

Newsletter 1: 7th September 2016

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Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have already been telling us all about their adventures which we have enjoyed hearing about.

The main purpose of this newsletter is to give some updates & information to new parents (and reminders to existing ones) about our school. We have also included some key diary dates. We have lots of exciting plans for this year, with a lot of our curriculum work focusing on the 2017 City of Culture. We will be embarking on an animation project in support of this as well and we hope to involve as many pupils as possible in this opportunity. We look forward to sharing our work with you during the year.

We will be sending regular updates through our newsletters and also on our website www.bricknellschool.co.uk but most news items will be posted on Twitter so make sure you are following @BPSHull

We are really looking forward to working with you all this year. *Tim Attwater, Headteacher*

Roald Dahl Day

Tuesday 13th September would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday and we will therefore be planning a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate one of the country's greatest children's authors. As this date is only a week away, we will not be asking the children to dress up this year, but we will ensure they take part in some enjoyable activities.



Session Times

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8.50. It is essential that pupils are on time as we begin teaching right from the start of the day. In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), the playground doors open at 8.40 and the children can come into school from this time. **There should be no unsupervised children on the Key Stage 2 playground before 8.40. Any unaccompanied child arriving before this time will be sent into breakfast club which is charged at £1.00 per day.**

The school day finishes at 3.15.

The only exception is for children in Reception.

From next week, the school day will run from 8.45 until 3.10.



Contact Details

Are your contact details up to date? It is essential that we have up to date contact details for all parents and carers in case we need to contact you urgently. If you have changed your address, telephone or mobile number, please inform the school office.

Are you receiving our texts? We try to keep parents updated about events and changes by text message. If you are not receiving our texts, please contact the school office.

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Our Leadership Team

Other key members of the Senior Leadership Team for the Autumn Term are as follows:

Miss Waites: Acting Deputy Headteacher, Safeguarding / Child Protection Lead, Pastoral Care.

Miss Porter: Acting Deputy Headteacher, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Pastoral Care, Special Educational Needs co-ordinator.

Mr Mullen: Year 5/6 Phase Leader.

Miss Kirman: Year 3/4 Phase Leader.

Miss Leach: Year 1/2 Phase Leader.

Mrs Jones: Foundation Stage Phase Leader.

If you have any concerns relating to safeguarding or child protection, please contact Miss Waites or Miss Porter.

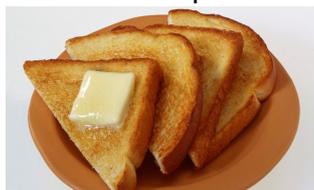
If you have any other concerns that you would like to discuss with a member of staff, please contact your child's class teacher initially. If you feel that the issue is ongoing and you require some additional support, please contact the school and ask to speak to the appropriate phase leader. We are committed to giving your children the best possible education and ensuring they are safe and happy in school, so please do not hesitate to talk to us if needed.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs from 7.50 in the morning in the school dining hall and breakfast is served until 8.30. There is a charge of £1 per child per day for attending breakfast club, which covers the cost of the breakfast and the supervision of pupils.

If you would like your child to access breakfast club and they haven't done so before, then please return a booking form to us (available from the school office). All payments should be made online using the 'School Money' system.

If you need to bring a car onto the site to drop pupils off for breakfast club, please drive carefully and park responsibly. **There is strictly no parking or stopping in front of the breakfast club door or on the double yellow lines.** Please park in the car park or in one of the short term parking bays behind the dining hall.



School Dinners

School meals are currently free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for all children eligible for the pupil premium. For all other children, the cost of a meal is currently 50p per day.

Our kitchens offer a range of cooked meals, but there is also a 'deli bar' option serving sandwiches, wraps and salads. There are different menu choices each day and if your child hasn't tried the meals in a while, then we would strongly recommend giving them a go as the quality is excellent. Dinner menus are available on the school website.

Entrance Barrier

For the safety of our children, the barrier across the school drive is closed between 8.40 and 9.00 in the morning and 3.10 and 3.30 in the afternoon. Please note that there is no access for vehicles onto or off the school site during these times.



