



BHPS Newsletter No.30

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We are able to share some new information in light of the government's recent announcement and delay in the lifting of Covid restrictions.

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Changes to Plans in Light of Government's Recent Announcement

As we approach the end of this week, you will now be aware of the government's announcement to delay the lifting of the Covid restrictions. In school, we had been sharing with you our tentative plans to restart certain activities. Sadly, we now need to alter some of these plans because we have to continue with the control measures in place. Therefore all arrangements for operating in year group bubbles, staggered start and finish times for the school day, use of face masks and a one-way system will continue. We are also continuing with the extra cleaning regimes in school that we have been using since Spring of last year. We need all parents to continue to isolate their entire household pending a negative PCR test for those displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

School Games Days (Sports Days)

We still intend to hold our KS1 and KS2 School Games Days on 24th and 25th June respectively. This will take significant organisation to ensure that children from different year groups do not 'cross-bubble' and that all equipment is cleaned when being used by different year groups. Unfortunately, the requirement to limit public gatherings means that **it will not be possible for parents to attend School Games Day this year**. This is obviously a shame but we did still want the children to benefit from the experience and we are having to prioritise them.

Children in all year groups should come to school in their PE kits on their School Games Day and there is no need to dress children in different coloured T-shirts this year. They should have a drinks bottle and parents should apply sun cream before school and provide a sun hat according to the weather conditions.

PTA Summer Fair

Unfortunately, it will now not be possible to hold our annual Summer Fair on the evening of 16th July.

Instead, we plan to hold a non-uniform day and certain Covid secure activities in school during that day so that the children still get to enjoy some of the fun. I am certain that throwing wet sponges at the Head Teacher is not a Covid safe activity! The PTA will be sending out further information about 16th July shortly.

Year 6 Summer Performance

We are still planning on the year 6 children taking part in their summer show and this is scheduled to take place when the restrictions might be lifted. We are hoping that parents and carers will be able to

join us. Planning ahead, we have to manage a potential larger group of adults in school and so we will be operating a system **where two tickets only per child can be issued for the summer performance which will enable social distancing to take place**. We will be running the performances on two nights and so if parents want one adult to attend on the first night and one on the second, this is still acceptable. Parents should not bring younger children to the shows and any older children will count as taking one of the tickets available.

We are delighted that the Year 2 sleepover and the several day trips that have planned will still take place as these single bubble activities are permitted within the national guidance.

Sun Safety

As the summer progresses, we have been enjoying some beautiful sunny weather. We would like to remind parents that we do not administer sun cream in school and that this would need to be applied at home before children leave for school. It is also a good idea to provide your child with a sun hat for when they are outside at break or lunchtime. Children will continue to need to have their water bottles and, as the temperatures rise, it may be necessary for them to have two bottles in school. Covid guidance indicates that multiple children should not be refilling their water bottles from the same taps if at all possible.



Mixing of Classes

We can now share the plans for how the children will be organised into classes for next year. In general terms, we believe it is good to mix classes at the end of the year so that children have the opportunity to get to know as many of their peers as possible and experience new friendships. We do, however, consider each year group carefully, judge each situation on its own merits and, this year, consider the

disruption caused by the pandemic. This year, we will be mixing the current classes in Foundation, year 1, and year 4. There will not be changes to the current years 2, 3 or 5 as they move to their new year groups. The placement of children in classes is obviously a school decision, not a parental one. However, if you feel there is any important information that we need to know about the class mix then please let Mr Taylor know via head@bramcotehills.notts.sch.uk Please be aware that we won't entertain requests for your child not to be with a certain teacher or another child – that is not how we work at BHPS, we encourage all children to get on with each other. Please also understand that whilst we will listen to information, it may not be possible to satisfy all requests and the decision over where children are placed lies **entirely with the school**. We will bear in mind existing friendship groups but will also prioritise groupings that lead to productive learning. We will be consulting with the older children regarding who they feel they work well with. All parents will receive a letter in July informing them of the final class lists and teachers for September.

Celebrating the Diversity in our school ...and Football

We are privileged at Bramcote Hills to have a diverse school population and celebrate the many backgrounds and languages that make up the school. During the current mens' Euro Football Tournament, we would love to know how teams are cheered on by their supporters. What is the equivalent of '**Come on England**' for other teams in other languages? For example in Italy, you might hear supporters say '**FORZA ITALIA**'. We would love it if families told us of how other teams might be encouraged in different languages. Don't worry if a team isn't in the Euros, just get your child to write down the phrase, illustrate it if you want, and ask them to bring it in to share with their class.

Free School Meals

We would like all families to consider whether their child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to a universal free school meal. However, even in these groups, it is worth applying for free school meals because it brings in significant extra funding to the school. Parents in Year 2 should also note that the universal free school meals do not apply in year 3 and, as a result, school dinners will need to be paid for in year 3.

Please follow this [link](#) to apply for free school meals or call 0300 500 8080.



Safe Parking

We continue to have problems created by cars that are parked half on the pavement of Moor Lane. Please could we ask that parents do not park with two wheels on the pavement as this presents real

problems for families that come to school with pushchairs or wheelchairs. Your assistance is most appreciated.



Young Inspiration Award

We have been asked to pass on a massive 'Thank You' for everyone that has supported Dylan and Oscar Ward on their '*Walk for NF2*' event in April. Many children from year 5 and their siblings came and walked over 4 miles each with Dylan. We are pleased to let you know that, for his achievement, Dylan won a 'Young inspiration Award' from Nottingham Police and he was chosen for this by Nottingham Forest Community Trust. Thank you.

Immunisation Service

The School aged Immunisation Service are looking for motivated, caring individuals with relevant experience to support them during this year's flu programme.

Successful candidates will be required to work 3-5 days a week from 9-3pm.

More information can be viewed at <http://jobs.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/job/v3212167>

The closing date for applicants is 24th June 2021.

Easter Fundraising Thank You

We have been asked to pass on thanks to all the parents and children for taking part in the Easter Extravaganza events organised outside of school. In the end, this raised £890 for The Tuberous Sclerosis Association. Thank you.

Dates and Planning Ahead

Please see below the updated list of dates for your diary. All dates are subject to change in light of changing Covid-19 guidance.

New dates, that have not been previously circulated, are **in bold**.

Dates

June

24th School Games Day for Foundation and Key Stage 1 9:30am **(No parents allowed due to extended Covid restrictions)**

25th School Games Day for KS2 9.30am **(No parents allowed due to extended Covid restrictions)**

30th Yr 2 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park 8:15am departure and 4:15pm return

July

1st **Yr 4 to Manor Farm**

5th INSET day

16th End of year reports to parents

16th 6.00-8.00pm PTA Summer Fair **CANCELLED (due to extended Covid Restrictions)**

Non Uniform Day and other Summer Fair related activities during the school day.

19th 6.30pm Yr 6 show

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22nd Yr 6 to Holme Pierrepont

22nd Yr 5 to Galleries of Justice

23rd Yr 2 sleepover

26th End of term PTA discos F2 & KS1 disco 3.00-4.15pm, KS2 disco 4.30-5.30pm

27th 2.00pm Yr 6 leavers' assembly

27th Last day of term for children

28th INSET day

INSET Days for 2021-2022

Tuesday 31st August 2021

Friday 1st October 2021

Monday 4th October 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Friday 1st July 2022.

NB. First day of term for children in the new school year is Wednesday 1st September 2021

Thank you

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