

NEWSLETTER 10

Bromley Heath Infant School

5 June 2009

Dear Parents

We have reviewed our transition arrangements for children as they approach the end of a school year and get ready to move on to the next year group. For many children it can be a big step to move from one class to another in the same school so throughout this term they will begin to get to know their new teacher and class. Children in the current Reception classes will be re-grouped in Year 1 and this will remain unchanged through to Year 2.

You will receive a leaflet explaining how we plan to manage transition more effectively and also your child's new class and teacher. This will be sent out next week.

Parents of children in Year 2 will be informed of their child's new class and teacher in Year 3 at a meeting on Thursday 2 July at 2pm in the junior school. However I have recommended to Mr John that the Year 2 classes stay the same.

Staffing news

I have been approached by the local authority to undertake a secondment at another school from September until the end of December. The Governors have agreed to this request as the school is successful, has strong leadership and a very effective and supportive team of staff. Mrs Long will be the acting head teacher in my absence and an acting deputy head teacher will be recruited from within the school. Governors will also recruit a teacher to take Mrs Long's class during Term 1 and term 2. When I have more information I shall of course pass this on to you.

School Organisation

I have been able to plan ahead for September at an early stage. The classes and teachers are as follows:

Giraffe class	Mrs Park
Zebra class	Mrs Hulm
Penguin class	Mrs Barber
Lion class	Mrs Warren/Mrs Dutton
Dolphin class	Mrs Ashman
Leopard class	tba 01/09/09 - 31/12/09
	01/01/10 onwards Mrs Long

Whole school picnic lunch

We have arranged a picnic lunch for all classes on Wednesday 24 June as this is the date that the parents of the new intake have been invited to sample school meals with their children. Please inform Mrs Dodge if you would like your child to have a picnic lunch provided by the school meals service on that day.

Achievements and progress

You will receive your child's annual report on **Friday 10 July**. Parents of Year 2 children will also receive details of their child's end of Key stage 1 assessments.

Parents of Reception children will receive their child's Foundation Stage profile.

Late arrival at school

Lateness is not a significant problem at the moment but we are monitoring frequency of late arrival at school. I would like to point out that it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school in time for the start of the school day. This is a really important time for a child to meet and greet friends, teacher and get ready to learn. Lateness can disrupt this routine and it is not the best start to the school day. If it is necessary I shall write to parents who are persistently late in bringing their child to school. On a slightly different note attendance is currently above the target set for the year!

Sun Safety reminder

As summer seems to have arrived, parents should ensure that their children are protected from the harmful effects of the sun by:

- Applying sunscreen before coming to school preferably of at least a factor protection of 15 and a "protects all day" product
- Alternatively children may bring sunscreen that they will need to apply themselves e.g. cream/lotion /wipes (sunscreen will not be shared) We do have sun screen that may be used if it was felt that a child was at risk from sun burn.
- Hats and sunglasses are encouraged

Asthma inhalers

If your child has asthma medication in school please call in to check the expiry date.

Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers and Tesco vouchers

As these schemes are coming to an end soon we will need to collect, count and submit our orders for equipment towards the end of term. Some of our Year 2 children are assisting me with the arduous task of counting them and they are doing a brilliant job!

Dates for the term

Saturday 20 June	Festival of Youth Sport - Yate Outdoor Sports Centre. Year 2 tennis event
Monday 15 June	Year 2 Music Festival with Christchurch Infant School at our school
Monday 29 June	Outdoor learning week begins
Friday 3 July	Parents are invited to see the children's work @2.45pm
Monday 6 July	Sports activities week
Tuesday 7 July	Sports day at 9.15am
Wednesday 8 July	"Skipping Day" - details to follow

Yours sincerely

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