



10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Newsletter No. 12 2020~2021

### Unscheduled INSET day

Some of you may be aware of the DfE announcement made on Tuesday of this week that schools are permitted to take an unscheduled INSET day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is because of the potential need for school staff and senior leaders to be 'on call' for parents and carers on 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve.

Let me clarify that BHPS will **not** be taking this INSET day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and that school will be **open as usual** on that day.

We feel that such a last minute announcement is extremely unhelpful and would potentially cause a great deal of disruption to parents/carers and school timetabling. It would also necessitate altering the dates of other INSET days later in the year.

We believe that there are other ways we can support the staff at school, not least the supportive comments you are giving the staff. Thank you.

To clarify the situation over the holiday. If your child were to develop Covid-19 symptoms on 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> December you should inform school on the **out of hours hotline number 07809 737074**. If the subsequent test proves to be positive we would need to tell other children in that year group to isolate and this process could, in theory, take as long as 24<sup>th</sup> December. The emergency number will be operational between 10.00am and 2.00pm every day after the end of term up to and including Christmas Eve. We understand that we have a duty of care to our community.

### Threadworm

We have been made aware of one or two cases of children in school having Threadworm. The following information is taken from the [NHS website](#).

In summary, Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP. You can spot worms in your poo. They look like pieces of white thread. You might also see them around your child's bottom (anus). The worms usually come out at night while your child is sleeping.

#### Symptoms can include:

- extreme itching around the anus or vagina, particularly at night
- irritability and waking up during the night

Less common signs of worms include:

- weight loss
- wetting the bed
- irritated skin around the anus

#### Treatment

You can buy medicine for threadworms from pharmacies, you don't need to go to a GP. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow. Treat everyone in your household, even if they do not have symptoms.

Tell the pharmacist if you need to treat a child under 2, or if you're pregnant or breastfeeding. Treatment might not be suitable and you may need to speak to a GP.

Medicine kills the threadworms, but it does not kill the eggs. Eggs can live for up to 2 weeks outside the body.

There are things you can do to stop becoming infected again.

#### Do

- wash hands and scrub under fingernails – particularly before eating, after using the toilet or changing nappies
- encourage children to wash hands regularly
- bathe or shower every morning
- rinse toothbrushes before using them
- keep fingernails short
- wash sleepwear, sheets, towels and soft toys (at normal temperature)
- disinfect kitchen and bathroom surfaces
- vacuum and dust with a damp cloth

- make sure children wear underwear at night – change it in the morning

### **Don't**

- do not shake clothing or bedding, to prevent eggs landing on other surfaces
- do not share towels or flannels
- do not bite nails or suck thumbs and fingers

### **Donations**

On a completely different note, thank you so much to everyone who has donated food to the Mayor of Broxtowe's Christmas Hamper Appeal. We will still take donations up until tomorrow.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Please don't forget that tomorrow, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, is Christmas Jumper day and if you would like to donate to Save the Children fund (optional) you can do so via <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>

### **How You Can Support the PTA**

1) Buy tickets for the Christmas raffle - deadline is Tuesday 15th December, with Mr Taylor drawing the winners on Wednesday 16th December.

2) If you shop with Amazon please do it via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) (at no extra cost to you) and Amazon will donate money to our PTA. Please ensure before making Amazon purchases you log on via Smile Amazon (on website or app) and select our charity - Bramcote Hills Primary School Parent Teacher Association.

3) Join easyfundraising to get free donations for the PTA. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bramcote-hills-primary-school-pta/> and join for free. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! We've had over £600 from them in the last few years with only a few members - imagine how much we could get if lots of people joined.

Please email [BHPS.pta@gmail.com](mailto:BHPS.pta@gmail.com) if you need more help or more information on any of these.

Yours faithfully,



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