



# BHPS Newsletter No. 33

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome to our latest newsletter. This has some useful information about the end of this term and the start of the new school year. We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you again in the Autumn.*

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## Thank You, Goodbye and Good Luck

The end of a school year often means that we are left with a melancholy feeling as we wish some people a fond farewell. This year is no different and there are staff and pupils that we must say goodbye to.

Firstly, we need to give our best wishes and shed a tear for our departing group of year 6 children. Throughout their time with us, they have been a fantastic cohort and a pleasure to have in school. They have always wanted to learn and have been a joy to teach; we hope that they go forward into the world with determination to make a positive contribution. Goodbye and good luck!

Although Mrs Haynes technically retired last year, she has continued to work for one day a week throughout 2020/2021 and through all that time we have been waiting for the opportunity to give her the send off she so richly deserves. Sadly, COVID-19 has made it very difficult for us to mark her departure properly. She leaves BHPS after 23 years of service in which time she has taught across most year groups, held positions of leadership and responsibility, led many areas such as maths, educational visits and extended schools, has been instrumental in developing the school's high reputation for dance and the performing arts, worked in close partnership with the PTA and, as part of the Senior Leadership Team, helped to devise our curriculum structure. Moreover, Julie would always volunteer to help others and approached everything with a sense of realism and great fun. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs Keirnan also retires at the end of this term. She has been part of the BHPS setup over the years, taking on many roles. She has had a variety of teaching contracts and, more recently, led our Forest Schools programme in Foundation. We are so grateful for all that she has done and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Mrs Osborne is moving on from BHPS this summer after 18 years at the school. She takes with her a wealth of knowledge, skill and experience to her new role as English leader for the Djanogly Learning Trust. Mrs Osborne has played a massive role in the development of the school over recent years and has been a member of the Senior Leadership Team throughout her time with us. Always displaying her passion for the teaching of Reading and Writing, Alison has been instrumental in many whole school initiatives which have resulted in the highest academic standards being achieved. Add this to her skill and love of Music, plays and performances and residential you see what a committed and valuable servant she has been to the school. She too will be greatly missed but we also wish her every success in her exciting new role. Thank you Mrs Osborne.

In addition to the above, I would like to congratulate and applaud all members of the staff team for their fantastic work over the last school year. It has been a year like no other and their ability to adapt, re-organise and dig deep has been remarkable. This takes its toll and I know that they are ready for a well deserved holiday. Well done team - have a lovely summer.

## PTA Raffle and Information

We extend our thanks to all those of you who supported the PTA by buying raffle tickets and donating money for the non-uniform day. Even though the Summer Fair was very different this year, the children still enjoyed themselves and valuable funds were raised that will help us to buy ipads for school. To date, you have helped raise **£837** in the last few weeks which, considering the restrictions, is tremendous.

The winning raffle numbers were as follows:

PTA Hamper **548,**

Prosecco, cordial & chocolates no.1 **52,**

Prosecco, cordial & chocolates no.2 **179,**

Jo Teft Sports Massage gift card **39,**

Service & MOT voucher from Stapleford and Sandiacre MOT & Service Centre **141,**

5 x ARC Cinema tickets #1 **348,**

5 x ARC Cinema tickets #2 **194**

Vibrance Reflexology voucher for 1 hour treatment **249,**

£30 restaurant voucher for Shanghai Shanghai Dim Dum Restaurant **231,**

£20 restaurant voucher for Shanghai Shanghai Dim Dum Restaurant **496,**

Duo Stacker rings from About.Me Jewellery **112,**

Bath bomb and lip balm making kits **387,**

Giant garden Snakes and Ladders **36,**

Panettone **20.**

## Arrangements for September

Over the last 18 months, we have all learnt the dangers of planning too far ahead. So it is with a little trepidation that we outline our plans for how school will work in September given the lifting of the few remaining restrictions on 16th August. In many ways, school will get back to normal but we have to make it clear that **all plans are subject to change** if the guidance for schools alters during August. We will, naturally, keep you informed towards the end of August if plans change.

At present arrangements for September are as follows:

- **There will be a window of 10 minutes in which children should be dropped off at school. Gates will be unlocked at 8:38 and children will have between 8:40 and 8:50 to go straight into class. There will be no waiting and no whistle.**

- **NB - The very first morning Wednesday 1st September will be different. All children in years 5 and 6 should wait near their classroom doors and all children in years 1, 2, 3 & 4 should congregate on the infant playground where their teachers will come and collect them.**
- **There will no longer be a one way system for parents and children to follow and, now, everyone should avoid using the drive.**
- **School will finish at 3.00pm for all classes and children can be collected near classrooms although parents should not wait directly outside classroom doors or look through windows. Parents of children in years 2, 3 and 4 should wait on the infant playground**
- **There will be no bubbles operating in school.**
- **Classes and year groups will mix at playtime although there will still be separation between infants and juniors, as before.**
- **Children do not need to be sat in rows and classroom organisation is decided on by each teacher.**
- **Assemblies will be held in the hall.**
- **School dinners will, once again, be available to all. These should be paid for on sQuid and the office informed of the dinners required. Remember, paying on sQuid does not book your child a dinner. Parents may call at reception again and we are hoping to hold a 'real life' meet the team event again. Parent helpers can come to school and we hope to hold class assemblies once more.**
- **Children do not need to keep a PE kit in school. They should wear their PE kit on the days they have PE. Teachers will inform parents when their PE days are at the 'Meet the Team' event and so it does not matter if children do not come in PE kit in the first 2 or 3 days.**
- **The correct school uniform must be worn again on every day except for PE days. This includes black shoes which should not have a white band around the base.**
- **PE kits should consist of plain white t shirts with no logos (except an optional BHPS logo), plain blue or black shorts or skirts should be worn. If a track suit or joggers are required, that is acceptable but they should be plain or have the school logo. No fashion logos please.**
- **Children do not need to bring pencil cases to school.**
- **Children will be allowed to refill water bottles in school but these should still be taken home at the end of each day for cleaning.**
- **There will be regular handwashing but not as much as during the pandemic.**
- **Communication will continue to be carried out electronically with no paper letters or reply slips used.**

## Swimming

Swimming will commence on Wednesday 8th September with Year 4. Year 3 will be swimming after Christmas and then Year 2 will go next summer.

When classes go swimming, they will need to arrive early so that they are all ready to leave their classroom by 8:45.

## Dates and Planning Ahead

We are able to share some dates with you (shown below). New dates that have not been shared before are **in bold** for your convenience.

### Dates

#### **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.

### **September**

Weds 1st            First day of term for children - see details in 'Arrangements for September' above.

**Weds 1st 11.00am New Foundation Starters Bramcote Park get together**

**Weds 1st 6.00pm Meet the Team meeting for new Foundation parents in school**

**Thurs 2nd            Half days start for new Foundation children. Sapphires am and Diamonds pm as detailed in previous letters**

**Tues 7th 6.00pm Meet the Team meetings for years 1,3 & 5 (no children)**

**7.00pm Meet the Team meetings for years 2, 4 & 6 (no children)**

**Weds 8th            New Foundation children Diamonds and Sapphires start full time.**

Thank you

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