeks of this term have whizzed by so fast! We just wanted to say a huge well done to our 7 parents who attended and completed the 'Just What We Need' emotional wellbeing course. The 12 weeks flew past and they were an informative and interesting set of sessions looking at our emotional needs and how they can be met to have a secure foundation in life. We looked at how we can influence and improve our own wellbeing and that of our children meaning we have a sense of achievement, fulfilment and develop resilience. I am hoping to run another set of sessions later in the year. If you are interested in the next course please contact Miss Legg.

Meeting Needs Coffee mornings/afternoons - Sessions for parents of children with medical/physical/additional and Special Educational Needs. An informal group sharing information and ideas about a variety of topics such as clubs, activities, support outside of school all with tea/coffee and of course cake! Next dates are:

Wednesday 22nd February, **2pm - 3.20pm** in the Family Room. Note the afternoon session!

Wednesday 29th March, **9.00am - 10.30am** in the Family room.

Further dates to be confirmed.

Toddler Time - Stay and Play for 0-4 years in the Family Room every Monday (term time) 9.00am-10.15am.

Luton Emotional Wellbeing Service - The service are running two sessions for adults. Session 1 is around "Low Mood" and Session two is around "Worries". Please see the website under the Family Worker section for more information on dates, times and how to self-refer and contact the Luton Wellbeing Service.

Please see our section of the school website for details and links to other organisations and information that may be of use to you e.g Free School Meals entitlement, Luton Children and Family information service (with lots of information on childcare, clubs and specialist services).

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended the Brain Builder and Phonics workshops and the EAL coffee afternoons.

Workshops planned for the next coming months include Infant and Child Resuscitation First Aid course, Maths, handwriting and phonics for Key Stage 1 parents' workshops and many more. Please keep a look out for the Family Workers' letters and text messages.

Luton Foodbank

A big thank you to all parents and pupils who contributed to the food bank collection at school. Over 800 items were collected!

If you are unable to feed your family please contact the Family Worker or Luton Food bank on 01582 725838 or email info@lutonfoodbank.org.uk

We hope you have a happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing you rested and energised !

Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf

The Star Reading Challenge

<p><i>Squirrels Grey</i></p> <p>Emilie Athrow Evie Hobbs Shiko Kamau Tegan Ndlovu Alex Olkowicz Sojia Petcu Jacob Pienkowski Emily Pugh</p>	<p><i>Squirrels Red</i></p> <p>Cora Breen Mohammed Essa Chaudary Israel Famurewa James Hoar Rudra Khokhri Elise King Savannan Lawson Catherine Lyall Amaya Makaryi Dawid Porowski Ilyas Provencal Charley Pugh Zachary Spiers Jasper Watson</p>
<p><i>Year 1 - Swifts</i></p> <p>Maryam Ali Harry Ash Lily Coleman Emily Dignam Madison Hogan Ellie Janes Alexis Mensah-Loh Ethan Newton Mia Shanley Dylan Smith Ramani Srimohanrajah</p>	<p><i>Year 1 - Robins</i></p> <p>Sophie Broom Safia Choudhry Ayisha Djerboua Cameron Golder-Rowlands Ella-Grace Harvey Abhih Kalsi Ethan Lane Charlie Lewis Zainab Lodhi Daniel Mustafa Michal Nieradzinski Grace Powell Jafar Shah Dhilan Thanki Savannah Wilson</p>

<p><i>Year 2 - Foxes</i></p> <p>Mishfa Ali Jamie Bryan Aleksander Byrne Chloe Chen Anthony Davidel Ayman Doward Conor Garahee-Sugrue Max Hose Hansini Jugroop Emaan Khan Carlos La Riviere-Monlouis Zaina-Hibbah Malik Kade Owens Kyla Stanger Noah Watson Dileepa Wickramasinghe Poppy Yeatman</p>	<p><i>Year 2 - Wrens</i></p> <p>Alexus Bailey Adriel Butawo Zoha Chaudary Camille Dabeeah Jack Hoar Aleena Hussain Aaliyah-Rae Jackaman Matthew Lyall Lily May Piotr Porowski Ali-Akbar Shah Eveline Stoian Ahren Talwar Luquel Walker Connor Woods Bobby Wright Olly Young</p>
<p><i>Year 3 - Owls</i></p> <p>Sarah Choudhry Niall Croft Mia Daly Shayna Hibble Freddie Hobbs Mahhek Imani Kabir Finley Mairs Archie Russell McIntyre Ahmads Ojers Amber Shaw Aleena Shehzad Kartikeya Soma</p>	<p><i>Year 3 - Rabbits</i></p> <p>Sharon Bampoe Shannon Davey-Slasor Kyle Fensome Rio Harber Connor Janes Ria Khetia Marcus King Max Lawrence Isa Shah Lily Sullivan</p>
<p><i>Year 4 - Badgers</i></p> <p>Reuben Apaw Daniel Collins Imogen Davidson Chloe Dignam Jazia Djerboua Maddison Dominy-Lewis Charlie Gray Isla Herrity Helena Hughes Ayaan Kabir Jack Kelly Jaelen Kiamil Ollie Morris Wiktorija Nieradzinska Benjamin Ohwariovbe Harry Roberts Leon Ryan</p>	<p><i>Year 4 - Hedgehogs</i></p> <p>Anthony Anderson Jerome Barfour Amelie Blake Katy Bolton Thomas Breen Joshua Callaghan Tykia Campbell Radu Ciobanu Sophie Collins Brandon Doyle James Flower Omari Golby Ilm Hussain Savannah Marjan-March Olivia McDonald Niall Nolan Tia Riddle</p>

