

# AS THE FIRST TERM COMES TO AN END...

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BRADLEY C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

We are delighted that this first term has been an exciting and successful, if somewhat hectic 7 weeks—and we are all looking forward to a well-earned break, so that we can re-charge our batteries, ready for another busy period up to Christmas.

## KS2 Residential 2017

Unfortunately, we have had to rearrange the residential visit planned for next year. This is due to late release of Y6 induction days at QEGS—the dates were the same as our planned residential! As the induction is vital for the successful transition of Y6 pupils and because we really did not want these children to miss their last year of the Bradley Residential, we have decided to rearrange our visit, which will now be to York. Further details will follow. We are happy to accept stage payments throughout the year—these can be made through our new online payment system. We apologise if this change of date causes any inconvenience.

## New Website and Facebook Page

Following some serious security breaches of our website, and ongoing difficulties for us in updating information and news, we are about to launch a brand-new website. It will be live by the end of October—all being well, although may not be fully functional for a couple of weeks, while we migrate and update all the policy information. Please bear with us during this time. Following staff training, we now have our own Facebook page, which we will keep updated with news and events. We hope these two measures will help to improve communication. We welcome your feedback. [www.bradleyschool.co.uk](http://www.bradleyschool.co.uk)

## Meet the teachers, Meet the governors

It was lovely to see so many of you at our event on the 15th September—we had some very positive feedback, and it is clear that you appreciated this opportunity. We plan to do something similar, around the English curriculum, later in the year—and hope that you will be able to attend and find the event useful—we will let you know when this will take place.

## PTA Clean-Up

Thank you to everyone who turned-up to help clear-up the school grounds on a sunny Saturday morning in September. I am always overwhelmed by the generosity of the parents and friends who give up their time to help to keep our school well-maintained—without your support, getting all the maintenance work done would be very challenging indeed—my sincere thanks.

## Term Time Holidays

Following a news report in September, about Derbyshire County Council's change in policy regarding fines for term-time unauthorised absence, please note that whilst their policy may have changed, we are still unable to authorise any absence in term time for holidays, unless in exceptional circumstances. These are not school's rules—this is Government policy.

Good attendance is deemed to be above 96% - if your child's attendance is below this, there is a significant chance that they will be falling behind in their learning. You will have been updated on your child's current attendance, for the previous academic year and this year to date, in a separate letter.

Look out for new Spanish and Science clubs, starting after half term. Gymnastics club is also running on a Thursday up until Christmas—please contact the office if you require further details





**We really have been busy—it's not all maths and English!!**

Once our new website is fully functional, we will publish all our correspondence on there, for you to view, download and print as you wish. We will no longer routinely send-out paper copies of letters, although these will still be available on request from the office. All permission slips for activities, will be handled electronically via the website and the SchoolMoney facility. Please therefore ensure you check the website and the Facebook page regularly for latest news.

#### Date Reminders

KS2 Spanish Club - 3.30-4.30pm - 02.11.16, 09.11.16, 16.11.16, 23.11.16, 30.11.16 .  
 Rescheduled Tempest Photography - 14.11.16 - 9am  
 Experience Christmas - 30.11.16  
 Decoration Day - 01.12.16  
 PTFA Christmas Fair - 02.12.16 from 3.30pm  
 Christmas Outing - Whole School - 07.12.16  
 Christmas Dinner - 14.12.16  
 School Closes - 16.12.16  
 Inset - 19.12.16 & 20.12.16  
 School Opens - 03.12.16

#### GOLD CARDS

Our Consequences and Reward system is working well.

Raffle tickets are motivating children to try their best and behave well and we have had very few incidents where we have had to send home a Consequences slip. The children in KS1 are clearly enjoying their Golden Coins and the Gold Card system is a real hit with KS2. Thank you for your support with this—we hope that you are finding the improved communication regarding behaviour incidents useful.

#### Spellings

We are always looking to improve the way in which we teach aspects of the curriculum and this is something which is under constant review. We have reviewed how we teach spelling in school and also how we might help children to be more effective at learning to spell new words. We are trialling a new method of teaching spelling, which includes different homework resources to help children to learn them. The new system has been explained to the children. There will still be a weekly spelling test, on the usual day and children are still expected to learn the new words, as before.

#### Dinner Money and Online Payments

You will have recently received a letter detailing our new online payment system. In line with most schools, including QEGS, we have taken the decision to move to electronic payments for all dinner money, trip, club and event payments. This has a number of benefits and we hope that this will make the process of paying for things in school easier for you and more efficient, streamlined and safer for us. The link to this facility is: [Schoolmoney.co.uk](http://Schoolmoney.co.uk) You should have received login details, by text or email. Please let us know if you are having difficulty accessing this service. Please note that once the service is up and running, we will no longer be able to accept cash/cheque payments into school.

#### Reminders

Please check with your children that they are taking their milk allocation—if they no longer want milk in school, please cancel it on the Cool Milk website—we do not have access to this facility.

**Winter clothes:** Please ensure your child has appropriate warm, weatherproof clothing and footwear—some children have not had these things in school, when the weather has been cooler & wetter lately.

#### Thank You

**Thank you to the PTA for all their efforts in fundraising and supporting our school. They have contributed a great deal of money towards our planned library—and we know this will make a significant difference to the quality of resources we will be able to provide for our children. We are hoping that work on this will begin in February.**