

Bramley Church of England Primary

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and feel raring to go for an action-packed Autumn Term. After the hottest summer break I can remember, the thunderstorm the night before the children returned to school, cleared the air making summer seem a distant memory.

As always, there was a mix of nerves and excitement as the doors opened and the classes began to fill up. In assembly this morning, we shared that this is absolutely normal and that as adults, we feel the same after a long break. Throughout the morning, anxieties gradually subsided. The children are all looking very smart and have settled incredibly well into their new classes. Every time I’ve walked around the school, it’s been great to see so many smiles – from both adults and pupils alike. It always amazes me how quickly school life returns to ‘normal’ after the holidays.

Over the summer holidays, our school has been a very busy place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our site manager, Mr Toumi, for his excellent work in completing a vast decoration programme across the school. Over the last 8 months, he has painted and decorated the EYFS classrooms, the Year 1 and 2 classrooms and, most recently, the Year 5 and 6 classrooms and the main corridors. His efforts have made such a difference and have ensured that our classrooms and corridors look bright, welcoming, and ready for learning.

We are also delighted to share news of some exciting developments within our school building. Over the break, various construction projects have taken place to create:

 • A new teaching group room for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

 • A new group room with a designated space for ELSA support, enabling us to provide even more targeted support for our children

 • A new resource room to support our growing school.

These additions will provide valuable spaces for both teaching and support, helping us to continue to support our children in all aspects.

I would like to thank all members of the Bramley team for their hard work during the summer holidays. As you can imagine, having so much work over the summer does create a huge amount of upheaval and mess. Staff have been in over the holidays, especially on Monday and Tuesday this week, putting the building back together again so we are ready to welcome the children back.

**Meet the Teachers Information Evenings**

As we do every year, we are holding our year group curriculum information evenings next week. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and hear about what your child will be learning throughout the year. Information will include the curriculum, expectations, homework, the timetable, outcome events and trips and visits.

The meetings will be held in one of the classrooms with the children in the neighbouring classroom watching a film. Each meeting will start at 3.30pm and they should last approximately 30mins.

Dates will be included in the Welcome to the Year Group letters coming out next week.

If you are unable to make it, the presentation will be available on our school website.

**School Uniform**

A couple of reminders:

\*all children should be in school jumpers or cardigans (they can be plain royal blue, they don’t have to have the Bramley fish) hoodies are for PE days and fleeces are for outside only.

\*on non-PE days, children should wear school shoes or plain black trainers

\*long hair should be tied back for school

If you are in need of any school uniform bits, please contact the school office and they can look in our Swap Shop items.

***We are grateful for your support in helping the children be smart for school.***

**Keeping children safe**

Handing children over from our care to yours at the end of the day can be a very busy time. In order to make sure all of the children are in the right places, we operate the following policies:

***EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2*** – children are handed over to an adult at the classroom door. If this will be a different adult to ‘the norm’, please let the class teacher know.

***Year 3 and Year 4*** – children need parental permission submitted to the school office to be free leavers from the classroom. **They must meet an adult within the school grounds.**

***Year 5 and Year 6*** – children need parental permission to be free leavers from the classroom. They will have arrangements with home adults, but from our viewpoint are allowed to leave the school grounds unaccompanied.

*Can I ask that you try to avoid lengthy conversations with teachers on the classroom door in the morning please. Our priority at this point in the day is to ensure that we welcome the children into school so they feel confident and settled. If you need to speak to your child’s class teacher, please email the school office on* *adminoffice@bramley.hants.sch.uk* *and they will get back to you.*

Next week’s newsletter, will include our topic overviews for this term so you can see what the children are learning in school. It will also have all of the dates for the Autumn Term, trying to give you as much advance notice of any events as we can.

We hope you have a lovely weekend; no doubt the children will be exhausted from a very busy first few days back at school. We are all excited for what the next year will bring!

Many thanks

Mr Steve Moore

Head of School