

Bromley Heath Infant School

Little steps, Big strides, Exciting journey



Hello and Welcome Back

Hello and welcome back to a new school year. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces (parents and children) in the playground this week and I am pleased to report everyone is still smiling today!

The Y1 and Y2 children are settling well in 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 few weeks and will be in the play-

ground most mornings so please come and say hello. If you would like to discuss a specific matter with me please make an appointment with Mrs Dodge in the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know about our recent staff changes. We welcome Miss Claire Baker to Bromley Heath Infant School as Deputy Headteacher and Dolphin class teacher. Mrs Barber is now covering teachers planning time across all year groups and will be working on Wednesday and Thurs-

day. Miss Fletcher, who worked on Wednesdays has taken adoption leave and Mrs Warren has agreed to work an extra day each week to cover this.

Waterproof Coats

With the inclement weather this week I thought it would be timely to remind you that your child needs a warm waterproof coat in school everyday because we still go out to play in the rain and wind!



Term 1 Newsletter 1

9th September

Important Dates

September

- 27th KS1 curriculum evening -6.30pm
- 29th Parents coffee morning—9.00am

October

- 4th Foundation Stage curriculum evening
- 10th Parent consultation meetings 2.00—5.30pm
- 18th Foundation Stage Parent consultation meetings

Inset Days 2011/12

- October 31st 2011
- January 3rd 2012
- February 20th 2012
- June 1st 2012
- July 19th 2012



Family Photo Day

After last year's successful event, the 'Friends of School' are organising another family photo Session on **Saturday 8th October**. This will be an opportunity for you to get a family photo taken ready

for Christmas presents. The 'Friends of School' will be sending more information about how to book a session nearer the date.





School Communications

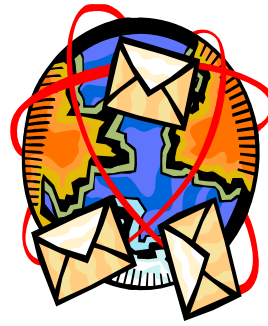
As you know, we have been using the Teachers to Parents text service to send you messages over the past year. Your feedback has confirmed that this is a very popular way to communicate with you. To ensure that the system continues to work smoothly Mrs Dodge will be sending a test text message on **Wednesday 14th September** to check that we have your correct telephone number. If you do not receive a text from the school on that day please contact the school office and check we have your most recent number. For the text

system to work successfully it is vital that you tell us if your contact details change.

As the text message service has been a success we are now trialing an email service where all school communications will be sent via email. We will still send paper copies to those of you who do not use email.

But as an 'Eco School' we are trying to cut down on the amount of paper we use and hope you will sup-

port us with this. Mrs Dodge would welcome your feedback on the new system to monitor if it is working well.



Let's save paper and the planet.

Data Collection Sheets

Mrs Dodge recently sent out our annual data collection sheets. Could you please return them to the school office as soon as possible to enable us to update our records.



Congratulations

We would like to extend our congratulations to Mrs Barber who has announced her second pregnancy and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of term 1. We look forward to seeing her and the new baby sometime in December.

We have advertised her position and will be interviewing on 5th Octo-

ber. I will let you know who we appoint in due course.

Also congratulations to Miss Fletcher and her family who adopted a child at the beginning of the summer break. We wish them good luck for the future and look forward to them visiting us over the next year. Mrs Warren will be covering Miss Fletcher's teaching commitment.

Free School Meals

We would like to make you aware in these hard economic times that if you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals. If you would like more information about this please contact Mrs Cane, our finance administrator.

Playground Safety Before and After School



Polite Reminder

As the new 'Foundation Stage' children will be joining us in the playground on Monday could I please ask you to support us with the following ...

- Scooters that have been ridden to school should be parked in

the scooter racks and not ridden around the playground.

- Ball games are not to be played in the playground before school. If the children find a ball could they please put it in the fenced area outside the classrooms.
- Children must be supervised at all times when using the play equipment.

These precautions are to help keep your children safe in the playground, especially as there are toddlers and new children around at this time. I hope you will be able to support us with this and help every child have a happy start to their school day.