



Make the Future Better for All

December 2018

Staffing Arrangements for January 2019

We will be waving a fond farewell to Mrs Brown at the end of next week and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck for her new job as Head Teacher of Priory Junior School.

Mrs Hewes will be Acting Deputy Head Teacher for the next two terms and I am sure she will do so with your full support. Mrs Barnes will begin her maternity leave after the holidays and her three-day teaching commitment in Foundation will be covered by Mrs Holyland. We wish Mrs Barnes and her husband well for the birth of their second child.

We will be pleased to welcome Miss Raithby back to 6R after her successful back surgery. We are very grateful for the excellent job Mrs Brown has done in 6R during Miss Raithby's absence.



Christmas Extravaganza

We would like to thank all of you for your fantastic support of the recent PTA Christmas Extravaganza. It was marvellous to see so many of you there enjoying such a range of stalls and activities. We are very grateful for the amazing efforts of the PTA who did such a super job. As well as having a very enjoyable evening, we managed to raise £2500 for school. There is soon to be some new playground equipment being installed on the Junior Playground that has been completely funded by previous PTA events. We now look forward to being able to provide additional outdoor activities for the children.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support of Children in Need 2018. With just a simple dressing up day, we were able to pass on a donation of £378.70 to the national BBC event.

Swimming for Year 2

This is a quick reminder that swimming will start for Year 2 on Wednesday 9th January. The children will need to be ready to leave for the pool at 8:45am.

Young Voices and Choir

We are really looking forward to the Young Voices event for our school choir which will take place at the Sheffield FlyDSA Arena on Wednesday 9th January. This will provide our children with the opportunity to sing with thousands of other school children in a spectacular musical event – a marvellous experience. After this there will be no choir practices after school on a Monday until after the February half term holiday.

Nativities

We have really enjoyed our Christmas Nativities and Carol Service this year. At the time of writing we have completed the KS1 nativity and want to say a big well done to all the children who performed so well. It was a truly excellent show and the children and staff worked so hard to make it such a tremendous success. It was lovely to share it with so many supportive parents too. Thank you.

Punctuality

Our whole school attendance figure currently registers at 97.5% which is excellent (although Mr Taylor is determined to reach 98% by the end of the year!) We would like to remind you that holidays should not be taken in term time and that there are 13 weeks in the year when families can take holidays without interrupting children's education.

We would also like to see an improvement in the punctuality of some children. School starts at 8:45 and children need to be on the premises just before this time so that they can enter classrooms when the morning whistle is blown, not afterwards.

Dinner Money

May we respectfully remind parents that school dinners should be paid for in advance. We do not allow parents to build up debt in relation to school dinners and ask that all families respect this rule. Thank you for your co-operation.

Happy Holidays

We would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy holiday. Thank you for all your support this term and we look forward to seeing you all, safe and well, in the new year. See you in 2019!



Focus on... Safeguarding and Child Protection

Did you know...

the school takes its responsibilities for Safeguarding and Child Protection very seriously indeed. This term we have been updating our whole school policy in light of the government publication *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018*. This places great emphasis on the role played by schools in protecting children from:

- physical abuse,
- sexual abuse,
- emotional abuse and
- neglect.

It is the statutory responsibility of school staff to work closely with the Social Care department if there is any concern about a child's welfare and all members of the school community should understand our duties here. Safeguarding comprises of a wide range of actions and policies that try to ensure that children are safe. For example, the measures taken to check the suitability of staff employed to work in school are more extensive than ever and we record how we do this. The school governors provide a layer of accountability that checks our procedures. Mr Ty Yousaf provides excellent challenge and support in this area. If you wish to know more, please see our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on our website or review our information leaflet 'Safeguarding Children Procedures' which is issued on admission to school and is also available in our foyer. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are Mr Taylor, Mrs Brown and Mrs Hewes.

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

December

Monday 17th KS1 party pm (no parents – sorry)
 Tuesday 18th 10.00am Foundation Nativity
Tuesday 18th a.m. Yr 5 Carols at St Michaels rehearsal a.m.
 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
 Monday 14th Parents' Forum 2.00pm and 6.00pm
 Friday 18th PTA KS1 Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm
 Wednesday 23rd all day Yr 6 to Holocaust Centre
 Friday 25th PTA KS2 Movie Night 6.00-8.00pm

February

Friday 1st 10.05am Yr 2 Assembly
 Tuesday 12th 10.05 Diamonds Assembly
 Tuesday 12th Local Swimming Gala am at Bramcote Leisure Centre
 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 10.00am

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
 Monday 25th Y6 Skellig Theatre Trip 7.00pm

April

Monday 1st Yr 5 cooking at The Bramcote College am
 Tuesday 2nd 7.00pm Yr 4 Show
 Tuesday 2nd 2W to Morrisons in school time
 Thursday 4th 2R to Morrisons in school time
 Friday 5th Last day of term
Mon 8th - Mon 22nd Easter Holiday
 Tuesday 23rd First day of term

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May

Yr 2 SATs to be undertaken in this month
 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
Monday 20th 6.00pm PTA Sports
 Tuesday 21st Foundation Trip TBC
 Wednesday 22nd Class Photos
 Thursday 23rd South Broxtowe Football and Netball Tournament at BHPS

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Half Term Holiday

June

Thursday 6th School Games Day (Sports Day) a.m.
Mon 10th – Fri 14th Yr 1 Phonics Check
 Monday 10th Yr3 Residential to Castleton
 Tuesday 11th Yr3 Residential in Castleton
 Tuesday 18th Back up day for School Games Day (Sports Day)
 Friday 21st PTA Summer Fair 6.00-8.00pm
 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 3 Assembly 10.00
 Friday 12th Yr 5 Residential in Ironbridge Return time tbc
Friday 12th Yr 2 Big Sleep Over
 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 Sheringham
Monday 22nd PTA DISCO 3.00-4.15 KS1
4.30 – 5.30 KS2
 Tuesday 23rd Foundation Superhero Picnic in school time (Parents Welcome)
 Wednesday 24th Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm and final day of term

Dates not previously published are underlined