



Make the Future Better for All

September 2018

Welcome Back

Welcome to the school year 2018 – 2019! It is a pleasure to be starting a new school year, seeing both familiar and new faces. Although in its infancy, the year has got off to a great start and there has been a lovely atmosphere around school. We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to our team. Miss Emily Furness joins as a full time teacher in Yr 3 (3F) and Mrs Victoria Colombo is teaching for just over two days a week in Yr6 (6OC). Mrs Chloe Hodgson has joined our office team taking on Mrs Poxon's duties who, in turn, has taken on Mrs Brewer's former role and Mr Tommy Joyce is a new Teaching Assistant in Yr 6. They are all most welcome and we hope they enjoy their time at BHPS. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Clarke and Miss Raithby back on phased returns after their periods of ill health last term with Miss Holyland and Mrs Brown filling the remaining days in each respective class. Miss Clarke has stepped down from her role as school SENCo and is working her way back to teaching full time. Mrs Higgins is now taking on 1/5 of the SENCo role and the remaining part of the role is yet to be appointed. I would like to thank Miss Clarke for all her work as SENCo and I know she has enjoyed supporting so many of the pupils at BHPS. In another slight change to the staffing structure, Mrs Osborne (Mon, Tues Weds) and Mrs Haynes (Thurs & Fri) will be sharing the role of KS2 manager. Mrs Hewes continues to lead KS1 and Mrs Flewitt remains as Foundation Stage leader.

Your Child's Contact Details

Please can we remind you to update us of any changes in your contact details. The latest OfSTED guidance recommends that we have a minimum of two contacts for each pupil. This makes it much easier to contact someone should your child be unwell.

Nut Free Zone

We have a number of pupils who have allergies to nuts and therefore we insist that school has to be a '**Nut Free Zone**'. Please do not send your child into school with any snacks that contain nuts because you will be putting the health of other children at risk.

Mobile Phones

At the start of this academic year, may we remind you all that we strongly discourage any children from bringing their mobile phones to school. They do not need them and should not be giving them to teachers to look after. Please contact Mr Taylor if you feel you have an exceptional circumstance that you would like to discuss.

Snacks

We would like to remind parents that children in Foundation and KS1 receive free fruit or vegetables every morning. This is a national scheme which ends at the end of Yr 2. Therefore, children in Junior years may wish to bring a snack in for break time, especially as they have a slightly later lunch. This snack should be nut free (as discussed above) and we would like to discourage crisps or chocolate bars. We would like to encourage children to bring fruit and other healthy options instead.

Cycling to School

As part of a drive for a healthier school, we welcome all those children who cycle or scoot to school. Their bikes or scooters should be stored in the racks provided at the front of school. Please remember that these are located outside the security fencing (because there is simply not room inside and it makes them much easier to be dropped off and picked up on the way in and out of school) and they should therefore be locked during the day. We also will not be letting children cycle to school if they are not wearing a helmet. Children should not be riding their bikes on the school grounds but should walk them to the pavement due to the busyness of the footpaths around school.

Considerate Parking and Driving

In July we had a call from a local resident whose car had been damaged on three separate occasions by parents connected with the school. Please may we ask that parents park and drive with consideration in the local area and take greater care. We also remind you that the school drive is for staff only and parents should not be driving or parking on it, even when dropping at breakfast club or collecting from Kids Club.

Before and After School

Whilst establishing one or two rules at the start of the year, may we remind you that children should not be playing on the play equipment or games of football before and after school. This applies to younger siblings also.

Message from Mrs Brewer

Mrs Brewer, who retired from her role in the school office in the summer, has been in touch to ask me to pass on her thanks for all the cards and gifts she received at the end of term. She was completely overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. Thank you.

Medication

Please ensure that if your child suffers from asthma you have provided school with an in date inhaler which can remain in school at all times. Thank you.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We would like to hear from anybody who is interested in becoming a Midday Supervisor at the school. Any such appointment would be subject to an interview and successful security checks. Please contact Mrs Jowett for more details.

Foundation Phonics Meeting

We would like to remind parents of children in Foundation and any new KS1 parents that we are holding a phonics meeting – for adults only – on Tuesday 18th September at 6.00pm. We strongly recommend that parents attend this meeting.



Focus on... Mr and Mrs Minta

Did you know...

Please forgive us. We normally put information about educational issues and school policies in this section, however, we are also a school family and we would like to extend our sincerest congratulations to Mr Minta who married Rebecca in the summer holidays. They make a lovely couple and we wish them every happiness for a fantastic future together. Many staff attended the wedding and a marvellous day was had by all.



Diary Dates for 2018 ~2019 (also on the school website at www.bramcotehills.org)

September

Tuesday 18th 6.00pm Foundation Phonics Meeting - open to any parents with infant children.

