



Brownhills West Newsletter

Monday 11th September 2017

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Welcome...

It is with an immense pleasure that I write my first newsletter as the Headteacher of Brownhills West Primary School. I am absolutely delighted to be joining such a warm community of dedicated staff, supportive families and friends and wonderful children! During the recent Ofsted, our school was recognised as good and I look forward to working alongside everyone to further raise standards at our happy school. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Ballinger for leading the school so efficiently since June; she has done a fantastic job and has been incredibly supportive since my appointment in May.

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

I would like to say thank you for the warm welcome that I have received so far this week from everyone at Brownhills West. It would be great to get to know more of you so please come and introduce yourself if you see me in and around school. I hope that together we can further develop the positive outcomes of our amazing children.

Finally, a very warm welcome to all our new children in school, our new families and our new members of staff (Miss Parry, Mrs Wright in Y2; Miss Painter in Year 4 and Mrs Wemyss in Year 5). We hope that they will all be very happy during their time at Brownhills West Primary.

Mrs Stephanie Cotton



School lunches



All children from Reception to Year 2 included are entitled to a free school lunch every day which can be ordered on a daily basis. However, if you are in receipt of benefits, your child may be eligible for additional funding that will aid their learning. Please ask at the office for more information.

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will also be offered a free school lunch if their parent is in receipt of welfare benefits. Please ask at the office for more detail. Thank you.

Gentle reminders...

Dropping off children

For the safeguarding of our children, could adults and children only enter the Early Years playground when a member of staff is on the gate please.

Collecting children

To avoid injuries, could adults please remind children to **walk** down the slope leading to the front gate when they are leaving the school grounds.

Uniforms

Please write your child's name on all their clothes.

Headlice

Some children have returned to school with headlice. Please check your child's hair and treat using special shampoo and a lice comb (ask school for a comb). Thank you.



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Harry Potter Week

It was delightful seeing the children have such an amazing first week! They have had so much fun making wands, slime, clay cauldrons, magic potions, stone characters, cupcakes, sketching coats of arms, sewing, creating character portraits and writing descriptive sentences.

"We have done artwork including collaging and sketching as well as writing too.

We wrote a diary entry about Dudley Dursley's birthday trip to the zoo from the point of view of Harry Potter, had an informal text message conversation with Ron Weasley and have written some potion recipe poems for the perfect year" (Meg and Noel).

Well done children for engaging with your learning with such enthusiasm on your first week back! I also want to say how proud we are of our Early Years children who have settled in so well...



Praise/Gold Assemblies



We are changing the format of our assemblies this year. Praise assemblies will still take place on a Friday afternoon but only for the children (no parents please). We will now hold a Gold assembly at the end of each half-term where families and friends can come along to celebrate children's special achievements. The first Gold assembly will take place on October 20th at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing you then.

Important Dates



September

15.09.17 - Y6 children to Brownhills

School enrichment day

October

11.10.17 - Y5 & Y6 - Forest Arts Centre

17.10.17 - Parent/Carer Day Visits

30.10.17 - Inset Day

November

15.11.17 - Photograph Day

20.11.17 - Reception - Y4 - Flu Vaccinations

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.



Please note that if your child is collected 10 minutes late at the end of the day they will be put into the Afterschool club and will be charged accordingly.

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