



# BHPS Newsletter No. 4 2021~2022

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome to our latest newsletter, we hope you find it useful.*

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## Covid Update

As we approach Winter, we thought it might be helpful to outline how the school is managing the on-going Covid situation. We still have a relatively low number of positive cases in school but we are aware that this can change quickly and that other local schools have seen a rise in cases. If this happens at BHPS, there are proportionate measures that would be put in place in order to try and control any outbreak. The current guidance is still not to close classes or year groups if there was an outbreak but we would try to take and minimise interactions in school.

Ventilation is key and, as the weather gets colder, we will balance good ventilation with maintaining a comfortable working temperature for staff and pupils. We have finally received carbon dioxide monitors (one per class) and these will help us to manage good ventilation.

In the meantime, we still need families to not send children to school if they have:

- A new continuous cough
- A temperature of above 38 deg
- A change/loss in a sense of smell/taste

Children should then have a PCR test, a lateral flow test is not sufficient. We also need all parents to be supportive if we have to send children home because they are displaying symptoms.

As indicated in other letters, we are trying hard to maintain a safe environment so that parents can attend year group Christmas nativities in F2, Yr 1 and Yr 2. These risk assessments will be updated daily and we will keep you fully informed of any change of plans.

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to be able to welcome our new School Business Manager, Chris Bramall, to BHPS. Many of you will be aware that we have been short staffed in the school office for some time. We are indebted to the hard work of Miss Chell, Mrs Smith and our DHT Miss Gibson for maintaining systems

for many months. Mr Bramall is already having a very positive impact in school and we hope that he enjoys his time at BHPS.

We would also like to make you aware of the changes in Year 3. Mrs Reedman will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of this term and Miss Hobson will be returning to her regular duties in school. This means that we will have a change of staffing in Year 3. Mr Whyard will continue with 3W and Mrs Higgins will be returning to BHPS, following her maternity leave, on a part time basis. Her job share partner will be Ms Karen Marks, who was successful at interview recently. Therefore 3RH will become 3MH with Ms Marks taking the class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Higgins teaching on a Thursday and Friday. There will be a handover of information between the teachers before the end of term so that the transition from one teaching team to another can be as smooth as possible. Mrs Higgins will be accompanying the children on their forthcoming trip to Cresswell Craggs and Ms Marks will also be coming to school to meet the class before the end of term.

## OfSTED

We would like to thank parents for the very positive reaction to our OfSTED report. The size of the report does not always reflect the amount of hard work that goes into achieving such a good outcome. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the many appreciative comments we have received and for parents appreciation of the school's accomplishment.

## Breakfast Club

As many of you will be aware, the current Early Birds Breakfast Club will cease operating on school premises at the end of this term.

We are very conscious of the impact this will have on a number of our families and wanted you to be aware of what school is planning.

The system for bringing in a new outside provider is a lengthy one and the school will need time to consider the right way forward i.e. whether we use the services of an outside provider or run our own provision. In the meantime, and as an interim measure, we are planning to operate our own before school childcare facility as soon as possible in the new year so that disruption to families is minimised as much as possible. It is anticipated that this would run from 7:30am and a breakfast would be included.

We will provide more details including a confirmed start date as soon as possible and thank you for your continued patience.

P Taylor Head Teacher

K Rawson Chair of Governors

## Responsible Parking and Driving

I have received reports from parents regarding their difficulties in walking along Moor Lane and gaining access to the entrance to the school. For those parents and carers who are new to the school, or need a reminder, we ask the following:

Please

- Do not park on the double yellow lines along Deans Croft
- Do not park or pick up/drop off in the red zone at the bottom of the school drive
- Do not park on any part of the school drive or car park - it is for staff only
- Do not park with two wheels on the pavement - parents with pushchairs are struggling to get by.
- Do park a few streets away from school and walk the remaining distance. It reduces congestion and is therefore safer.

