

# Bramley Sunnyside Infant School

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Sadly, we are experiencing a frequent number of incidents of youths on the premises after school which has resulted in damage to the school building. Thank you to all our parents for being vigilant and reporting any incidents of vandalism and intruders on school premises to the police – we are extremely grateful. Please continue to contact the police if you see any further incidents taking place.

## Stay & Learn Sessions

The first Stay & Learn Sessions of the school year will focus on Reading. Each session will begin with a brief meeting in the hall at 9.00 am after which you can join your child in their classroom to take part in the activities.

Year 1	Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9am
FS2	Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9am
Year 2	Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> September @ 9am

## Leave of Absence Requests including Term Time Holidays

There has been an increase in requests for special leave of absence in term time in recent weeks. We would like to remind you that absence taken during term time, and in particular, for the purpose of holidays, will not be authorised and could result in a fine being issued by the Local Authority. Only where there are extenuating circumstances for the request which are accompanied by written evidence will Fixed Penalty Notices not be referred. In all cases, the absence will not be authorised.

## Absence Notifications

When your child is absent from school, please remember to call the school office before 9.30am on each day of the absence. In order to comply with safeguarding procedures, we will contact you if we do not receive a message asking the reason for absence.

## School Uniform and Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on items of uniform.

There is a large amount of lost property accumulating in school including items of school uniform, lunch boxes and book bags. Please feel free to pop in to see if any of the items belong to your child as we are unable to store the ever increasing amount of clothing and any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the half term.

## Health & Safety

Please supervise your own child before and after school and DO NOT allow them to play on the outside equipment, buggy shelter or climb trees. Thank You.

## Parent Volunteers

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to commit to baking with the children on a regular basis. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring check will need to be carried out and details of this are available from the office staff.

We have had a number of requests from parents to pay for baking on the school money system, but we will only ask for payment if your child's class has a regular volunteer/s who are able to help us with this.

## After School Clubs

When After School Club activities are available to book, a restricted amount of places are available, therefore if you log onto the School money system and it allows you to make payment and consent then this will mean that you have a place on the club.

## Treasure Box

When a child reads at home 3 times during a week, they receive a stamp. Once they have 5 stamps in their diary they can take a small gift from the 'treasure box'. The gifts include small inexpensive items such as pencils, crayons, hair clips and various small toys. Usually, the gifts are donated, however, because so many of our children are super readers we have had to buy supplies to keep the box filled with treasure. We would welcome any donations of unwanted items which could be used (e.g. McDonalds Happy Meal toys, unwanted gifts from comics etc.) so that we can keep the treasure box overflowing. Any donations should be brought to the school office.

## Foundation 1 Happy Home Learning

This week Tinkerbell & Pirate Pete have come along to our class! They are our class bears! Our bears are looking for fabulous listeners this week. Can you read a bedtime story with your grown up's each night and be a fabulous listener? We look forward to reading all about the different bedtime stories you have shared together in your home/school diary next week. Remember you can choose a new bedtime story every day in school. Make sure you bring your book bag to school every day and you can choose a new book when you arrive with your grown up at the start of the session.

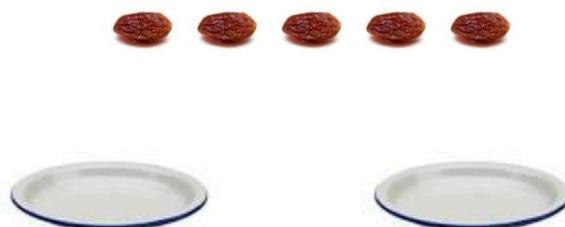
## FS2 Homework

### Literacy

In phonics this week we have learnt the letter sounds, m, a, s, d. In your orange homework book practise writing these sounds using the rhymes to support the correct formation. (The rhymes to the sounds can be found in your home/school diary pg. 27-29)

### Maths

In maths this week we have been learning to count amounts to 5 and recognise numerals to 5. Choose a number between 1 and 5 and count out that amount of objects. See how many ways you can split that amount into 2 groups.



Eg. Use 2 plates and 5 raisins.

## Y1 Homework

### Maths

This week we have been learning number names. Draw the correct amount of spots for the following amounts:

two    four    seven    three    five    nine    eight

### Literacy

We have been writing simple sentences about The Smartest Giant in Town. Write a sentence about George the giant. Try to remember a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. Remember you can find the story on youtube.

E.g The giant has a smart belt.

### Spellings

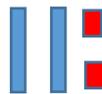
Learn the following common exception words: like    they    we    for    you    are

Practise them using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method.

## Y2 Homework

### Maths

Represent these numbers as jottings. Eg: 22 =



18    36    12    45    22    62

Now can you add ten more to each number and find the total

### Literacy

Use the Internet, Library or Non Fiction texts to find information about castles. Find 3 facts and write in your homework book.

### Spellings

gem    giant    giraffe    magic    gentle    Can you think of any mystery words?