Friday 21st Jeans for Genes day. Optional for a £1 donation

Thursday 27th PTA AGM at 7.15

October

Wednesday 3rd 1H walk around local area in school time

Thursday 4th 1C walk around local area in school time

Monday 8th **INSET Day**

Tuesday 9th 2.00pm 2W Grandparents/Elderly friends afternoon

Monday 15th to Thursday 18th Parents' Evening Week

Monday 15th Yr 6 Cooking at The Bramcote School in school time

Tuesday 16th Individual Photos day – younger siblings from 8.30

Thursday 18th Foundation to Yr 5 Flu immunisations

Friday 19th Yr 5 to Galleries of Justice – return at approx. 3:15

Tuesday 23rd Foundation Messy Day

Tuesday 23rd 2.30pm Yr 3 Class Activity

Wednesday 24th Yr 4 Trip to Derby Museum in school time

Wednesday 24th Yr 6 Class Activity 9.15 – 10.15

Friday 26th 6.30 – 8.30 PTA Fireworks

Half Term Holiday Mon 29th Oct to Fri 2nd Nov

November

Wb 5th WW1 Centenary

Wednesday 7th Foundation and Yr6 height and weight measuring

Monday 12th INSET Day

Tuesday 13th 2R to Chetwynd Barracks in school time

Wednesday 14th 2W to Chetwynd Barracks in school time

Monday 19th Yr 6 to Beeston library

Thursday 22nd Yr 4 Assembly 10.05am

Friday 30th 6.00 – 8.00pm PTA Christmas Fair

December

Thursday 6th Yr 6 to visit Broadway Cinema in school time

Monday 10th 1:45pm KS1 Nativity

Monday 10th 1.30 – 6.00 approx Yr 4 to Playhouse Panto (oh yes they are!)

Tuesday 11th KS1 6.00pm Nativity

Thursday 13th Foundation & Yr 1 Derby Theatre Trip in school time

Mon 17th KS1 party pm (no parents – sorry)

Tuesday 18th 10.00am Foundation Nativity

Tuesday 18th pm Foundation party (no parents – sorry)

Tuesday 18th Yr 5 Carols at St Michael's Church

Wednesday 19th Foundation messy day

Wednesday 19th am Yrs 3 & 4 party

Wednesday 19th Yr 5 visit to Westbourne court in school time

Wednesday 19th pm Yrs 5 & 6 party

Thursday 20th 9.15am Thank you assembly

Thursday 20th 2.00pm Invitation afternoon

Friday 21st Last day of term

Christmas Holiday

January 2019

Monday 7th First day of term

Wednesday 9th 11.00am to 11.00pm Young Voices

Thursday 10th Yr 2 to Warburtons workshop in school all day

Wednesday 23rd all day Yr 6 to Holocaust Centre

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February

Friday 1st 10.05am Yr 2 Assembly

Tuesday 12th 10.05 Diamonds Assembly

Friday 15th INSET Day

Half Term Holiday Mon 18th to Fri 22nd

Wednesday 27th Foundation Circus Workshops in school

Thursday 28th Yr 4 Residential to York – leaving 8.15am

March

Friday 1st Yr 4 Residential Return time tbc but will be well after school

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th Parents' Evening Week

Friday 15th 10.05am Yr 1 assembly

Friday 22nd Sapphires' assembly 10.05

April

Monday 1st Yr 5 cooking at The Bramcote School am

Tuesday 2nd 7.00pm Yr 4 Show

Friday 5th Last day of term

Mon 8th Mon 22nd Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd First day of term

May

Wednesday 1st Sapphire's Chick afternoon

Thursday 2nd Diamond's Chick afternoon

Monday 6th Bank Holiday

Monday 13th Yr 3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs times tbc

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th Yr 6 SATs week

Tuesday 21st Foundation Trip TBC

Wednesday 22nd Class Photos

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Half Term Holiday

June

Thursday 6th Sports Day a.m.

Monday 10th Yr3 Residential to Castleton

Tuesday 11th Yr3 Residential in Casleton

Tuesday 18th Back up day for Sports Day

Wednesday 26th 6.30pm Music Concert

Friday 28th Yr 1 Class Activity 9.00 – 10.00

July

Friday 5th INSET Day

Wednesday 10th 7.00pm Yr 6 Show

Thursday 11th Yr 5 Residential to Ironbridge

Thursday 11th Minibeast hunt Sapphires am parents welcome

Friday 12th Yr 5 Residential in Ironbridge Return time tbc

Wednesday 17th July Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham

Thursday 18th Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham

Thursday 18th Minibeast hunt Diamonds am parents welcome

Friday Yr 6 Residential in Shringham

Wednesday 24th Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm and final

day of term

Dates not previously published are underlined