



Year 6

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they head off to secondary school. I hope that they are leaving Bricknell with many happy memories and that the next stage of their educational journey is a happy and successful one. They did us proud with their superb production of *Oliver* last week and we will be giving them a big send off at Thursday's prom.



Sats results

Children in Year 2 have already received their SATs results which have been very pleasing this year. Well done to all.

Year 6 results will also be going home this week. Performance at level 4 has generally been good, especially in reading, and the children (and staff) have worked very hard this year. We have had some problems with the marking of the

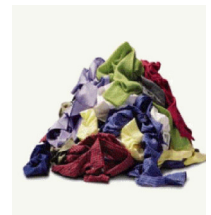
English papers and a large number of them have had to be returned for re-marking. Parents will be informed if there any changes are made to the levels.



Lost Property

We have a MOUNTAIN of unclaimed lost property in school. This will be displayed outside the main hall on Thursday and Friday this week. Please come in and have a good look through if your child has lost anything this year. Any unclaimed lost property will be recycled or bagged up for charity.

Can you also please ensure that your child has brought everything home on Friday and that no items are left in school over the summer.



Staffing

As ever at the end of a school year, there are a number of staff changes and the sad task of having to say goodbye to some people.

Mrs Gibson is moving house... to Australia, and has decided that the daily commute might be too much of a challenge! We wish her and her husband all the very best on their new adventure.

Three of our teaching assistants, Mrs Escott, Mrs Jesney and Mrs Hunsley are all leaving us at the end of this term. We thank them for all their hard work supporting the school and the children, and we wish them well for the future.

Mrs Healeas and Mrs Rudd will be joining our team of support staff on a permanent basis in September and we will also be welcoming Mrs Coggin back from her maternity leave.

Also returning from maternity leave will be Mrs Young, who will be teaching in Year 6, and Mrs Newton who will be working on Fridays to cover PPA.

We wish Miss Oxtoby well as takes up her first teaching post at Bacon Garth School after training with us throughout this year.

And finally, Miss Clune is getting married this summer and will return in September as Mrs Hudson. We wish her and her new husband all the best for a wonderful wedding.

Holidays in term time

There will be an important change to the school's policy on authorising absences for holidays in term time from 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. There will be a revised procedure that will be in place from September which is as follows: From September, 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 your 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. This policy will come into effect from the beginning of September.

Dates 09/10

Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Prom 6.00pm—9.00pm
Friday 17th July	Break up for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 8th September	Pupils return to school
Friday 23rd October	School closes for Half Term
Monday 2nd November	School reopens
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas

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Tuesday 5th January	Pupils return to school
Friday 12th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 22nd February	School reopens
Friday 26th March	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 13th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 3rd May	School closed for May Day
Friday 28th May	School closes for Half Term
Monday 7th June	School reopens
Friday 23rd July	School Closes



Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given to your children, to me and to the school throughout this year. It has been a pleasure working in partnership with you to make sure that our children have the best possible start to their school years.



Have a great summer!



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