



# BROMLEY HEATH INFANT SCHOOL

*Little steps, Big strides, Exciting journey*

## NEWSLETTER 1

11<sup>TH</sup> September 2009



Hello and welcome back to a new year. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces in the playground on Monday and I am pleased to report they were still smiling today!

The Y1 and Y2 children are settling well to their classes and we look forward to seeing the new Foundation Stage children on Monday, after their home visit this week.

I look forward to getting to know you all better over the next four months, and should you need to see me please make an appointment with Mrs Dodge.



### STAFFING

With the start of a new year there are the inevitable staff changes and this year is no exception.

**Mrs Daryl Drake** has replaced Mrs Whitelock as Head Lunchtime Supervisor.

**Mrs Hiskins**, Lunchtime supervisor has sadly decided to retire after 21 years at the school and will leaving later this term.

**Mrs Barber (Penguin Class)** has announced her pregnancy and we would like to offer her our congratulations. She will be starting her Maternity leave in November and we will be appointing a replacement in the next few weeks.

**Casual Lunchtime Supervisors:** We are always looking to increase the number of people who would be willing to support the children at lunchtime, on a casual basis to cover sickness etc. If you are interested in this please give your name and contact details to Mrs Drake via the school office.



### Hygiene and Illness

The start of a new term brings the usual range of colds and flu and this year we need to be aware that swine flu could occur in school. Could I please ask you to remind your children to wash their hands regularly and use the NHS advice to use a tissue to **CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT**. With this in mind, any donations of boxes of tissues would be much appreciated. Please send them to your class teacher.



### British Heart Foundation Skipathon

A BIG thank you to all of you who sponsored the children for their sponsored skip at the end of last term. We made £877.32 of which £219.33 was kept by school and will be spent this term on PE equipment. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Warren for organising the event, which was enjoyed by all.



### 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.

If any parents, due to circumstances, need additional copies of newsletters or annual reports please let Mrs Dodge know. Unfortunately we will not be able to post them but they could be emailed or sent via the child.

Email copies of newsletters will be set up after the data collection forms have been updated. Could you please let Mrs Dodge know if your email address has changed



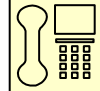


### School Bags

Coat peg space in school is very limited, and whilst we appreciate that children love to bring their new 'school' back pack into the classroom, we do not have space to accommodate them. So could your child please just bring their school book bag and lunchbox into the class room. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Packed lunches

I have been asked by the lunchtime supervisors to remind you that if you send grapes or cherry tomatoes, in your child's lunch box they need to be cut up to avoid chocking.



### School Closure

In the unlikely event that we need to close the school at short notice contacting you quickly is priority. Any school closure will be announced on local radio stations and a message will be posted on the website. We will then endeavour to contact you. To make this more efficient we would like 5 or 6 volunteers from each class to act as main contacts, where the school can ring the contacts first and they would ring 5 more people in their child's class. If you would be willing to take on this role please send your name and child's class into the office with the names of the 5 people you would be able to contact.



### Attendance

Can I remind you that your child's attendance in school is vital if they are to do well and holidays in term time should be avoided wherever possible. In line with South Gloucestershire's guidance I will not be authorising holidays in Terms 1 or 5 as these are very important times for the children. However we do understand that you child may become ill during the year and they may need to stay at home at these times. Also, if your child has suffered sickness they must have a 48hour period free of symptoms before bringing them back to school.



### Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in school, ranging from coats to PE kits. The box will placed outside the main entrance on Monday 14th and Tues 15th please check if any belongs to your child. Anything left will be taken to a charity shop.



### E Safety

Our school website has some useful links for parents and the one that I would like to bring to your attention is Parent Centre which has relevant and current information on e safety - how you can ensure that your child stays safe when using your home computer, electronic games etc. It can be located via the parent link on our website.



### Recycling

We will once again be recycling your empty ink cartridges, (black or tri colours only, no individual colours) a collection box will be placed in the entrance hall. Unfortunately we are unable to accept Epsom cartridges or compatibles. Yellow Pages: We are unable to recycle yellow pages this year so please recycle them in your kerb side collections



### Dates

We have a dates calendar on our website <http://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/> which is regularly updated but here are a few important dates for you to note.

**Inset days:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb / Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April / Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**KS1 Curriculum Evening** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.30pm

**FS Information Evening** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm

**Parent consultations** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2-5pm



### Parking

As you know parking around the school is an issue and can make it unsafe for children entering and leaving school. We have been notified by a resident in Quakers Rd that people are parking over drives. Could I take this opportunity to ask for your support when parking near school and ensure that you do not park on the zig zag lines or block residents driveways. Using the car park at the rear of the Sandringham and walk up is healthier and safer.

