

Bricknell Primary School and Children's Centre

Newsletter 1—September 6th 2011



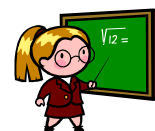
Welcome Back



A warm welcome, despite the weather, to all our returning pupils and all our new starters. I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and you are all looking forward to the new term.

Mr Attwater

Staffing



We are joined by a number of new staff this term and I would like to welcome them all to the Bricknell team. Miss Rowe will be teaching in Year 5 this year, Miss Sims has joined the Year 4 team and Miss Harrison will be teaching in Year 3. Miss Tomlinson, who some of you will know as she trained with us throughout last year, will be taking over from Mr Frankish in Year 2 and Miss Flitton has joined the Year 1 team.

We are also joined by Miss Winn who will be providing additional support in Mrs Hudson's class this year.

Playground improvements



The main focus of the work over the summer has been to improve our playgrounds. We have bought a lot of new equipment for children to use at playtimes and lunchtimes, there is now a covered area on both playgrounds to provide shade in the summer and there will be new playground markings to separate areas of the playground and inspire different games. The key stage 2 playground now has new basket ball hoops, football goals, cricket stumps and an outdoor seating area with a stage! We are hoping that our children enjoy using these new facilities and help each other by looking after the equipment. Children do not need to bring their own footballs / rugby balls to school as we will provide ones which are suitable and safe to use.

Breakfast Club / After School Club

A reminder that breakfast club runs from 8.00 in the morning in the dining hall, and breakfast is served until 8.30. 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. It would be appreciated if parents could use the 3 parking bays behind the dining hall for dropping off if possible and avoid stopping outside the dining hall entrance as this blocks the driveway.

If your child is not attending breakfast club then they should arrive at school after 8.40 ready for the start of the day at 8.50.

We also have an After School Club on site 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



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Healthy Schools

Working together

At Bricknell, we firmly believe that we will get the best out of your children by working in close partnership with you as parents and carers. We are committed to ensuring your child feels happy, safe and confident at school and that they receive the highest quality of education. Your feedback is really important to us. Please let us know what we are doing well or if you have questions or an issue that needs to be resolved.

If you do have a concern, please discuss things with your child's class teacher in the first instance, as the majority of issues can be resolved in this way. The next step would be to speak to the member of our leadership team who is responsible for pastoral care in each school phase. These are: Mrs Jones for Reception, Mrs Sinclair for pupils in Year 1 or 2, Mrs Carter for children in Year 3 or 4, and Mrs Shepherdson for Year 5 and 6 pupils. If you cannot resolve an issue in this way or you have a more serious concern, please do not hesitate to contact either me (Mr Attwater), Mrs Shepherdson (Deputy Headteacher) or Miss Waites (Assistant Head). It is really important to us that we get things right for your children.

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, including a pair of indoor shoes to change into. 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.



Website

If you have not already done so, please visit our website www.bricknellschool.co.uk. This is regularly updated with children's work, news and forthcoming events. We also hope to publish video materials and support for parents and pupils.



Text Messages

As well as newsletters and the website, we also try to keep parents regularly updated via text message. If you do not currently receive these, please make sure the school office has an up to date mobile phone number. If you would rather not receive them, then please let the office know.



Bricknell Golden Rules

Our school council devised a set of golden rules to help ensure a high standard of behaviour from all pupils and to make our expectations clear for everybody. These are as follows:

"At Bricknell Primary School we agree to do our best and to follow our golden rules."

1. Always treat others with kindness and respect.
2. Always look after people and property.
3. Always make sensible choices.

It would be really helpful if you could discuss these rules at home with your child.

Attendance / Absences / Holidays

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. If we have not received notification that your child is absent then we will contact you by phone.

I would also like to remind / inform parents about the school's policy on authorising absences for holidays in term time.

Our Governing Body 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. If you have to request time out of school for a family holiday, the procedure is as follows:

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. 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.

Dinners

The cost of school meal remains at £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. All cheques to be payable to Hull City Council please.



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, please claim for them, even if your child does not stay for dinner. Part of our school funding (the pupil premium) is based on the number of pupils who have registered for Free Meals. Forms are available from the school office.

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Child's Name:		Class:	
Week Commencing:			
	Hot Lunch	Packed Lunch	Going Home
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Money enclosed:	(tick)	Money with sibling:	(tick)

Diary dates: 2011-12

6 th September	School re-opens
15 th September	Phonics meeting for Reception Parents 7pm
29 th September	High Adventure meeting for Y6 parents at 6.30pm
20 th October	Meet the teacher / Consultation Evening
21 st October	School closed for training day / Half term begins
31 st October	School re-opens
8 th /9 th December	Reception Productions to parents (afternoons)
13 th /14 th December	Key Stage 1 Production to parents (afternoons)
20 th December	School Closes for Christmas
4 th January	Training day (School closed)
5 th January	Pupils return
11 th January	Y6 SATs meeting to parents
17 th February	School Closes for half term
27 th February	School reopens
15 th March	Consultation evening
30 th March	School Closes for Easter
16 th April	Training day (School closed)
17 th April	School re-opens for pupils
7 th May	May Day (School closed)
14 th - 22 nd May	SATs week
1 st June	School closes for half term
11 th June	Training Day (School closed)
12 th June	School re-opens to pupils
22 nd June	Y6 Residential
4 th /5 th July	Y6 Productions
11 th July	Open Afternoon
20 th July	School closes for summer

We will inform you of any changes to these dates as the year progresses.

