



## Make the Future Better for All

October 2018

### Congratulations Mrs Brown

It is with very mixed feelings that we share the news that Mrs Brown will be leaving BHPS. In January, she will be taking up the position of Head Teacher at Priory Junior School in Gedling. We are, of course, delighted for her that she has gained this wonderful promotion. She is more than ready for the challenging role that awaits her and offer our heartfelt congratulations to her for being successful at interview. On the other hand, we will be very sorry to see her leave BHPS and thank her for all the tremendous work she has done in that time.

Alison has been at the school for 8 years and, in that time, has held a variety of responsibilities as Deputy Head. She has been a deputy with a teaching commitment, a leader of the curriculum, mathematics lead, PTA liaison, Gifted and Talented lead, School Leader, Pupil Voice co-ordinator, Timetabling co-ordinator, Acting Head Teacher and Pupil Premium Leader. More than that she is an excellent teacher who retains a clear focus on the core purpose of working in a school, that being enhancing the life chances and potential of every child.

She has been a much valued member of the teaching team and will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in the future. Thank you, Alison.

### Our Governing Body

This week we had our first Full Governing Body meeting of the term. The purpose of the Governing Body is to a) establish strategic direction for the school, b) ensure accountability and c) ensure financial probity. This is done by finding out about the school and acting as a critical friend to the senior leadership team of the school. The membership list of the governing body is shown below:

#### Co-opted Governors

Richard Knightsbridge (Chair)  
Cate Ross-Waddell (Vice Chair)  
Kirsten Rawson  
Peter Whyard  
Simon Atkinson  
Ty Yousaf  
Vacancy

#### Parent governors

Calum Bett  
Fiona Priestland  
Tiffany Granville  
Elspeth Watson  
Caroline Wright

#### Head Teacher

Pete Taylor

#### Local Authority governor

Eileen Atherton

#### Staff governor

Michelle Whiley

Minutes of governing body meetings are available in a folder in the foyer.

### Spare Trousers

We sometimes need spare clothing in school when children have the occasional 'accident'. We are running low on trousers that will fit children in year 1 or 2. We would be grateful for any donations from parents of children who might have outgrown trousers for this age. Thank you.

### Individual Photographs Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Remember, the children will be having their individual photographs taken on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. New parents may like to be aware that we can take photos with pre-school siblings before school from 8:25.

### Parents Evening – We need your consent – Be warned!

We are looking forward to seeing all our parents and carers at the Parents' Evening consultations next week. Please help us to keep to time by having an awareness of those people waiting for their appointments.

In accordance with GDPR, we will be giving out a new consent form and contact details (for checking) which we want to collect back off you before you leave the building. It would therefore be really helpful if you could make sure you have any emergency contact numbers with you on the evening. Remember, we need at least two emergency contact numbers for each pupil. Thank you.

### China

As many of you know, we are now teaching Mandarin as our modern foreign language in school. This is a new venture for us and is in association with Alderman White School and The Bramcote College. With the aim of setting up an exciting link with a school in China, Mr Taylor will be travelling to Ningbo with a group of Head Teachers from Nottingham city on 20<sup>th</sup> October. We hope this gives rise to meaningful and successful partnership with a primary school there. The children have been helping him prepare for the trip by assisting with questions and constructing a presentation for the trip. We will keep you posted.

### School Sports Kit

Mr Minta has requested that all sports kits that were used by children representing the school last year are returned. We are currently missing football shirts, shorts and, in particular, socks.

### No Class Lists Given Out

Owing to the new regulations within GDPR, we will no longer be issuing class lists to parents for the purposes of birthday invitations or Christmas cards. We are sorry for any inconvenience but please be aware that some personal information is sensitive.

### Conduct of Adults

It has come to our attention that a small number of parents have offended other parents with comments made to them on the playground. May we ask that all adults treat each other with respect and set a good example to the children in our care.

### Dogs near school grounds

May I remind you that the walking of dogs on school grounds is prohibited. Please may parents not leave dogs tied up near to the entrances to school. Many children are scared by this and we have even had a case of a dog urinating on a child's bag. Please keep dogs well away from school entrances.



