



Brownhills West Newsletter

Monday 10th September 2018

Welcome back...



We hope you've all had a pleasant summer. It has been a pleasure to see the

children come back refreshed, looking smart and ready to learn!

Last year was really successful; we managed to further raise standards across the school. You can see all the standard results for Reception, Y1 Phonics, Y2 and Y6 on our website!

As a school we will continue to develop several key areas over the coming months including Maths, Writing and the achievements of Pupil Premium children. I want to thank you in advance for supporting your children with home learning as we all know that it makes a huge difference!

We want to give a very warm welcome to all our new children in school, our new families who are welcome to join our PTFA, our new caretaker Mr Dawson and our new Y3 teacher Miss Birch. We hope that they will all be very happy during their time at Brownhills West Primary.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support...

Changes over the summer

The children have been so excited to discover their new activities areas; they can now enjoy playing on a newly painted trim trail; they can exercise on our brand new gym; they can play on our new wall games or chill under their new canopy. Soon they will be able to enjoy a new traverse climbing wall as well as new floor games.

You will also have noticed changes in the entrance of the school where we needed an additional office.

We have also extended a waiting area for parents at the front of the school building; hopefully, we will have enough money at some point to put a roof over it?

The extra parking spaces have been created to relieve the daily congestions.

We have already noticed the positive impacts these changes have made on both children and adults!



Electronic newsletter

This is the last newsletter that your child will be bringing home in their bags. In order to save paper and money, every other Monday, the newsletter will be on the school website on the front page and we will notify you by text. If you are not able to access our website, please help yourself to a paper copy in the school entrance. If you have difficulties accessing the newsletter on our website, please let us know and we will set up a session where we can show you how to navigate the website.

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Messages...

Collecting children

Thank you very much to everyone for being patient with the new end of day collection arrangements. Many parents have already expressed how much easier it is to collect children from different year groups.

Uniforms

Please make sure you write your child's name on all their clothes so that we can return lost items to them. Thank you.





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Child and Family Support Lead:



Tina has many roles in school which are all essential to the well-being of the children at Brownhills West.

One of her roles is to offer support to the family unit; this may include signposting to agencies for advice with financial support, housing, benefits and health services. She can also help with the filling in of forms, or making telephone calls on your behalf.

Within her role, she can also offer to support parents on developing routines that will work for their individual family, i.e. behaviour management, bedtime routines or refer to the relevant agency for support. She can also provide information on relevant parenting programmes that are designed to provide positive behaviour management strategies.

Her role further extends to offering pastoral interventions to children experiencing anxieties or worries either in school or at home. This includes 'Time to Talk' sessions that provide children with the opportunity to discuss their feelings in a safe environment with a trusted adult.

Another role Tina has is to follow up staff's concerns or pupils' disclosures when it comes to safeguarding.

Tina is available in school every Monday morning between 9am - 11am for a 'drop in' session where parents are welcome to speak to her. If you prefer, you can arrange to see her at a mutually convenient time either in school or in your home. However, if she is in school Tina is always happy to support wherever and whenever she can.

Parent Governor Vacancies later this term...

At the end of the Autumn Term, our school will be looking to recruit one Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. The role of a Parent Governor is important in the life and development of the school. You would join the Governing Body in deciding the policies that will be implemented by the Headteacher and staff for the benefit of the school community. It is challenging, but rewarding to know that you have really contributed to the education of the children and the life of the staff and the school.

Watch out for more information in due course.....

Be a School Governor



Breakfast Club & After school Club

Our breakfast Club opens from 7:45 am and our After School Club runs until 5 pm every day. Our prices are very competitive; Breakfast Club - £3.00. After School Club - £2.50 until 4.00 pm after 4.00 pm the price increases to £4.00.

Please, if at all possible, book children 24 hours in advance so that we can ensure the correct staffing ratios. Many thanks.



Important Dates

14.9.18 - Year 6 Enrichment day at Brownhills School

27.9.18 - 2.30pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Attendance



Each week, classes try to achieve 100% attendance. The Attendance for the start of the year has been fabulous and hopefully this will continue. It makes a real difference to children's achievements! Our first winners of the year are Year 3 with a fabulous 100%!