



Make the Future Better for All

July 2018

Year 3

We would like to express our regret at the on-going absence of Miss Clarke and Miss Raithby in Year 3. It has been a hard situation to manage and difficult to keep parents and carers informed of this situation because we are only aware of absences on a fortnightly basis. I know it is a situation that both teachers would rather not be in. I thank parents for their patience and I know you will be concerned but appreciate the fact that no-one has complained. Even teachers get sick!

At the time of writing, I am not aware of a date when they will return as yet and we are sorry about this. It is possible that they may not be back before the end of term.

I would like to reassure parents that we will still be holding transition meetings so that we pass on information to new teachers and give extra support for those children who need it as they transfer to a new class.

We have stated previously that we would be mixing the classes in Year 3 at the end of this year. This is a complex process that we think about very carefully indeed. Because of Miss Raithby's absence, we would not be confident to mix classes and get it right! It is not something we would do without every piece of information that we would need. Therefore, we will not be mixing the year 3 classes at the end of the year.

In the meantime, we extend our thanks to Miss Holyland and Mrs Crossley who have provided excellent consistency for both classes at this busy time. Mrs Osborne, Mrs Cox and Mrs Gawtry also deserve our gratitude for working even harder to meet the needs of both classes. Thank you.

Welcome to our New Teachers

We are pleased to announce that the two new teachers who will be joining the teaching team at Bramcote Hills are Miss Emily Furness who will be teaching in Year 3 in September and Mrs Victoria Colombo who will be working as Mrs Osborne's job share partner in Year 6. They will be joining us for several planning events at the end of term in preparation for September.

Class News

We are hoping to be able to share news of class groupings by Thursday 12th. Year 5 groupings will be sent out on Monday 16th because of their Ironbridge trip. Please remember the decision where to place children lies with school and therefore, unless we have made an obvious error, these class groupings will be final.

Hello to your New Teacher and Transition

We will be holding our annual *Meet the Team* event in September but we also like to enable you to introduce yourself to your child's new teacher whenever possible. This year, we are planning to provide 10 – 15 minutes for this after school on Wednesday 18th July. The teachers will be in their new room as described below. Unless we notify you otherwise, we have to assume that it is, regrettably, not possible for parents to meet with Miss Clarke or Miss Raithby.

Yr 1 Mrs Hewes in the current 1W

Yr 2 Mrs Reedman in her current room and Miss Wright in the current 2H

Yr 3 Miss Furness in the current 3R and Mrs Higgins in the current 3OC

Yr 4 Mr Whyard in his current room and Mrs Greenfield in the current 4H

Yr 5 Mr McInta in his current room and Mrs Haynes in the current 5G

Yr 6 Mrs Osborne in the current 6W

Good Luck to Year 6

We would like to wish our fantastic group of Year 6 children the very best of luck for the future. We hope they make a good start at secondary school and look to hearing about all their future successes. Good luck Year 6!

Saving Work at the End of Term

Normally, at the end of term, we send children's work home with them. For the last couple of years, we have withheld a small selection of work in case we have an OfSTED inspection in the first few weeks of the Autumn term. OfSTED like to look in children's books and, obviously, there would be a limited amount of work in books in September. Because we are still waiting for an inspection, (tempting fate) it is our plan that we will, once again, keep a small selection of children's work. So if your child does not bring work home then we are sorry but you will need to wait until the October half term holiday before it is sent home. Thank you for your understanding.

Book Amnesty

As the end of the school year approaches please could we ask you to search through your children's rooms/bags/beds/secret hiding places and look for any school reading books. If you find any, please could they be returned to school as soon as possible. There will be an amnesty, so no child will be in trouble if they arrive in school with a pile of books that they should have already returned.

National Junior Quiz Final

Last week, a team of four junior children attended the national final of the Junior Quiz Challenge. Having already won their local round and national semi-final, this was a tremendous achievement. The final took place in the Banqueting Suite of the Tower of London and was therefore a tremendous achievement. Although we did not win, the children can be proud that they finished in the top 8 schools in the country!

Summer Fair

Thank you again to everyone for their support at this year's Summer Fair organised by our marvellous PTA. This year we made a profit of over £2,200. This is a fantastic amount which will make a real difference when funding new equipment for the school playgrounds.

Medication Coming Home

Please be aware that we will be sending home any medication (such as inhalers) at the end of this term. Please ensure that these are updated if necessary over the summer holidays and then returned to school in September.

No Sports Drinks Please

As this lovely summer continues, it is so important that the children have a water bottle in school every day. We have noticed that, especially for after school clubs, some children are bringing sports drinks. Given the amount of sugar and caffeine in these drinks we are not allowing them in school. Thank you.

Thank You

Although we intend to write to you again before the end of term, we would like to thank you all for your all your support over the course of this year. The year has flown by and has so many highlights. We hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing most of you in September.

