



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our returning pupils and a very warm welcome to our new starters. I hope that you have all had a good summer and that the children have come back rested and ready for another busy and hard working term.

As usual, school has been busy over the summer with our ongoing work to improve the learning environment. The last 4 key stage two classrooms have now been refurbished and redecorated which means that every classroom has now been done.

We have also begun a refurbishment programme on the pupils' toilets, with Key Stage Two girls being the first to benefit. We hope to refit the Key Stage Two boys toilets over Easter then move onto Key Stage One.



### Staffing

Welcome back to Mrs Young, Mrs Coggin and Mrs Newton who have all returned from their maternity leaves after last year's flurry of Bricknell Babies.

Miss Clune got married over the summer and has returned as Mrs Hudson. She will happily spend a few hours showing you her wedding photos if you would like to see them! Congratulations.

Miss Porter has joined us for the year as part of the Graduate Teaching Programme and will be working in Year One with Miss Wolff.

### Uniform

Could I please ask parents to use the new school year as an opportunity to ensure that children are wearing appropriate uniform to school. Items can be purchased from the school office if required:

Sweatshirts or cardigans £9.00, T-Shirts £6.00, Bookbags £3.50, PE bags £3.00.

It is very difficult to track down lost items if they go missing so please ensure that all uniform, coats, bags, shoes and lunchboxes are clearly named, preferably with a permanent marker or label.



### Parking

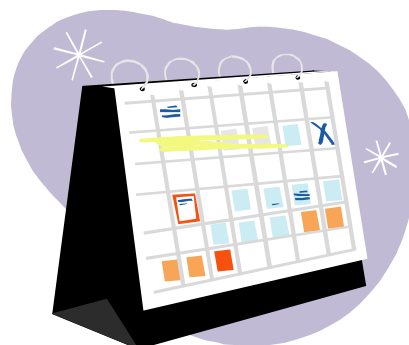
I would like to inform new parents (and remind existing ones) that parking around the school site is very limited and I would urge parents to be considerate to local residents when bringing children or collecting them from school.

We have an agreement with residents that the rear entrance to school, off Windsor Road, is for pedestrian use only and must not be used as a drop off point for pupils. If this agreement is broken and parents park behind the school, it may lead to us having to close the gate or issue passes. We have a 'Park and Stride' scheme in operation which provides alternative nearby parking for parents at the beginning and end of the school day and I would encourage parents to make use of this. Parents may park in the car park of the National Pub or the YPI on Chanterlands Avenue and walk their children from there.



# Diary dates: 2009-10

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Training day (School closed)
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics meeting for Reception Parents 7pm
30 <sup>th</sup> September	High Adventure meeting to parents Y6
13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Consultation Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School closes for half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School reopens
10 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Productions
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Production to parents
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day (School closed)
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 SATs meeting to parents
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Travelling book fair
12 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for half term
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School reopens
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Consultation evening
26 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes for Easter
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Training day (School closed)
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
10 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
28 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential to High Adventure
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Training day (School closed)
22-25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sport week
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Productions
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Open afternoon
15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year discos
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers event
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	School closes



# Breakfast club / After School Club

A reminder that breakfast club runs from 8.00 in the morning in the Key Stage One dining hall. There is no need to book a place, just turn up. If your child is attending Breakfast Club, please do not drop them in school before 7.50 in the morning as there is no one to supervise them.

We still have a small number of places in our After School's Club which runs from 3.30 until 5.45. If you would like to enquire about a place, please ring the club direct: 'Schools Out' after school club, 07970603223

## Website

If you have not already done so, please visit our website  
[www.bricknellschool.co.uk](http://www.bricknellschool.co.uk)

This is regularly updated with children's work, news and forthcoming events. We also hope to publish more video materials and support for parents and pupils.



## Dinners

Can I remind you that Hull City Council have increased the cost of school meals this term. A hot meal will now be £1.30 per day, or £6.50 for the week. Please complete the slips on a Monday and send in any money at the beginning of the week.

If for any reason your child does not have a meal we will credit this the following week. Copies of the weekly slips are attached below.

Dinner menus are available from the school office and are displayed on the school website. If you are entitled to free school meals, could you please claim for them, even if your child does not stay for dinner. This is because part of our school funding is based upon the number of children who have free school meals. Forms are available from the school office.



### Bricknell Primary School

**Child's Name:**

**Class:**

**Week Commencing:**

	Hot Lunch	Packed Lunch	Going Home
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

**Money enclosed:** (tick)

**Money with sibling:** (tick)

# Attendance

Please remember to inform us by telephone, note or e-mail if your child is ill and unable to attend school. **The school phone system has an answer machine for messages regarding absence. Please ensure you tell us your child's name and class, the reason for their absence and when you hope they will return to school.**

## Holidays in term time

**I would also like to remind / inform parents about the important change to the school's policy on authorising absences for holidays in term time. This policy takes effect from the beginning of September.**

The Local Authority have asked schools not to authorise any absences in term time and many schools in the city have adopted this approach.

Our Governing Body have decided to adopt a slightly different model. We believe that full attendance at school is vital to ensure that children do not miss parts of the curriculum and we therefore strongly discourage parents from taking their children out of school for a holiday.

However, we are aware that some parents have no option but to take their children out in term time. The revised procedure which is now in place is as follows:

**Parents will no longer be able to request a holiday form. All requests for holidays in term time need to be made in writing to the headteacher.** We may authorise a holiday of up to 10 days if there are unavoidable circumstances or if it is the main annual family holiday, providing the child already has a good attendance record. In other circumstances, you may get a reply from us asking you to reconsider your request, and informing you that if you do choose to take you child on holiday, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence from school. Also, we will not be able to authorise any days holiday over 10 days.

If you have already filled in a holiday form for 2009/10 and had permission given, we will honour the decision that has been made. We will **not** usually authorise any holidays in May as this is the period for school tests. If parents do need to take holidays in term time the least disruptive month is July.



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