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# NEWSLETTER

October, 2018

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 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December) will cost:-

KS1	No charge	
KS2	40 days @ £2.05	£82.00 (£10.25 per week)
Years 3 & 4	39 days @ £2.05	£79.95
Fun Fridays - KS2	8 days @ £2.05	£16.40

All parents are allocated a Bramingham Primary Catering confidential online account to pay for their child's dinner money by using Tucasi secure, scopay.com. You will need to

register in order to use the system. This is the only way you can pay for your child's school lunches, the school cannot take any payment from you. If you have any query or questions, please speak to the school kitchen.

*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 website and that you have found its content interesting for you and your children to read. It contains a lot of information. 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. Below are some prompts from each year group to give you an idea of what you can see on their classes' pages.

*We have had a fab first half term in Squirrels. It has been exciting to meet our new teachers and adults who help us, as well as making lots of new friends! Have a look on the website to see what we have been learning about through our play both indoors and outside.*

*Welcome to Year 1, we have had a busy and exciting start to Year 1. We have explored Autumn in science and discovered lots of things that are the same and different between ourselves and our friends in topic work. Please look on the website to keep up with our adventures.*

*Please look at our class pages to see pictures of our first half term in Year 2. Next term we will be learning all about Guy Fawkes and The Great Fire of London! Please look out for a letter coming soon about our trip to The Gunpowder Mills.*

*In Year 3 we're working on our topic of Houses and Homes. All of our writing has been based around the story of the Three Little Pigs. Our geography work has been about land use, including land used for housing, and we've also learnt about different types of houses built throughout the ages, as well as different types of homes used in various parts of the world. In the latter part of the half-term, we've been preparing for our Harvest Assembly, which will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to see lots of you there, and we also hope that we will receive many donations of food items. These will all be sent to the Luton Foodbank - an extremely worthwhile cause, which helps many people.*

*We have had an awesome start to Year 4 learning about our topic 'Where does it come from?' Please go onto our class pages to see what we've been up to. There are*

*some pictures of our Chocolate Workshop and some of our Zu3D animations will be up soon!*

*The beginning of this year has been 'Out of this World' for Year 5! We learned all about Space and had an incredible time at the National Space Centre. We've nearly finished writing new and improved leaflets for the National Space Centre - be sure to visit the classrooms to see them after half term. Next half term, our topic will be the Victorians. We will be kick-starting this topic with a Wow Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November (first week back), where the children will be able to experience what life was like for Victorian children.*

*The children have settled very well into Year 6 and are working hard. We have had a lot of fun studying the Ancient Greeks and working on the myth Theseus and the Minotaur. The children have enjoyed writing their own 'defeat the monster' stories and writing sets of instructions for mythical warriors to follow. Next half term, our topic will be Shakespearean England. We have organized for the Young Shakespeare Company to visit Birmingham and perform their production of Macbeth on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. It really is an amazing introduction to the work of Shakespeare and one not to be missed!*

### **Family Workers**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Squirrels coffee/tea afternoon the meeting was very successful and your feedback has been passed on to the staff. Please look out for further workshop letters for phonics and reading.

Toddler Time Stay and Play session for preschool children. Mondays 9.00am-10.15am.

Meeting Needs coffee/tea session for parents of children with additional, medical, physical and/or Special Educational Needs. Held in the Family Room 9.00am-10.30am. Next dates Wednesday 31st October and Weds 5th December.

Please remember to look at the website for phone numbers and links to agencies who support families in Luton or contact the Family Workers directly.

We are also Food Bank referrers if you need help or know of one who may need help please contact us via the school office or email.

### **Governors**

In the summer holidays John Mardle, Chair of Governors, myself, Miss Sutton and Mrs Bains attended the funeral of Christine Goldson. Christine had been a strong member of our Governing Body for 4 years but had close connections with the school for over 20 years. She was our Governor for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, (SEND) fighting hard for the right funding to support our children with SEND. She made many visits to the school and worked closely with Mrs Bains. She will be a real loss to both the Governing Body and the school. We have 2 governors expressing an interest in taking over the very important role of SEND Governor.

We have spaces available on our Governing Body and wanted to wait until our Early Years' parents became settled before we filled the positions. We are now almost at the end of our first half term so we are in a good position to know what we further need as a Governing Body. A letter will be going out shortly detailing the process. If you feel you would be interested and would like to know more about the role please drop the school an email and ask anything you would like to know.

### **Don't Forget**

- We have a school disco "Spooky Disco" on the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Early Years children 5.00pm – parents can stay/KS1 5.30pm to 6.30pm, KS2 6.45pm to 8.15pm.
  
- INSET/Closure Day - Monday 15th October, 2018.

### **Visit to Malawi and Zambia**

Remember Mrs Gould and myself will be visiting schools in Malawi and Zambia. As per my texts, if you would like to send in any donations that I will spend on equipment or any items for the schools, please send to the office.

## **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***

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**

***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***, sadly it has been pointed out to us that some parents do not park in a marked bay and block access to the car park for other users).

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 are very fortunate that Sainsbury's store has always very kindly allowed parents to park in their car park when dropping off children and there is also the car park at the back of the Bramingham Public House/Local shops it would be best to avoid parking in Freeman Avenue altogether. Please make sure you use the facilities that are available and safer for all. Also avoid parking in Campania Grove or Cicero Drive.

We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter, for the safety of all concerned.

