
Newsletter October 2017

Issue 2 October

As we enter the last half term of the year we are still very busy and there is lots of learning to be done!!

Goodbye and Good Luck!

It is with sadness that we are saying goodbye to our lovely Mrs Chalmers this week. She has been a long standing member of staff and we wish her lots of luck for her new challenge- a promotion in a school outside of Portsmouth! Her last day will be Wednesday and I hope you will join me in wishing her the best of luck. Mrs Anderson, our Deputy Head, will be taking over her teaching days in Oak class so there will be minimal disruption for our children.

What's been going on?

Parents in school!

Thank you so much for all your amazing support this half term. We have had a number of really successful events. All classes have held their 'Come and See' events where you have had the chance to see some things your children have been learning. We have also had our family breakfast events. We were overwhelmed with the response for the Year 1 and 2 breakfast and know there was quite a queue! This half term we are going to split the event into 3 days – with 1 day for each year group so this should ensure you all get your cuppa and toast nice and quickly!

We do have more events coming up so please look out for these.

Our parents evening will be taking place after half term. We have moved the date for this as we realised the original date clashed with the Portsmouth Firework Show at St George's Playing Fields and we didn't want anyone to miss out on this if they had planned to go. Instead we have arranged it for Thursday 2nd November.



Upcoming Events – Infant School

INSET DAYS coming up

24th November 2017

26th January 2018

18th June 2018

6th July 2018

Safeguarding Week

Portsmouth Safeguarding Week is between 13th to 17th November. This week is designed to raise the awareness of safeguarding and ensure everyone knows where to turn if they have a concern about the safety of another person (child or adult).

At School we have clear procedures in place to ensure that all concerns are followed up and you may have seen posters around the school giving information about what to do if you have a concern. No worry is too small.

STAFF UPDATES

Some of our Dinner Supervisors have been supporting us during the day working with children. We would like to say a big thank you to them for all their help and support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Well Done to everyone at Bramble Infant School and Nursery! Our attendance has been 96% or above!!

We have all worked really hard to get our attendance to National Levels and are really pleased. If children are with us every day they will make better progress. Let's keep it up!

LATES.....

Unfortunately, we still have a lot of work to do with children coming to school late.

Missing the same part of the morning every day will mean that pupils enter the classroom at a disadvantage and then have to catch up before they have even started. This is not fair to them.

We will issue Fixed Penalty Fines to parents who bring their child late to school after the close of register for ten days across the year.

We absolutely understand that there are 'one offs' and we've all had that morning when we've overslept, car has broken down, or worse!

Little Visitors!

We ask you all to be vigilant in checking your child's hair. Unfortunately, nits and headlice are a common problem in all schools. The nature of our little ones means they do come into close contact with each other. If possible, tie your child's hair back and regularly condition and wet comb hair. When a parent reports a case to the teacher, we always send a letter out to remind people to check.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming up to our last half term before Christmas, and my last half term at the school as an interim head. It has been a challenging few terms and there have been lots to do- and still lots to be done!

I would like to thank you for your continuing support in our school. Bramble Infant School and Nursery is a fantastic place to be. The children, of course, make the school into the special place it is.

We are an inclusive school and welcome all children into our setting. Some of our children require support with different aspects of learning such as reading and writing. Other children need help with learning to make the right choices. Regardless of need, it is our responsibility to always put the children first and this value drives our decisions. The teachers in our school work extremely hard to meet the needs of our learners and I would like to commend them for their commitment to the pupils.

I would like to wish everyone a restful (!!!) half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on the 30th October.

Sonia Nickerson

Important Dates and Events Coming up

More details will follow nearer the time!

Tuesday 31st October- Year 2 all day theatre workshop

Wednesday 1st November- EARLY BIRD reading (Y1 and Y2) and every Wednesday after

Thursday 2nd November- Parents evening

Monday 6th November –Guided Reading week in Year 1

Monday 13th November- Guided Reading week in Year 2 and Year R phonics

Friday 3rd November- reading parent workshop for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 9th November- phonics workshop for Year R 6pm-7pm

Friday 17th November- Children in Need SPOTACULAR! Wear your spots!

Monday 20th November- 'Come and see Year 2' week

Friday 24th November – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 27th November- 'Come and see Year R' week

Friday 1st December- staff and parents quiz night from 6:30pm

Thursday 7th December- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th December- Year R Christmas Nativity 10am and 2pm

Thursday 14th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas nativity 10am and 2pm

Friday 15th December- Parent group cake sale

