



Bromley Heath Infant School

'To be the best I can be'

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TERM 1 NEWSLETTER | SEPT 18

Welcome Back to a New Term

SEPT

18th Year 2 school trip
to "We The Curious"

19th KS1 Curriculum
evening **6.30pm**

26th Explorers Reading
& Writing workshops
1.45pm & 6.30pm

28th Parent Coffee
meeting **9.00am**

OCTOBER

4th Parent Helper Train-
ing **9.00am**

10th Harvest Festival

10th Full Governing
Body Meeting 5.30pm

11th Parent Helper
Training **9.00am**

12th Y1 Open After-
noon **2.45pm**

15th Y2 Open After-
noon **2.45pm**

18th Individual Photos

19th Foundation Stage
Open Afternoon **2.45pm**

23rd Parent Consulta-
tions **4 - 7 pm**

24th Parent Consulta-
tions **4 - 6 pm**

26th INSET DAY 2 for
teachers children not
required in school

26th END OF TERM 1

NOVEMBER

5th Start of Term 2

7th Sibling Photos in the
Junior School

12-16th Awe and Won-
der Week

13th Explorers Maths
Workshops **1.45pm &
6.30pm**

16th Children in Need
Day

Hello and welcome back to you all and a special welcome to all of the new parents of the Explorers Unit children (who are also known as Reception, Foundation Stage and EYFS). I look forward to getting to know you all better over the next few weeks. I am in the playground most mornings so do come and say hello.

I am pleased to report that the children have settled well into their new classes and I have enjoyed seeing their happy smiling faces as I visited the classrooms this week.

I have been very proud of the children in Y1 & 2 who have arrived with a very positive attitude towards

their learning and are continuing to demonstrate a 'growth mind-set'. I know they will enjoy all the exciting learning opportunities that the teachers have planned for them.



The children in Y1 enjoyed their walk around Downend

The curriculum has been organised into themes again this year, to make the learning more interesting and relevant for the children.

The Y1 & Y2 theme this term is 'Where am I' and The Explorers theme is 'Myself and Others'.

Each Year Group have planned a WoW to start their theme. Y1 went on a walk around the locality to find the human and physical features of Downend and these will be used in their Geography work this term. Y2's WoW will be a trip to 'We are the Curious' to find out about explorers and science.

The Explorer Unit's WoW is starting school and discovering all the new things in the classrooms.



Bromley Heath Scarecrow Trail

Come and join our Scarecrow Trail. We are organizing a trail of Scarecrows around Downend to raise funds for resources in school. You have all received an invitation to create your own scarecrow to display in your garden for the last two weeks in September. You have until Monday to create your scarecrow and join the fun. Once all entries have been

received Miss Holmes will create a map which can be purchased from the school office. You will have until 3rd October to complete the challenge. There will be prizes for the most original scarecrow, as voted by pupils and yourselves, and the person who names all of the scarecrows correctly.

Join the fun and raise funds for the school.





Playtime is a time to play with new and old friends.



At Bromley Heath Infant School we keep children at the centre of everything we do; striving to provide inspirational teaching and provision which challenges and nurtures all of our children in their small steps, big strides, exciting journey.



The children are enjoying their new class.

Parent Council and Parent Coffee meetings

Each year I invite parents to become Parent Councillors and act as representatives of the parent body in decision making on school matters. The aim of the council is to provide parents' views on different aspects of School Improvement, these will then be considered when making decisions about how to make our school even better.

We hold 6 Parent Council meetings per year each before the general Parent

Coffee Morning. The meetings will take place during school time and last no more than 45mins. We would like 2 reps from each class, if possible. We have 2 vacancies in each of Zebra and Giraffe bases and Leopard class and 1 vacancy in Penguin, Lion and Dolphin classes. You do not have to attend every meeting. I will send a separate letter with more information but please contact the school office if you are interested.

PARENT COFFEE MEETING Each term parents are invited to a coffee meeting. These meetings are an opportunity to meet with myself and other parents to discuss how things are going in and around school. I often ask for your advice and views on areas the school wish to develop and provide information on any planned changes. The next meeting is on **Friday 28th Sept at 9.00am** please come and join us. Biscuits are provided and siblings are welcome. At this meeting we will be selling cakes in aid of MacMillan Cancer Research.

Bromley Heath Infant School Vision

At the end of last term we updated our vision for the school and you were invited to contribute your ideas.

Taking into account the ideas you provided, we have now been able to create a new 3 year plan for the school. This will be sent out to all families as soon as Governors have agreed it in October.

It was decided to keep our strap line of **'to be the best / can be'** because we feel it embodies what we want for our children and ourselves.

The new vision statement is printed at the side of the page.

Alongside this we reviewed the core values for the school. The updated core values are as follows..

Respect
Kindness
Independence
Perseverance
Pride
Determination

We will focus on one core value each term and link them with our assemblies. This term's value is ...

RESPECT

Staffing

We welcomed four new members of staff to Bromley Heath Infant School this term and would like to introduce them to you so that you know their names if your child comes home talking about a new person. We have Mrs Jenkins, who is a HLTA and will be working in all year groups. Mrs McMillan and Mrs Saukuru who are SENTAs in Year 2

and Mr Edbrooke who is our new Caretaker. He will be known in school as Mr Mendit!

Also, Mrs Allen, TA in EYFS, is getting married on Friday 14th Sept and will be back next week with the new name of Mrs Laraway the children in Explorers are already calling her by her new name to avoid confusion. I am sure you join us in sending her our congratulations on her wedding.

E Safety

I would like to remind you about the importance of keeping your children safe online by setting appropriate parental controls and limiting screen time.

Smartie the Penguin is a cyber safety resource for 3-7yr olds which covers e-safety issues through stories. Have a look at the website below for more information. <https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>