

SCHOOL ABSENCE ADVICE

In September 2013 the Education Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid, this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

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Summer Newsletter

Summer Holidays Are Here!

Well, here we are at the end of another year – and what an amazing one it's been! It never ceases to amaze me just how much 'stuff' we manage to pack-in – 'extra stuff' that is over and above the curriculum that schools are required to deliver. You only have to look at all the things that have been happening across The Federation in this last term alone. From Balance Bikes to Mountain Biking, swimming to Paddle Boarding. Climbing, sewing, skipping. Visits out, visitors in. Rock Steady, Pop UK, two theatrical productions, two residentials, sleepover, enterprise afternoon tea and Sports Day! And that's just some of the 'stuff'.

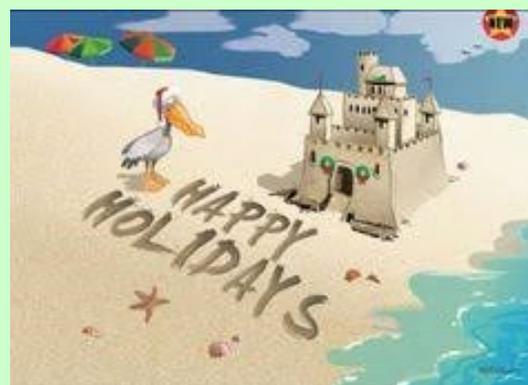
We know that the children have had a fantastic year in our schools; they have all worked incredible hard, played hard and are now ready for a well-earned rest. Our teachers and staff have worked equally hard to ensure our children get the very best that we can offer – a tailored curriculum which meets the needs of the individual so that they all thrive. I could not ask more of either the children or the staff for their efforts. Thank you

also to all our parents for your continued support and understanding and in particular the PTA at both schools, who have worked tirelessly to give the children an even better deal.

I am so very proud of all our children and what we all continue to achieve together: Happy, Successful Children.

I wish you all a great summer and a very well deserved break.

Mrs Foulds



Both schools are exceptionally lucky in the voluntary help we receive. PTFA's at both schools are fantastic at organising fun events to raise money for the extra bits and pieces that enhance the children's school experience. We also have an army of volunteers who come into school to listen to children

read, help out in class and coach our sports teams. A great big thank you to; Mrs Derbyshire, Mrs Cowdrey, Mrs Else, both Mrs Eley's, Mrs Maxwell-Jones, Mrs Salt, Mrs Hennah and Mrs Abramson at Brailsford.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLASS NAMES

From September our classes will have names rather than numbers. The teaching staff have chosen some-one they find inspirational for their class name:

Class 1 will become Andrews (Julie Andrews)

Class 2 will become Rowling (J K Rowling)

Class 3 will become Attenborough (Richard and David)

Class 4 will become Pankhurst (Emmeline Pankhurst)

WELCOME!

Mrs Sam Lomas will be joining Andrews Class from September.

Mrs Vanessa Lister, who is currently a midday supervisor at the school, will also be joining Andrews Class on Friday afternoons.

SCHOOL GATES

From September the pedestrian and main gates will be closed after drop off until pick up for the safety of the children and health and safety of the site. Access will still be available through the main gates which will not be locked.

BROWNLEE FOUNDATION TRIATHLON

By Niamh Miller

Class 3 went to Woodlands School to take part in the triathlon. First we went into a hall and watched a video about the Brownlee brothers. We were given a hat and a t-shirt and walked to the changing rooms. Then we did 3 laps of the swimming pool (40m). Next we put our clothes on top of our swimming costume and we did the transition to the 1000m cycle, which was on the grass and was a very bendy course. After the team took our bikes and helmets and then we started the 400m run around the edge of the course. Finally, we ran under the finish line and received a goody bag and a medal. The goody bag had popcorn, a Soreen bar, an apple, water and some leaflets in it.

SPORTS DAY

By Sammy Poyser

On 16th of July, in the morning, Brailsford CofE Primary had their Sports Day. It was a lot of fun and we had 7 races for the children and 4 for the public/spectators. The first race was running and this was for all of the school (Nursery to Year 6). This was a lot of people's favourite!

After that was the sack race, also for Nursery to Year 6. The sack race was from the bottom of our school field to the finish line.

Next was the egg and spoon which the younger students cheated on! The egg and spoon was incredibly hard, though. The next race included pairs. Can you guess what it was? Three-legged! This race was only for juniors and none of the Year 3's decided to do it. The race kind of ended well?

After that it was the bean bag race which was split up into Infants and Juniors. It was really fun! Unfortunately nobody from the Juniors wanted to do the fancy dress race, but the Infants definitely had fun!

Then it was the relay which involved the **whole** school!

The last few races were; toddler running races, mums', dads' and teachers' egg and spoon races (which had a lot of cheaters involved!).

Hope you enjoyed it!



YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

By Michael Batley

The Sleepover was to celebrate all of the hard work that Year 2 has been doing. It was held on Friday, 12th July in Brailsford CofE Primary School. Once we had arrived we had to choose where to put our sleeping bags and bits and bobs. After we had done that we were free for most of the evening. We did colouring and chalk. (I was busy writing in my diary). Then I went outside and coloured too. When it was about 8:00pm we came in and had pizza and hot dogs. After the food we had a chance to play on iPads and do whatever we wanted to do. Then we watched Aladdin and had things like sweets. Next we had more time on iPads.

It was 12:00. I was so tired by now that I couldn't do my maths. After Aladdin we watched Toy Story 1. Then we brushed our teeth (it was 1:00am) and went to bed. Sadly for Miss Rosental, she had to have a fight with the lights because she couldn't switch them off. Miss Day was shattered long before that and Miss Stone slept like a baby.

(5 hours later, 6:05 in the morning)

Aurea and I were awake and we started to talk. Then Aurea went on an iPad. Soon Isobel woke up and one by one everyone woke up. Once everyone had woken up we could play games and go on iPads and do anything.

Next we had breakfast and then could go and play until our parents came to pick us up.

We all had a wonderful time. 10 out of 10 😊

OPEN CENTRE VISIT

By Isabel Smith and Sam Salt

Class 3 visited three different places of worship in Derby.

Mosque—At the Mosque we had to take our shoes off and went up to the prayer hall and did some activities. The main Mosque is in Mecca. We looked at the washrooms and we loved the prayer hall. It was very interesting.

Mandir—At the Mandir we straight up the stairs. We watched a real worship, got a sweet and looked at the Murtis. Shiva, one of the gods, has a third eye and when it opens, trouble stops.

Gurdwara—We tried some of the food called chapatti which was delish. We really enjoyed it. Then we put our shoes back on.

In the mosque and the gurdwara we had to wear a scarf or hat on our heads.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN

By Hannah Smith

On Wednesday, 10th July, we rolled the dice and the games began. Brailsford School put on our school production which we had been working on for what seemed like ages. It was awesome! The opening song was the overall favourite, but all the other songs were good as well. The story was about 3 grandchildren at their Grandad's house where they are always on their electronics and phones. So Grandad shows them 2 magic dice and tells them not to touch, but mischievous Marnie snatches them and rolls them sending the children into a magical world of games where the only way to get home is to beat Lady Fortune at 3 games. The

games they have to play are:

Monopoly for Vicky, Cluedo for Marney and chess for Robin. Vicky, unfortunately, loses her game as Lady Fortune cheats and Vicky gets sent to jail. Thankfully Marny wins his Cluedo game and Vicky is released from jail. It all hangs on the final game, Robin has to win to triumph over Lady Fortune to get out of the Land of Games. Luckily Robin had a cunning plan.



Diary Dates 2019-2020

3rd September	INSET	6th January	INSET
4th September	Return to school	7th January	Return to School
5th September	Reception start at Bradley	17th February 2:00-6:00pm	Bradley Parents' Consultation by appointment
24th September 10:00am	Coffee Shop	18th February 2:00-6:00pm	Brailsford Parents' Consultation by appointment
30th September—4th October	Our Heritage Week	20th February 2:00-6:00pm	Brailsford Parents' Consultation by appointment
1st October	Bradley Harvest Festival		Break up for Half Term
	Andrews Class visit to Bluebells' Dairy	21st February	INSET
2nd October	Year 5/6 at Ploughing Match	2nd March	Return to School
	Warburton's at Brailsford	25th March 2:00pm	Brailsford Easter Service
	Class 1 visit to Bluebells' Dairy	3rd April	Break up for Easter
3rd October	Warburton's at Bradley	3rd April	Break up for Easter
	Andrews Class visit to Bluebells' Dairy	20th April	Return to school
9th October 7:00pm	School choir singing at Derby Cathedral	8th May	May Bank Holiday
14th—18th October	History Week	11-14th May	KS2 SATS
21st October 2:00-6:00pm	Bradley Parents' Open Day	22nd May	Break up for Half Term
22nd October 2:00-6:00pm	Brailsford Parents' Open Day	1st June	INSET
24th October 2:00-6:00pm	Brailsford Parents' Open Day	2nd June	Return to school
25th October	Break Up for Half Term	15th June 1:30pm	Brailsford Sports Day
4th November	INSET	19th June 1:30pm	Bradley Sports Day
5th November	Return to School		
8th November	PTFA Bonfire and Fireworks at Wild Park	29th June— 3rd July	Bradley KS2 Residential
9th December	Christmas Decoration Day	1st—3rd July	Brailsford Y6 Residential
11th December 2:00pm	Andrews Class Nativity at Brailsford Church	14th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm	Brailsford Production
6:00-7:30pm	PTFA Christmas Disco for KS2	16th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm	Bradley Production
1:30-2:30pm	PTFA Christmas Party Infants	17th July	Brailsford Y2 Sleepover
17th December 2:00pm	Rowling Class Nativity at school	21st July	Break up for Summer
18th December	Bradley Christmas Jumper Day and Dinner		
19th December	Brailsford Christmas Jumper Day and Dinner		
6:00pm	Bradley Nativity in Church		Bradley Dates
20th December	Bradley Christmas Party		Brailsford Dates
	Break up for Christmas		

Key: Joint Federation dates