



Hambrook Primary School

December 2017



Christmas Plays

A huge well done to all of the children for their fantastic KS1 Christmas concert and KS2 Carol Service. The children all put lots of hard work and effort into learning their lines and practising their songs both at school and at home. Thank you to all parents & carers as always for your support.

After-School clubs

Bristol Sport Foundation run our Thursday after-school clubs, and the sport they provide changes each term. The children have been given letters to bring home with details.

For Term 3 the sports offered will be:

KS1 - Brizzley's multi-skills (18 places)

KS2 - Gymnastics (20 places)

The club costs £27 for this term.

For more information or if you would like to book a place for your child, please go to www.bristol-sport.co.uk/community.



Winterbourne Library

Please see the information at the end of this newsletter for events during January at Winterbourne Library.

Illness

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please contact the office **before 9:30am**. If there is no answer, please leave a message on our answerphone and it will be picked up.

Alternatively you are welcome to e-mail us. If leaving a message, please give *specific* details of their symptoms e.g. sore throat/vomiting/rash etc. rather than just saying they are unwell. We need to know this because we monitor illnesses to check that there is nothing contagious in school that we need to warn parents about. Thank you.

Bank Holiday

Reminder that Monday 1st January 2017 is a bank holiday, so the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 2nd January.



Lost Property/Lunchboxes

Our lost property pile is still growing steadily each day! There are many un-named items still turning up. Please remember to name your child's items as this means we can easily return them to the correct child! We also frequently have lots of unclaimed lunchboxes. This is becoming a problem, not just because of storage space but also because their contents go off and become very smelly. Please do feel free to come and have a look for any lost items.



Disabled bay

It's been noted that a number of parents are using the disabled bay as either a 'turning' place, or are pulling in to it to let children out of the car. Please can I remind you that it is not to be used for either of these purposes and should be left clear so those who have a blue badge can park there? Thank you.

Website Calendar

Please can I remind parents that most upcoming events (including dress down days) are on our website calendar? If you click on an item in the calendar, a pop-up box will come up with more information (where needed).

Attendance/Lateness

This week we had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer. She visits every term to look at attendance. I have shared my concerns with her over the attendance and/or persistent lateness of some children and we will be focussing on this over the coming terms. As I stated in a previous newsletter, we know that the current works on the Bromley Heath viaduct are having an impact on some of you, and some are making an effort to allow extra time for your journeys. Once the viaduct works are over, we'd expect to see the persistent lateness decrease dramatically.

Holidays during Term-time

Following on from the message above, there has been an increase in unauthorised absence (holidays etc) during term-time. This is also an area that the Educational Welfare office and I will be looking at from next term onwards, and Governors will now have to consider issuing penalties to parents in future cases of children being taken out during term-time.

Time away from school, whether it be a holiday or simply arriving late a few times a week does have an impact upon children's learning, this is why we'll be following these cases closely.



Bookbags

If you are likely to be buying a new school bag for your child for next term, please ensure it's in a 'bookbag' style rather than a rucksack. We are short on space in classrooms and corridors and rucksacks take up a lot of space. Also, the children don't need to bring enough items to school to warrant needing a large bag.

All that remains for me to say is on behalf of all staff here at Hambrook, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2018.

Best Wishes

Jo Dent
Head Teacher

January 2018 at Winterbourne Library

STAFFED TIMES

Tuesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm

OPEN ACCESS

Monday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Tuesday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Wednesday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Thursday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Friday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Saturday: 8.30am – 7.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am – 7.30pm

See above for new opening times at Winterbourne library

If you register your card for our new Open Access system, and attend an induction, you'll be able to access library facilities throughout the week. You can borrow and return books and use the computers. Speak to a member of staff for more details.

Rhymetime: Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together every Tuesday morning 10.30 – 11.00am

Pre School Storytime: Join us weekly on Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.00am for stories and a simple craft. Now running throughout the year.

Lego Club: Creative fun with stories, poems and Lego. Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library. We'll be meeting on **6 January 10.30 – 11.30am**.

Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Craft Group is meeting on **13 and 27 January 10.00am – 12 noon**

New members will always be made welcome by this friendly group.

Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

For more information on any of the above please contact us:

- Telephone: 01454 868006
- Email: winterbourne.library@southglos.gov.uk
- Visit our website to find out more: www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries
- Follow us on twitter: www.twitter.com@southgloslibs
- 'Like' us on  Facebook for all the latest at South Gloucestershire Libraries