



Brownhills West Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2017

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What a day!

It has been an exciting day all round today. Team Enjoy had their team celebration this morning on the inflatables. They had a fantastic time. Well done team Enjoy!

After winning the vote from parents and pupils, the attendance party returned this afternoon. A massive 103 children with attendance of 97%+ for last term had their lunch 'picnic style' and then spent some time on the inflatables this afternoon.

Attendance vouchers are in school for all of those children who achieved an impressive 100% last term. If you are due to receive one, you should have been notified by text.

It is safe to say we all need a big sleep tonight!

From the Governors

Next Friday we say goodbye to Mrs Cahalan and I wanted to take the opportunity to express the thanks of the Governors for all her work. You will have noticed the changes she has brought about to the school environment but most importantly, in that time you will have seen how the experience of the school for your children has changed enormously. She has been aided by the unstinting work of all the staff but she has been the driving force behind these improvements.

Her greatest pleasure has been the progress of each and every child. I have witnessed the joy when children are able to tell her about their achievements and they have always been her highest priority whatever obstacle has been put in her way.

There is no question that she has put her heart and soul into Brownhills West and we are enormously grateful to her for her work and we wish her every happiness in her new role, which as you know may be still more challenging!

Dates

22 May - Football tournament at Bescot
23 May - Reception, Y4 & Y6 Height & Weight
26 May - Sports Day & Family Picnic. School Closes for half term.
5 June - School Reopens at normal time



Attendance

Last week our winners were Year 6 with a near perfect 99.7%.

This week our winners are Year 3 with 98.3%.

Last week, you should have received a letter regarding Sports Day and the Family Picnic, and lunch orders were due back today.



If you have not yet ordered lunches and would like to do so, please contact the school office before 4.30pm this evening.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept orders next week.

Breakfast Club

Despite several texts and letters, we still have a number of parents who are not booking children in for breakfast club but instead just 'arriving' on the morning.

In order to ensure staffing ratios are adequate, we must insist on 24 hours notice. Can I please ask that payment is made prior to the session.

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A fond Farewell from me!

You will all have noticed that I have swollen to the point of no return and I have arrived at the incredibly sad moment that I write my final newsletter.



The last three and a bit years have been a total rollercoaster! Not only physically but, at times, very emotionally exhausting. There have been many ups and a couple of downs but my memories of Brownhills West will be nothing but positive.

I must not waste this opportunity to give a 'shout out' to my incredible staff. I have never, and am likely never again, going to be blessed like I have been here. The staff team here go beyond the call of duty every single day to make this school the best it can be. Not only that, since day one, they have trusted me and believed in me and together we have achieved so much. The school is practically unrecognisable in every way and that has only been possible because of their motivation. The children here are incredibly lucky to have such a brilliant team working for them.

That takes me nicely to the 'stars of the show' or as I commonly refer to them 'my babies'. The children here have inspired me each and every day, and I am so proud that they take so much pleasure in talking to me about their achievements. This has become a school of learners and the transformation in our pupils has been one of my biggest accomplishments here. Visitors to school never fail to comment on their confidence and passion for learning: 'You can just feel it' is what people often say. Of all the things I will miss about this place they have to be the biggest!

Our school has always been proud of the relationships it has with the families of our pupils, and working with you all has been brilliant. I have always valued your honesty, your openness and your generosity. I have always been overwhelmed that no matter how hard times have been financially, parents and families have never failed to support school events brilliantly. Thank you all for your support over the last few years.

Moving forward, I wish all of you the very best for the future. I have loved every second of my first headship and will miss you all massively! I am sure I will bump in to you all at some point during my last week here - forgive me if I'm emotional (must be the hormones)!

With my very best wishes

Zoe

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