	Freddie Scutchings Charlie Smith Maddie Wheeler Lucy Mei Willmott Leo Yamazaki-Fenning Saim Zaidi
<i>Year 5 - Frogs</i> Latia Awuah-Wojega Mia Blaydon Chanaz Butawo Sophia Ghani Tyler Gomez Childs Kushal Jhurry Radha Katechia Zain Khan Om Khokhri Tianna Ranson Harley Wilson	<i>Year 5 - Magpies</i> Vanisha Ahir Adham Ahmed Shabab Ahmed Mariam Ali Hisbaan Ali Zain Ali Harry Barnard Emily Beesley Harry Clarke Zara Dogan Gracy-Mai Golby Jehu Josephs Poppy Legg Corey Mairs Mya-Lilly Mays Ella Mossman Precious Olayinka Mason Payne Scott Pity Inayah Shah Elijah Watson
<i>Year 6 - Kestrels</i> Zaira Ahmad Jeremy Barfour James Beesley Georgie-Leigh Campbell Joshua Croft Tristan Dabeeah Joshua Daly Jasmine Golby Nona Janulaityte Ula Janulaityte Aliya Loi Shumirai Nyamusenga Elsie Oware Teagan Perry Abbie Perryman Kamran Qadeer Karan Samra Taylor Scutchings Rahim Sour Faizah Suleman	<i>Year 6 - Doves</i> Fiona Apaw Melissa Brako Abigail Flower Rehan Iqbal Harsimran Kaur Danielle Kelly Danica Kessie Megan King Maddison McArthur Elif Noble Enhakorre Obeng Nathan Pink Safia Sam Chandrasingh Ariana Talwar Jacey Woodland+

Elise Tombs Kirsty Tuffen Oliver Wheeler	
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Super Hero Day

A wonderful day was spent in memory of Yusuf Choudhury. Money collected will be shared with our mini-bus fund and Delete Blood Cancer. Photos were taken and a large collage will be made to go up in school. Many thanks to everybody who contributed a memory for his parents to gain an insight into what an impact Yusuf had on everybody and how much he will be missed.

Choir sing in Birmingham with almost 6500 children!

What a busy half term it has been for our school choir! After our busy Christmas period, where we sang Christmas carols for the elderly members of our community, and sang at the Christmas Fayre, we had to prepare for Bramingham Choir's biggest venture in recent years! On 30th January, 24 members of our choir sang their socks off at Young Voices, where they were joined by many other schools from around the nation, famous beatboxers, singers and dancers! In total, 6494 children sang together along with Natalie Williams, an up and coming soul-jazz singer, Tabby Callaghan, previous X-Factor contestant and Beatbox Collective, the current Beatbox World Champions! We were also able to 'strut our stuff' with street dancers, Urban Strides. Friends and family of our choir have commented on how amazing the show was and that it was a fantastic experience for their children to be part of! Our choir have made us very proud and we are looking forward to our next venture, Singing Spectacular - watch this space!

Miss Gosling and Miss Fitzgerald

Reminders/School's rules

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.***

*If you are allowed to drive in the school car park please make sure you drive **VERY** slowly. There have been too many near misses due to drivers breaking the 5mph speed limit.*

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 avoid parking in Campania Grove, Cicero Drive or Quantock Close, particularly please do not park in residents' parking bays.

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

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

School Apparatus

We would like to remind parents that children should not be on the school apparatus before or after school when they are not supervised by a member of staff. Recently a child was injured and fortunately on this occasion members of staff were still in the staff room and were able to help. This will not always be the case. Parents were also on the playground near the apparatus, but when they didn't help it was realized they were not parents of the child injured.

Early Years' Gates

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.

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 right 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.

Term Dates

Below are the term dates for 2016/2017 and 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 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

Term starts	Thursday 5 January 2017
Half term	Week commencing Monday 13 February 2017
Term ends	Friday 31 March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term starts	Tuesday 18 April 2017
Half term	Week commencing Tuesday 30 May 2017
Term ends	Friday 21 July 2017
Training Day	Friday 23rd June 2017

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 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 4th 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.

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| ➤ 10.02.17 | Book fortnight Assembly |
| ➤ w/b 13.02.17 | Half term week |
| ➤ w/b 20.02.17 | Yr 3 parent visit |
| ➤ 22 & 23.02.17 | Open Evenings |
| ➤ w/b 27.02.17 | Yr 3 & Yr 1 parents visit class |
| ➤ 03 to 05.03.17 | Yrs 5 & 6 Residential trip to PGL - Marchants Hill |
| ➤ w/b 06.03.17 | Yr 1 & EY parents visit class |
| ➤ 10.03.17 | Wrens' Assembly |
| ➤ w/b 13.03.17 | EY parents visit class |
| ➤ 17.03.17 | Foxes' Assembly |
| ➤ 24.03.17 | Owls' Assembly |
| ➤ 31.03.17 | Rabbits' Assembly |
| ➤ 31.03.17 | Last day of term - Easter holidays start |
| ➤ 18.04.17 | Back to school - Start of the Summer Term |
| ➤ 01.05.17 | May Bank Holiday |
| ➤ 03.05.17 | Class photos |
| ➤ w/b 08.05.17 | KS2 SATS week |
| ➤ 12 to 15.05.17 | Yr 6 Residential trip to PGL – Little Canada |
| ➤ 19.05.17 | Robins' Assembly |
| ➤ 26.05.17 | Swifts' Assembly |
| ➤ w/b 29.05.17 | Half Term Week |
| ➤ 22.06.17 | Yr 5 visit Kew Gardens |
| ➤ 23.06.17 | School closure/training day |
| ➤ 27.06.17 | Sports Day |
| ➤ 21.07.17 | Leavers' Assembly |
| ➤ 21.07.167 | Last day of term - Summer Holidays start |