



Brackenwood Junior School

Learning for Life



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End of Year Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our school year, I am just writing to you with some important information for the autumn term, and a few last pieces of information.

Staffing Updates

As you are aware, we will be saying goodbye to two members of staff over the next few days- Mr Kelly and Miss O'Hanlon. Mr Kelly has taught at Brackenwood Junior School for the last three years. He has been a much-admired teacher amongst the children and parents, and has made substantial contributions to our school during the time he has been with us. Miss O'Hanlon has helped us enormously this year, providing additional support and cover across all year groups. We will miss them both very much and wish them the very best as they move on to the next stage of their careers.

We will be joined in September by two new members of staff- Mr Alastair Smith (Y5) and Miss Rona McKinney (Y4). They have already had the opportunity to meet their classes and we welcome them warmly to our team.

September Curriculum Meetings

A reminder that these important meetings are upon us quickly at the start of the new academic year so please put them in your diary. The meetings are expected to last about 45 minutes and will contain important information regarding your child's curriculum for the year ahead. The Year 6 meeting will also contain important information regarding secondary transfer.

Monday 13th September, 3.45pm: Year 3

Monday 13th September, 4.30pm: Year 4

Tuesday 14th September, 3.45pm: Year 5

Tuesday 14th September, 4.30pm: Year 6

We are hoping to be able to provide a crèche on both evenings to assist with child-care.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is kitted out with the correct items of school uniform when they return to school in September:

Trousers, skirt, shorts - Grey or black
Shirt, blouse, polo shirt - White
Sweatshirt, jumper, cardigan - Bottle green
Summer dress - Green/white striped or check
Shoes or sandals - Black

Trainers are not allowed to be worn throughout the day

We have a second-hand school uniform shop with good quality items on sale at minimal prices. Please ask for Mrs Jump at the school office for more details.

PE Kits

This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, children have been able to wear their PE kits to school on PE days. Please note that this will not continue to be the case in September. Children should wear their normal school uniform to school on PE days, and should ensure they have a PE kit in school to change into.

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Pencil Cases and Equipment

We will provide all children with their own pencil case filled with basic equipment in September. Children may still bring their own pencil cases into school if they wish.

School Dinners

We are pleased that our canteen will be back in use in September. Please note that the cost of school dinners from September will remain at £2.40.

September Clubs

Under normal circumstances, you will have already received our Club Timetable for autumn term clubs. However, we have delayed writing to you about this until September, as our club provision will depend upon COVID-19 restrictions.

Music Lessons

The benefits to learning a musical instrument are huge, and we would like as many children as possible to have this opportunity. I am delighted that we will be able to offer music lessons once again in September, and will write to you early in the autumn term with further information.

INSET Days 2021-2022

The following days will be staff training days during the next academic year. Children will not be required to attend school on these days:

Wednesday 1st September

Wednesday 5th January

Monday 28th February

Thursday 5th May

Friday 6th May

A full list of holiday dates for next year is available on the school website.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Assuming we are able to proceed without COVID-19 restrictions in the autumn term, please find a list of some important diary dates for the first half of the autumn term.

Wednesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Thursday 2 nd September	Children return to school
Friday 10 th September	School Photographer (individual and sibling photos)
Monday 13 th September	Learning Links Year 3 (3:45) and Year 4 (4:30)
Tuesday 14 th September	Learning Links Meetings Y5 (3:45) & 6 (4:30)
Friday 17 th September	Y6 Anti-Racism Workshops
Tuesday 12 th October	Open Evening for Parents 3.45 – 6pm (all staff)
Monday 18 th October	Parents Consultations this week