

NEWSLETTER 1

Bromley Heath Infant School

5 September 2008

Dear Parents

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have returned to school refreshed and I am delighted to see them settling into their new classes with such confidence and maturity.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the parents of the new reception children as your child begins his/her first year in school. As yet I don't know many of the new children but within a few weeks I shall know their names and recognise them when I see them in school and no doubt they will get to know me.

Management of Medical Needs

Our policy and procedures have been reviewed to enable us to continue to manage medical conditions on a daily basis so that a child can continue to attend school. This covers long term or chronic conditions such as asthma, eczema, allergic reactions as well as short term ones such as viral infections and common childhood illnesses.

A significant change is that short term medication e.g. antibiotics may be administered by key members of staff who have agreed to undertake this responsibility.

Parents will be required to obtain the appropriate form from the office giving details of child's condition, medication, dosage, time to be given etc. I shall personally look at each individual request and decide whether or not it is appropriate for medication to be administered at school.

This does not alter the fact that children should only return to school following an illness when they are fit and well enough to cope with a busy day at school.

However this may help parents when a course of prescribed medication needs to be completed.

Medical conditions

Please inform your child's teacher if he/she has a specific or significant medical condition that may affect their health or well being. These matters are treated with discretion. If your child is asthmatic and will need to use an inhaler in school, there are forms to complete which are available from the school office. Similarly it is important that we are informed of particular dietary needs.

We have children in school who have allergic reactions to nuts, wheat, eggs and other foods which may be life threatening. Staff will attend refresher training on the use of an EpiPen which would be used in the case of anaphylactic shock.

We want school to be a safe environment for all children and I am confident that as parents you would agree with this priority. Therefore as a school community we will strive to be a "nut aware" school. This has implications for everyone to you as parents when preparing a snack or packed lunch for your child, and for staff when planning cooking or food preparation activities. We shall review our current procedures and I shall also discuss this matter with the school meals service.

Data forms

Mrs Dodge will be sending out a data form soon and it would assist us if you would complete or update it with current information and return it to school.

Refurbishment programme

I am sure that you will have noticed the scaffolding that surrounded the school during the holiday. The school now has a new roof and probably not before time with the very wet and windy weather we seem to get in this part of the country. The next stage of the Governor's repair and maintenance plan is to replace the old metal frame windows at the front of the school with new ones to match the rest of the building. This is likely to take place during the holiday in October.

Dates for Term 1

Thursday 25 September	Friends of School - AGM
Date to be advised	Year 1 and Year 2 parents' curriculum meeting
Tuesday 7 October	Reception parents curriculum meeting at 6.30pm
Monday 20 October	Parent/teacher consultation from 2.00pm

Parent /teacher consultation meetings

You will receive further details next month. Please note that the first appointment will be at 2.00pm and we shall finish at 5.00pm.

In service days for the school year

Wednesday 5 November 2008

Friday 16 January 2009

Monday 1 June 2009

Tuesday 2 June 2009

Yours sincerely

Chris Chrystal - Head teacher