Attendance and Absences

Please remember to inform us by telephone, note or email if your child is ill and unable to attend school. If you are leaving an absence message, please make sure you tell us your child's name and class, the reason for their absence and when you hope they will return.

Holiday absences

Department for Education regulations state that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time except in exceptional circumstances. Our school governors are currently defining exceptional circumstances as:

- Service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside term time.
- Acute crisis within the family, where they need to spend time together to support each other.
- A court order / formal agreement where parents have separated.

Please be aware that all other holidays in term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please also be aware, that due to a change in regulation, any pupil with attendance below 90% over the year will be classed as a persistent absentee from school. We will therefore be monitoring attendance and absences very closely this year and discussing any potential attendance issues with parents.

Diary Dates 2016-17

Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day
Monday 10 th October	Bikeability (Y5) for two weeks
Tuesday 18 th October	School photograph day
Wednesday 19 th October	Consultation evening (3:30pm-5pm)
Thursday 20 th October	Consultation evening (5pm-7:30pm)
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	School reopens
Tuesday 29 th November	Scholastic book fair arrives
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 3 rd January	Training day
Wednesday 4 th January	School opens for children
Friday 17 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Wednesday 22 nd March	Consultation evening (3.30pm-5pm)
Thursday 23 rd March	Consultation evening (5pm-7.30pm)
Friday 7 th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 24 th April	Training Day
Tuesday 25 th April	School reopens for children
Monday 1 st May	School closed for May Day
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 26 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
Friday 21 st July	School closes for Summer



Additional diary dates will be sent during the year and posted on the school website.

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Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Skilleter on the birth of baby Leo, who arrived safe and well during the summer break. We wish Mrs Skilleter and her new family all the best and we are sure she will bring him in to meet the children soon.



Parking

Please be aware that parking is very limited near to the school and we would urge parents to walk to school whenever possible.

If you do need to drive, please note that the bus stop outside the front entrance to school must not be used as a drop off bay. Please could we ask parents to be mindful of residents who live near to the school and ensure that driveways are not obstructed.

There is a gate to the rear of the school which accesses a cul de sac on Windsor Road. This gate was installed to shorten the distance for pupils walking to school and is for pedestrian access only. **There is strictly no parking in the cul de sac** adjacent to the rear entrance as this contravenes the agreement made with residents when the gate was installed.

Can we please ask parents to support the school by not using the rear entrance as a drop off and pick up point. Thank you in advance for your support.

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking really smart in their uniforms. Thank you. We would just like to clarify a few points from our uniform policy so that all parents and pupils are aware of our expectations.

Children must wear plain, black shoes to school and these should not have high heels. Children should not wear brightly coloured leggings and please ensure any headbands worn are plain and simple. Make up and fake tattoos are not permitted and the only jewellery that may be worn are small, stud earrings, which should be removed for PE.

For indoor PE lessons, children should wear a school PE shirt (or equivalent light blue T-shirt) and black or navy shorts. Football shirts or any other colour T-shirts are not permitted. They will also need a pair of black sandshoes for PE.

In Key Stage 2, some PE lessons take place outside. If the weather is cold, pupils are allowed to wear a tracksuit over the top of their school PE kit and should have a pair of trainers to wear outside. These rules are in force to ensure that children look smart in school but also that they are safe and able to take part in all activities we offer.

Finally, please could we urge parents to label all pieces of uniform with children's names.

Reading

We will be having a major focus on reading throughout the school this year. We will be sending home lists of recommended books for home reading at Key Stage 2 and will be encouraging all children to read regularly at home. We will be offering various rewards and incentives for this to pupils and we are asking parents to do all they can to support us with this.

Please make sure your child brings their reading book to school every day and we would ask you to listen to your child read and to read to your child as often as you can as this really helps to develop a love of reading and expand their vocabulary. We are so grateful for the support that our parents give to our children at home already and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the forthcoming year.

