

WELCOME BACK

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BRADLEY C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to school to all our pupils and their parents, and especially to our new pupils who join us in Reception, Year 4 and Year 6.

Timetables

You should by now have received your child's weekly lesson timetable. Please can we ask that you ensure children come to school fully equipped with everything they need each day—this is especially important with PE kit—which should be in school every day, as we very often take advantage of fine weather and include additional PE sessions when it is appropriate. PE kit can be taken home at the end of each week, or term for washing.

EVENTS DIARY AND TERM DATES.

We have put together the events dates for the term, which includes whole school church services—to which you are all welcomed. Whilst we try to include everything we can, this is based on information we have at the time of printing—inevitably there will be changes and additions to the diary, which we will notify you of, as soon as we are able to. The diary will come out to you during the next week, and will also be available on the school website.

Staffing

School staff for the this academic year is as follows:

Mrs Foulds - Headteacher & Y5/Y6 maths & English
Mrs Edge - KS2 teacher
Miss Burrows - KS1 teacher
Mrs Pringle - KS1 & KS2 (Mon & Tues)
Mrs Bacon - HLTA
Mrs Storey - Learning support
Miss Tunnicliffe - Learning support
Mrs Avery—Learning support
Mr Brough - Sports specialist (Monday only)

School Support Staff:

Mrs Anna Burgin-Smith - School Business Assisstant
Mrs Tracey Hydes– School Catering supervisor
Mrs Tracey Elston - cleaning

We will again host a number of student teachers from the University of Derby, throughout the year, on long-term placements. All students have responsibility for some of the teaching whilst with us, and you are welcome to discuss your child's progress with them in the usual way. I'm sure your children will inform you when our new students are in school.

Please return pupil update forms to the office asap, so that we can update our records.

School Meals

School dinner money is currently £2.00 per week,, Or £66.00 for this term. Please ensure that dinners are paid-for in advance. Cheques should be made payable to Derbyshire County Council.

Morning Club

We are again running morning club on Mondays and Tuesdays, for anyone who would like to drop their child off at school early. Should you wish to avail yourself of this service, there is a charge of £5 from 8am, or £3.50 from 8:30am, payable on the day.

The gate is opened at 8:50am, and parents are responsible for pupils until 9am when the school day begins.

Photographs

Individual & Family Portrait photographs will be taken in school on 28th September. If you would like younger siblings/ family members to be photographed alongside your child, please arrive just before 9am. Individual photographs of pupils will be taken during the morning.

Open Day

School will be open on 8th October, throughout the day, until 4pm, for prospective parents to visit—if you know of anyone who may be looking for a school place for their child, either as a new Reception pupil, or to join us in any other year group, please let them know. Thank you

School Clear-up

The PTA are holding their annual autumn clear-up on the morning of Saturday 19th September, all are welcome and any help is most gratefully appreciated. Please see the PTA noticeboard for more information. Thank you

Parents Meeting

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and look at the work pupils have completed, on Monday 19th October. This is an informal meeting, where you are invited to 'drop-in' anytime between 3:30 and 6pm—appointments are not necessary. A more formal meeting will be held in the spring term.

QEGS

QEGS are holding an open evening for prospective pupils currently in years 5 and 6, and their parents on 29th September between 5 and 7pm. Please contact their office, if you require further information.

Inhalers

Please ensure that, if your child needs to use an inhaler, that you let the teacher have this to keep in school asap. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the inhaler, and that you have completed a pink medicines form and returned to the office. Pupils who we know use an inhaler, will not be able to take part in sports activities, unless the inhaler is in school.

UNIFORM

Whilst we have enjoyed some lovely warm, dry weather this week, please ensure your child has an appropriate, warm and weatherproof coat in school, if the weather becomes cooler and wetter. We do go outside for playtimes and for PE, even if the weather is slightly wet and cold. It is therefore also important to provide your child with warm PE kit and outdoor footwear, in addition to plimsolls.

May we also remind you that jewellery, other than a wrist watch and plain, small stud earrings is not permitted. If your child is unable to remove their earrings for PE, you must provide micropore tape for them to cover earrings. Thank you

Clarinet Tuition for all KS2

We have been fortunate to secure a fantastic music opportunity for all KS2 pupils which will continue throughout this academic year: All KS2 pupils will learn the clarinet—tuition will take place each Tuesday during the school day. School is funding the entire cost of this opportunity, which is provided by the Derbyshire Schools Music Partnership. KS2 pupils will also learn how to make music using the ipads during the autumn term.

Individual music tuition will continue with Mrs Edwards as before for those pupils learning to play the clarinet, flute, oboe and violin and we also have another peripatetic music teacher who is offering brass lessons. If you are interested in your child learning to play a brass instrument, please let us know before Thursday 17th September—so that we can estimate numbers. All individual music lessons are chargeable.

Brailsford Ploughing Match

The whole school will attend the Brailsford and district Ploughing & Hedgecutting match on 7th October. This is an opportunity to see first-hand how some elements of farming were carried-out in days gone by, and to learn a little bit about our local heritage and why it is important to maintain areas of farmland such as the boundary hedges. Pupils will take part in the children's competition, entering various age-appropriate classes—all entries will be produced in school. Pupils who normally have a school dinner, will be provided with a packed lunch. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing according to the weather conditions on the day. We recommend wellies, in any case. This visit is being entirely funded by school, with no charge to parents.