## E-Safety and Squid Game

We are trying to provide more support for children and parents in relation to E-Safety. We have been concerned to learn that a number of children in school have seen Squid Game, often watching it with adults. This programme is not suitable for children. National Online Safety provide the following information:

A free online safety guide on Squid Game is available on the BHPS website here. <sup>1</sup>

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate content, viral spin-offs and scene re-enactments.

## Recycling

During the last school year, we recycled in excess of 1,000 school pens. We are continuing this year and want to recycle more so if you have any used pens at home for recycling, your child can bring them into school and put them in one of the collection boxes or alternatively you can drop them directly into Rymans in Beeston. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.bramcotehills.org/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=1809&action=saved>



## Nut Free School

We would like to remind all parents that BHPS is a nut free school due to the fact that we have children and staff with significant nut allergies. Christmas can be a time for parties and sending gifts of chocolates. Please ensure that no boxes of biscuits or chocolates that contain nuts are sent to school. This will enable everyone to fully enjoy this time of year. Thank you.



## Good to Grow

We would be grateful if any parents who shop at Morrisons could collect and send in to school, the 'Good to Grow' tokens. Thank you.



## Blue Peter Badge Holders

We would like to pass on the information that children can gain free entry to many UK attractions with a Blue Peter Badge. See the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-badge-help-question-and-answer>

## Date Change - End of School Year

We would like to make sure that parents have the correct dates for the end of the school year in July 2022. Information from Nottinghamshire County Council previously indicates that the last day of term for children will be Wednesday 27th July, NOT Thursday 28th July as previously advertised. This is due to the additional Bank Holiday that has been included in the Summer half term holiday. Please understand that this is not a school decision.

## Children in Need

Now that parental donations are made directly to the Children in Need appeal, we are no longer able to provide you with a whole school total. However, the Foundation children did manage to cover Pudsey with coins and raised £65.42 for the appeal. Thank you for your support.



## Dates and Planning Ahead

Please take note of the list of dates below and understand that, due to Covid, there is **no guarantee** that these will definitely take place and we **may have to postpone or cancel them at short notice**. New dates that have not been shared before are **in bold** for your convenience.

### Dates

Dates that have not been shared before are shown in **bold**.

### December

Mon 6th	Yr 4 Egyptian Museum day (potential afternoon for parents/carers to visit from 1.30 - Covid permitting)
Mon 6th	Yr 3 to Cresswell Craggs all day
Tues 7th	1.45 Yr 2 Nativity (potential for parents/carers to visit - Covid permitting)
Weds 8th	1.45 Yr 1 Nativity (potential for parents/carers to visit - Covid permitting)
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	<b>Yr 6 9:15 DARE Graduation (2 parents per child welcome) letter to follow</b>
<b>Fri 10th</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day in support of NSPCC</b>
<b>Mon 13th</b>	<b>Yr 5 Carol Service at St Michael's Church 6.30pm</b>

Tues 14th 10.00 Foundation Nativity (potential for parents/carers to visit - Covid permitting)

**Thurs 16th Foundation trip to Lakeside theatre 'The Gingerbread Man' in school time.**

**Thurs 16th Rocksteady concert 10.00 (TBC re. parental attendance)**

**Thurs 16th Yr 1 trip to Nottingham Playhouse 'Little Red Riding Hood' in school time**

20th - 3rd Jan Christmas Holiday

### **January**

Tues 4th First day of Spring Term for Children

### **February**

14th - 18th Half Term Holiday

Mon 21st INSET Day

**Mon 28th 5F Recycling Workshop**

**Mon 28th - 1st Mar Yr 3 residential to Castleton**

### **March**

**Weds 23rd to Thurs 24th Yr 4 Residential to York**

### **April**

4th - 18th Easter Holiday

**Weds 20th Yr 4 Anglo-Saxon trip to Perlethorpe**

### **May**

2nd Bank Holiday

### **June**

30th - 3rd June Half Term Holiday

### **July**

Fri 1st INSET Day

**Weds 27th Last day of term for children**

Thank you

Pete Taylor

Head Teacher

## Contact Us



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