



Bradleys Both CP School

FRIDAY NEWS



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Friday 7th July 2018

Dear Children, Parents and Staff,

A very warm welcome back to the start of our Autumn term. I do hope everyone has had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been great to see everyone back at school this week and especially welcome our new children and families to Bradleys Both. Our new Reception children have had a super start to school and done so well this week.

Staff News

Next week we welcome Mrs Julie Midgley as a new Teaching Assistant joining Team Bradley. Julie will be working across all of our five classes.

Mrs Debbie Sargeant will now be known in school as Debbie Briscoe, following her wedding last year and Miss Alice Halstead will be known as Alice Rogers after our wedding in the summer (I may need some help remembering this one!). Thank you for everyone's kind wishes and congratulations at the end and start of term. We have included a photo of our special day in case you wanted to have a look. It was a really amazing day and we had such a great time with friends and family.



Sports Cool visited school on Thursday morning to work with the KS2 children and run a gymnastics taster session. Gymnastics will be one of our school clubs starting next week. Please see the club letter already sent home with details of days, costs and clubs.

Work to school over the Summer holiday

A big thank you to Bela, our amazing caretaker, who worked so hard to clean and tidy school in preparation for the new school year. Work has been carried out around school this summer including:

- Classes 2, 3 and 4 were painted and decorated and the classrooms look lovely and fresh
- The Climbing Zone was created with the instalment of equipment and fencing on the field
- Windows were replaced in the Hall
- Part of the roof was repaired on the main building
- New kitchen units, work surface and flooring fitted in the staff room

Thank you to Paul Crocombe for his help with the staff room and fencing.

Dates

We are in the process of compiling an annual calendar of important dates which will in turn be sent home. In the short term I have included important dates for the next few weeks below;

- **Sunday 9th September** Bradley Village Show Family Day
- **Tuesday 11th September** Friends Coffee Afternoon at 3.00pm in the school Hall before end of day collection. Please come along to meet other parents, speak to the Friends and have a cuppa before you collect your child at the end of the day.
- **Thursday 13th September** National Roald Dahl Day (normal school uniform)
- **Monday 17th September** Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics 3.45-4.45pm
- **Wednesday 19th September** NEW Reception Parents drop in session at 8.30am or 3.30pm to touch base and catch up the start of term.
- **Wednesday 19th September** Friends AGM 6.00pm in school - please come along to support the school and Friends of Bradleys Both.
- **Monday 24th September** Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics 3.45-4.45pm
- **Monday 24th September** Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm
- **Tuesday 25th September** KS2 Cross Country 1-3.00pm
- **Thursday 27th September** Damian Harvey - children's author visiting school

Bradley Show

This Sunday (9th September) is Bradley Village Show Family Day. The local village team have been preparing and organising a fun filled day which takes place on the playing field by the cricket pavilion. The fun is due to start at 12 noon. I hope that lots of you will join in the fun and support the village.

New School Year

At the start of term it is a good opportunity to remind everyone about a few important matters. I would really appreciate the help of parents with the following:

- School uniform - children come to school each day wearing our school's uniform (**Royal blue** jumper/cardigan, **white** polo shirt and grey/black trousers/skirt/dress.) Trainers are not part of school uniform, but can be brought into school to change into at break times and of course used for PE lessons.
- Nail varnish should not be worn to school please.
- Please can we request that children who have their ears pierced only wear studs to school. These will need to be removed when the child goes swimming.

Please can we ask that younger siblings do not go into the Class 1 outside area either before or at the end of the school day as resources will be being set up or tidied away. Thank you.

Any reply forms, letters, payments or correspondence with school can be placed in the post box on the wall at the playground entrance (Silver post-box marked "letters" is for school use. The black one is for the Friends of Bradley School.) The office post box is emptied every day.

Thank you for your help with this. We are all very grateful for your support.

Positive Behaviour Policy and Approach

Following a suggestion in the child and parent questionnaire responses and a review of our policy with children and staff, we have made an addition to our traffic light faces (Green, Amber and Red faces) in school. In addition we have introduced a Golden Face to every class. This now allows us to acknowledge and celebrate the children who always make the right choices, demonstrate true Bradley traits, have fantastic manners, continue to work hard and show a thirst for learning. In Friday's Celebration Assembly children who have reached the Gold Face will be publicly praised and given a gold sticker. At the end of each half term there will be a reward for any children who have gained 5 gold faces. I really feel that this strategy enhances our positive behaviour policy, while promoting and celebrating continued effort and determination, engagement and participation in an ownership of the children's school life. It has been great to already award some gold stickers at this afternoon's assembly. Well done children!

Whole School Target

We are starting the Autumn term off with a whole school focus on using punctuation correctly when writing. The real focus is to ensure that everyone remembers to **USE** it once they have been taught it. The children will be set a target to ensure that everyone **ALWAYS** uses a capital letter and full stop correctly. The older children will be targeted to use other punctuation in their work as well, but it is amazing that capital letters and full stops can sometimes still be forgotten even when you are in KS2.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming term and I am grateful for everyone's help and support. I hope to see you at the Friend's Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday at 3.00pm.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Barry

Mrs Kirwin's Kind Requests

- Please return 2018/19 Contact forms.
- Please return 2018/19 Rolling Consent forms (Class 4 and Year 5's in class 5 by Tuesday ready for swimming on Wednesday)
- Please can dinner money be paid in advance via ParentPay.
- Please can clubs be paid for via ParentPay or direct to the club provider