



Make the Future Better for All

January 2018

Free School Meals

You may be eligible for your child to receive free school meals. We have a problem in school because all children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 receive a free school lunch and this can stop parents from applying for them. School receives more funding depending on how many children are eligible for free school meals. This can be as much as an additional £1330 per pupil. The criteria for applying is detailed and we include an additional letter with this information. Please do not hesitate to apply by calling 03005008080.

Asthma

We are currently updating our policy for how we support children in school who suffer from asthma. We now intend to store all inhalers in a box in each child's classroom. Their inhaler should be kept in school at all times. The boxes will be taken out for PE lessons, to the swimming pool and on trips but inhalers will only be sent home at the end of the summer term each July. It is parents' and carers' responsibility to ensure that inhalers are in date so you may want to make a note of expiry dates before sending inhalers to school. At the moment, inhalers are not stored in one place and it is hard to be certain that a child has their inhaler in school.

We thank you for your co-operation with what can be a serious issue.

A Special Visitor

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Mark and his guide dog, Archer to BHPS.

Last year, the children voted for Guide Dogs for the Blind to be one of our chosen charities for the year. We have already donated over £100 to the charity but to help the children understand more about it, we invited Mark, who is blind, to come and lead an assembly. The children were fascinated to learn how Archer helps Mark to be independent and how guidedogs have to be trained for 18 months. We were all impressed to find out that if Mark tells Archer he wants to go to Tesco, Archer knows which bus stop to go to and can lead the way to the store. The children listened very well and asked some excellent questions. As you can imagine, they were delighted to have a dog in school and Archer, who was perfectly calm and unfazed by 400 children, was definitely the star of the show. The children also discovered that it costs approximately £50,000 to support a guidedog for its working life and so they could see how their donations are so valuable. This fits perfectly with the school motto of Make the Future Better for All.

Sponsoring Whiteboards

The school has an ambitious plan to update all of the interactive whiteboards in classrooms. At a time when school budgets have never been tighter, this is quite a challenge. We would like to hear from any businesses who might be interested in sponsoring a whiteboard. Please contact Mr Taylor if you would like further information.

Scratched Cars

Unfortunately, we have recently had an incident when a parent's car was scratched whilst it was parked near to school at the end of the day. It appears that it was scratched on purpose. Please could we ask that parents and carers are vigilant when parking their cars on the roads around school and report any incident to the police.

Road Safety

We have been contacted by several parents who are very concerned about dangerous driving on the roads around school. Please can we remind parents and carers to drive responsibly when close to the school. There have been a number of 'near misses' and drivers simply need to slow down and take more care. Please contact the police directly if you see any dangerous driving.

Christmas Jumper Collection

We are delighted to report that the Christmas Jumper Day held at the end of last term helped to raise £264.30 for the NSPCC. Thank you for this tremendous support.

PTA Corner

Forthcoming events:

KS1 & Foundation Film night 26th Jan. 6 – 8.00pm

KS2 Film night 2nd Feb 6 – 8.00pm

Family Games Night 23rd March 6.00 for a 6.30 start – more details to follow.

Attendance

At the start of this Spring term we are able to give you information about your child's attendance for last term. As well as focusing on overall attendance, we would also like to reduce the number of times children are late. Please note that school starts at 8.45am. The whistle should go a minute before this so that children are ready to enter their class at 8.45. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates for 2017 ~2018 (also on the school website at www.bramcotehills.org)

January 2018

Monday 22nd – Yr 6 visit to Holocaust Centre
Tuesday 23rd 6.00pm KITE Maths Curriculum evening all years
Friday 26th Jan – Diamonds Assembly 10.00
Friday 26th PTA movie night for Foundation and KS1

February

Friday 2nd February – Yr 2 Class Activity Assembly time parents welcome
Friday 2nd PTA movie night for KS2
Friday 9th Reading Event am
Tuesday 13th Feb 6.30pm – Yr 3 production
Friday 16th February – Yr 6 Ration Cooking/Wartime Sleepover

Half Term Holiday Mon 19th to Fri 23rd

Monday 26th INSET Day

March

Thursday 1st World Book Day Children dressing up as book characters
5th 8th Parents Evening Week
Weds 7th F2 Sapphires Chick Day
Thursday 8th Diamonds Chick Day
Monday 12th Foundation & Yr 6 Height and Weight check
Fri 16th Yr 1 assembly 10.00
19th – 23rd Whole school science week
Fri 23rd 6.00 for 6.30 start, PTA Family Games Night
Tuesday 27th 7.00pm Yr 4 production
Thursday 29th Last day of term

Easter Holiday Fri 30th March – Fri 13th April

April

Mon 16th First Day of summer term
Thurs 19th 7.15pm PTA meeting – all welcome

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May

Monday 7th Bank Holiday
14th 17th Yr 6 SATs week
Monday 21st PTA Sports Evening
Tuesday 22nd Yr 5 election assembly
Thursday 24th Broxtowe Football and Netball Tournament to be held at BHPS
Friday 25th – Sapphires assembly 10.00

Half Term Holiday Mon 28th to Fri 1st June

June

Tuesday 5th am Sports Day
Friday 8th Evening 6 – 8.00 PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 12th Whole School Class Photos
Friday 15th June- 3R assembly 10.00
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd Yr 6 to Whitby
Friday 22nd June – 2R assembly 10.00
Tues 26th Yr 1 Parents Activity Morning
Friday 29th June – 2H assembly 10.00

July

Fri 6th INSET Day
Thurs 12th – Fri 13th Yr 5 to Ironbridge
Friday 13th July – Yr 4 Class activity
Assembly time – parents welcome
Friday 13th Yr 2 Sleepover
Tuesday 17th Yr 2 to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 17th 7.00pm Yr 6 production
Thursday 19th 7.00pm Yr 6 production
Tuesday 24th Disco
Weds 25th July – Leavers assembly 2.00
Wednesday 25th Last Day of Term

September

Wednesday 5th First day of Autumn Term

Dates not previously published are underlined