

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Drop Off/Pick Up

Parents are politely asked not to park on the zigzag lines on the approaches to the school gates and to refrain from using the car park as a turning place. Please use the paths when walking your child to and from school, rather than wading across the car park. Gates close at 8:55am for drop off and are opened at 3:30pm for pick up. Children arriving after 8:55am should enter school through the main entrance and parents will need to complete the late book.

UNIFORM

Children are expected to wear school uniform as follows:

- Red school sweat-shirt or
- Cardigan
- Grey/Black shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Red gingham dress (optional for girls)
- White/Red polo shirt or white/grey shirt/blouse
- Black sensible shoes

PE KIT

The school's PE uniform comprises: White T-Shirt/polo shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms for cold days. Whilst juniors can wear trainers for outdoor sports only, all children should have black plimsolls.

Please ensure that all kit is clearly labelled and that it is in school at all times, as sometimes we need to change the timetable for one reason or another.

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone. We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing holiday. It was lovely seeing you all on the first day back. It is always comforting to know that the children are back in school 'safe and sound'.

We have several new members of staff. We are very grateful to Bradley Primary School for kindly sharing their headteacher with us. Mrs Nicola Foulds will be working as Acting Headteacher alongside Mrs Selfe and Mrs Cartwright, and we are very pleased to have with us Miss Sarah Rosental as our new teacher in infants. We also have Mrs Ann Bunting, working alongside Miss Rosental, as she trains to become a teacher, and we have Miss Stephanie Fearn who is undertaking work experience with us, on a Monday and Tuesday, in infants.

This week we have welcomed not only our new Reception children but several members of other year groups. We hope that they will enjoy their time with us and start to build many happy experiences.

We really do hope that both you and your children form a happy partnership with us here at school. We mean it when we say that our door is always open. Please work with us and come to have a chat if there is anything that you would like support or guidance with, we are here to help.



All Brailsford Staff

Official School Opening

As you are aware, our official opening of the school is on Tuesday, 20th September, at 10:45am in the school hall. The Bishop of Derby and the High Sheriff have kindly agreed to conduct this and we hope that you will be able to join us. We are very grateful to Impala Stone Ltd of Kirk Langley, who very kindly donated a commemorative plaque, which will be unveiled during the ceremony.

Morning Drop Off

Please note the gate onto the playground is open from 08:45-08:55 in the morning. This means that children are in their classrooms ready for the start of the school day at 9:00am. From September children arriving after the gate is locked will need to register in the 'Late Book'.



Diary Dates

Tues 20 Sept
Wed 21 Sept
Thurs 22 Sept
Fri 23 Sept
Mon 26 Sept
Thurs 29 Sept

Thurs 13th Oct
Tues 18th Oct
Thurs 20th Oct
Fri 21st Oct
Mon 31st Oct

School Opening Ceremony
Swimming starts Y5/6
Class 3 - Meet the Teacher
Class 4 - Meet the Teacher
Infants—Meet the Teacher
Harvest Festival
R/Y1 Phonics Evening 6:30pm
Open Afternoon - for 2017 reception parents 2:30pm
Parents' Evening 3:40-5:30pm
20 Oct Parents' Evening 3:40-7:00pm
Break Up
Return to school

Meet the Teacher!

These are an informal opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, ask any questions and look at what's been happening in school so far. Sessions start at 3:35pm and finish at 4:30pm.

Before and After School Club

Our numbers using the Before and After School Club are growing which is great. Please remember we now offer this service every day, in the mornings from 07:45-08:45am and in the evenings from 3:30-5:45pm. Before school sessions cost £5 and after school is £8. Payments for ad hoc sessions can be made by cash or cheque, but please give at least 24 hours notice of booking.

Sports Captains

Because of their enthusiasm for all sports, their attitude and their support for others, we have chosen Jake Cooper and Olivia Ashmore to be our Captains this year. There will be the appointment of Vice-captains and crew to aid them with their duties.

Curriculum Topics

Our topics for Autumn are:



Infants: Superheroes

Class 3: World War II



Class 4: From Stone Age to Iron Age

Clubs

We are beginning to formulate a range of activities in which the children can participate. We are conscious that the lunchtime sessions can be too long for some children, so we want to be able to offer them activities. Perhaps the main new initiative is the structured (but fun) timetable of sports being prepared by the Jake and Olivia, assisted by their crew. In addition to this, we hope to offer other clubs from the extensive list prepared by the children. (Watch this space!)

Please look for more detailed information on the school website.

Infants have asked if you can send in junk modelling materials.



MUSIC

We try to do our best to enrich the lives of our children and to this end we have arranged for Miss Alison Ward to develop musical skills in juniors.

On Wednesday afternoons, Miss Ward will be teaching Class 3 how to play the recorder, whilst on Thursday afternoons she will be working with Class 4 to develop them as a choir. (We hope to be attending a music festival in February with Bradley School.)

The infants have always been keen to be a part of the choir and Miss Rosental has kindly offered to continue to offer this to infants one lunchtime.



At Brailsford we promote the values of respect, tolerance, equality, understanding right from wrong and knowing that there are consequences to our actions.

You will see these posters around school and we will speak to the children about these both during lesson time and in Collective Worship.