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

### **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 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 or at the school gate. Please make sure that your child knows that he/she needs to come to the school office (particularly older children who walk to the school gate to meet their parents) if their parent is not where they expect them to be. They must not go home with another parent/adult unless the school has been advised.

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.

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

The front entrance to the school building is only to be 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. Please leave the school via the classrooms or outside cloakroom doors unless you need to speak to the office staff.

### ***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, wafers are not a healthy option and are not allowed neither are chocolate covered snacks.

### ***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.

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER.**

This will be the last newsletter that we will communicate in this way (printing a copy per family).

In an effort to save paper and the environment, in future we will advise you that a newsletter is on our website, we will print a few copies that will be available in reception. If any of you require a hard copy, please contact the school office who will organize one for you.

## Term Dates

Below are the term dates for 2018/2019. 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)

### ***Term dates 2018/2019***

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

Term Starts	Tuesday 4 September 2018
Half term	Week commencing Monday 22 October 2018
Term ends	Friday 21 December 2018
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 3 September 2018</b> <b>Monday 15 October 2018</b>

#### **Spring Term 2019**

Term starts	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Half term	Week commencing Monday 18 February 2019
Term ends	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 7 January 2019</b>

#### **Summer Term 2019**

Term starts	Tuesday 23 April 2019
Half term	Week commencing Monday 27 May 2019
Term ends	Tuesday 23 July 2019
<b>Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 3 May 2019</b> <b>Friday 21 June 2019</b>

### **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!*

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| ➤ Tues 09.10.18 & Wed 10.10.18 | KS2 Open Evenings                                |
| ➤ <b>Mon 15.10.18</b>          | <b>School closure/training day</b>               |
| ➤ Tues 16.10.18                | Yr 3 Harvest Festival                            |
| ➤ Tues 16.10.18 & Wed 17.10.18 | EY & KS1 Open Evenings                           |
| ➤ <b>w/b Mon 22.10.18</b>      | <b>Half term week</b>                            |
| ➤ Tues 06.11.18                | Yr 4 visit British Open Air Museum               |
| ➤ Thurs 08.11.18               | School photographer - individual & family photos |
| ➤ Fri 09.11.18                 | Frogs Assembly                                   |
| ➤ Thurs 15.11.18               | Yr 2 visit Royal Gun Powder Museum               |
| ➤ Fri 16.11.18                 | Children in Need Assembly                        |
| ➤ Mon 19.11.18                 | Yr 6 – Young Shakespeare Theatre Company in      |

- Thurs 22.11.18
- Fri 23.11.18
- Wed 12.12.18
- Fri 14.12.18
- Tues 18.12.18
- Wed 19.12.18
- Thurs 20.12.18
- Fri 21.12.18
  
- **Fri 21.12.18**
- **Mon 07.01.19**
- **Tues 08.01.19**
- w/b 14.01.19
- w/b 21.01.19
- Fri 25.01.19
- w/b 28.01.19
- Fri 01.02.19
- w/b 04.02.19
- Fri 08.02.19
- w/b 11.02.19
- Fri 15.02.19
- **w/b 18.02.19**
- w/b 25.02.19
- Fri 01 to Sun 03.03.19
- w/b 04.03.19
- Fri 08.03.19
- Fri 15.03.19
- Fri 29.03.19
- Tues 02.04.19 & Wed 03.04.19
- Fri 05.04.19
- **Fri 05.04.19**
- **Tues 23.04.19**
- **Fri 03.05.19**
- **Mon 06.05.19**
- Tues 07.05 & Wed 08.05.19
- w/b 13.05.19
- Fri 17.05.19
- Fri 24.05.19
- **Fri 21.06.19**
- Tues 25.06.19
- Fri 28.06.19
- Fri 28.06 to Mon 01.07.19
- Tues 02.07 & Wed 03.07.19
- Wed 10.07 & Thurs 11.07.19
- Tues 23.07.19
- **Tues 23.07.19**
  
- Yr 3 visit Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Magpies Assembly
- Christmas Fayre
- Early Year Parents watch Nativity (AM) tbc
- KS1 Parents watch nativity (PM)
- KS1 Parents watch nativity (AM)
- EY Christmas party (PM)
- KS1 & Yr 3 Christmas parties (AM)
- Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas parties (PM)
- Last day of term – Christmas holidays**
- School closure/training day**
- Back to School – Start of Spring Term**
- Yr 6 parents visit class
- Yr 2 parents visit class
- Badgers' Assembly
- Yr 5 parents visit class
- Hedgehogs' Assembly
- Yr 4 parents visit class
- Doves' Assembly
- Yr 3 parents visit class
- Kestrels' Assembly
- Half term week**
- Yr 1 parents visit class
- Yrs 5 & 6 Residential trip to PGL – Marchants Hill
- EY parents visit class
- Robins' Assembly
- Swifts' Assembly
- Owls' Assembly
- EY & Yr 6 Open evenings
- Rabbits' Assembly
- Last day of term - Easter holidays start**
- Back to school - Start of the Summer Term**
- Closure day/Training Day**
- May Bank Holiday**
- Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Opening evenings
- KS2 SATS week
- Wrens' Assembly
- Foxes' Assembly
- School closure/training day**
- Sports Day
- Early Years' Assembly
- Yr 6 Residential trip to PGL – Little Canada
- Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Opening evenings
- Children meet their new classes
- Leavers' Assembly
- Last day of term - Summer Holidays Start**