## Focus on... our new Interactive Whiteboards

### Did you know...

This summer saw a big change at Bramcote Hills. For some time, we have felt that our teaching resources could be greatly enhanced by the installation of new interactive whiteboards. The previous, smaller Smart Boards were long since past their prime and, in many cases, were inoperable. The senior leaders, backed by governors have planned for some time to replace the boards throughout the school. This ensures that all the classes have access to the same technology and that staff training is more effective. These plans came to fruition this summer when we installed new Promise boards across the school. Obviously, this meant a significant outlay by the school but we were also delighted by the fact that one board was purchased in total by **Bath Time in Beeston**. This sponsorship and support is fantastic and we are extremely grateful. In addition, another board was paid for by our wonderful PTA. We would have really struggled to complete such an ambitious project without these donations. We are also indebted to the hard work of Mrs Higgins who gave up much of her summer holiday to liaise with our suppliers and help manage the installation. We hope you enjoy seeing the new boards at parents' evening.

### Diary Dates for 2018 ~2019 (also on the school website at [www.bramcotehills.org](http://www.bramcotehills.org))

#### October

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening Week  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Cooking at The Bramcote School in school time  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Individual Photos day – younger siblings from 8.30  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation to Yr 5 Flu immunisations  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 to Galleries of Justice – return at approx. 3:15  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr Taylor to China  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Messy Day  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm Yr 3 Class Activity  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Trip to Derby Museum in school time  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Class Activity 9.15 – 10.15  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30 – 8.30 PTA Fireworks

Half Term Holiday Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

#### November

Wb 5<sup>th</sup> WW1 Centenary  
 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Foundation and Yr6 height and weight measuring  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 2R to Chetwynd Barracks in school time  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1H Multiskills festival at Bramcote College 9.30 – 11.30am  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2W to Chetwynd Barracks in school time  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 to Beeston library – WW1 play  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Yr 4 Assembly 10.05am  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 6.00 – 8.00pm PTA Christmas Fair

#### December

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady assembly for parents of children involved 9.00am  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 to visit Broadway Cinema in school time  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1:45pm KS1 Nativity  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 6.00 approx Yr 4 to Playhouse Panto (oh yes they are!)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 6.00pm Nativity  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Dinner Day  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Foundation & Yr 1 Derby Theatre Trip in school time  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> KS1 party pm (no parents – sorry)  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Foundation Nativity  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> pm Foundation party (no parents – sorry)  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Carols at St Michael's Church  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Foundation messy day  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> am Yrs 3 & 4 party  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 visit to Westbourne court in school time  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> pm Yrs 5 & 6 party  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Thank you assembly  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Invitation afternoon  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

#### Christmas Holiday

#### January 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> First day of term  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am to 11.00pm Young Voices  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 to Warburtons workshop in school all day  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> all day Yr 6 to Holocaust Centre

#### February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.05am Yr 2 Assembly  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.05 Diamonds Assembly  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
 Half Term Holiday Mon 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Circus Workshops in school  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 Residential to York – leaving 8.15am

#### March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 4 Residential Return time tbc but will be well after school  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening Week  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 10.05am Yr 1 assembly  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sapphires' assembly 10.05

#### April

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 5 cooking at The Bramcote School am  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm Yr 4 Show  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter Holiday  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> First day of term

#### May

Yr 2 SATs to undertaken in this month  
 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sapphire's Chick afternoon  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Diamond's Chick afternoon  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs times tbc  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 SATs week  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Foundation Trip TBC  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Class Photos  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> South Broxtowe Football and Netball Tournament at BHPS  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term Holiday

#### June

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Sports Day a.m.  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Residential to Castleton  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Yr3 Residential in Castleton  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Back up day for Sports Day  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Music Concert  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Class Activity 9.00 – 10.00

#### July

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Yr 6 Show  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Residential to Ironbridge  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Minibeast hunt Sapphires am parents welcome  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Assembly 10.00  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 Residential in Ironbridge Return time tbc  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Minibeast hunt Diamonds am parents welcome  
 Friday Yr 6 Residential in Sheringham  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Superhero Picnic in school time (Parents Welcome)  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm and final day of term

**Dates not previously published are underlined**