### Reading Race

#### Average read per child:

<u>Unit/Class</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Unit 2	4
Unit 3	3
Unit 4	4
Class 5	
Class 6	3
Class 7	
Class 8	3
Class 9	
Class 10	

#### Number of reads per class:

<u>Unit/Class</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Unit 2	106
Unit 3	79
Unit 4	112
Class 5	
Class 6	81
Class 7	
Class 8	86
Class 9	
Class 10	

## Attendance

<p><b>The WINNERS for week 10/9/18 to 14/9/18 With 98.5% Were Class 8</b></p>  <p><b>WELL DONE !</b></p>	<p><b>Class Attendance</b></p> <table><tr><td>Unit 2</td><td>94.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Unit 3</td><td>97.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Unit 4</td><td>96.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 5</td><td>93.9%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 6</td><td>98.0%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 7</td><td>92.7%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 8</td><td>98.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 9</td><td>96.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Class 10</td><td>95.9%</td></tr><tr><td><b>School Overall</b></td><td><b>96.2%</b></td></tr></table> 	Unit 2	94.2%	Unit 3	97.8%	Unit 4	96.2%	Class 5	93.9%	Class 6	98.0%	Class 7	92.7%	Class 8	98.5%	Class 9	96.3%	Class 10	95.9%	<b>School Overall</b>	<b>96.2%</b>
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Well done to the **15** pupils who managed 100% attendance for the whole school year from 4/9/17 – 20/7/18 (**3 more from the previous academic year (2016/2017)**)

Attending school on a regular, punctual basis is one the most important ways of making sure your child gets off to the best possible start in life. We would like to remind you of our expectations of attendance and punctuality and explain recent important changes to the Local Authority 'Code of Conduct' for the issuing of 'Fixed Penalty Notices' and in turn our school attendance policy.

Attendance really **DOES** matter. Never underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 100% attendance means **0** school days missed
- 95% attendance means your child has had approximately **10** school days missed
- 90% attendance means your child has had approximately **20** school days missed
- 85% attendance means your child has had approximately **30** school days missed
- 80% attendance means your child has had approximately **40** school days missed

We advise that your child attends school every day unless there is a genuine reason for absence. Medical appointments taken in school time also impacts on your child's attendance. If possible, we would ask that these appointments be made outside the school day.

Leave of absence during term time for holiday reasons is **never authorised** (except in 'exceptional circumstances'). The Law (Government) has made it clear that Head Teachers are NOT to authorise absence for any holiday during term time, except under 'exceptional circumstances'. Exceptional circumstances does not involve cheaper holiday costs or family availability.

If you feel there are 'exceptional circumstances' why your child needs to be absent from school during term time, you should apply, in advance, by completing a 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office explaining clearly the dates and reasons you are requesting the 'leave of absence'. If the school refuses a request for 'leave of absence' and the child is still taken out of school this will be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' and noted in the child's attendance record.

Over the Summer break, the Local Authority has revised its 'Code of Conduct' for the issuing of 'Fixed Penalty Notices' which came into force from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. The major changes to the 'Code of Conduct' for the issuing of 'Fixed Penalty Notices' states that:

- A Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for holiday in term time when a child's attendance falls below the **national average percentage** which is currently 95.3%.
- The time period considered has also been amended **to include the holiday period** and the previous 12 months attendance. This may well mean that a 'Fixed Penalty Notice' (fine) will be issued.
- The Local Authority can now also issue a fine (Fixed Penalty Notice) for children whose parent(s) do not complete a school request form for a 'leave of absence' providing they meet the criteria for taking a holiday during term time which is defined as –“the deliberate taking of a holiday/leave of absence in term time without the school's permission where this has created a period of unauthorised absence of a least 10 sessions (just 5 school days)

We must also remind you of the importance of punctuality with regards to the beginning of the school day. You will be aware of the school's session start times when ALL children are expected to be on the school premises by this time.

### **Inset Days**

In 2018/19 the school will be closed to all children on the following days to allow for staff training.

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **Holiday Dates**

October Half Term – 29<sup>th</sup> October (1 week)

Christmas – 24<sup>th</sup> December (2 weeks)

February Half Term- 18<sup>th</sup> February (1 week)

Easter – 15<sup>th</sup> April (2 weeks)

May Day – 6<sup>th</sup> May

Spring Bank – 27<sup>th</sup> May (1 week)

Summer – 23<sup>rd</sup> July (22<sup>nd</sup> July –inset day)(6 weeks)

## Diary Dates

25/9	Stay & Learn YR1
26/9	Visit to Skipton Castle
27/9	Stay & Learn FS2
28/9	Stay & Learn YR2
1/10	FS1 Welcome to Year Group Meeting (to be held in the hall)
15/10-18/10	Parent Consultations – more details to follow
25/10	Harvest Festival
26/10	School finishes at the usual time for Half Term
5/11	School closed to children for Staff training
29/11	YR2 Family Learning Session (Robots and Code) 1.15-3pm– details to follow
4/12	FS1 Nativity 9.30 am & 1 15pm
5/12	FS2 Dress Rehearsals
6/12	FS2 Christmas Nativity 9.30 am & 1.15 pm
7/12	FS2 Christmas Nativity 9.30 am
7/12	FABSS Winter Wonderland 2.30pm onwards
11/12	YR1/YR2 Dress Rehearsals
12/12	YR1/YR2 Christmas Nativity PM – details to follow
13/12	YR1/YR2 Christmas Nativity AM/PM- details to follow
14/12	YR1/YR2 Christmas Nativity AM – details to follow
13/12	Christmas School Dinner Day
17/12	Pantomime
18/12	Party Day FS2/YR1/YR2
19/12	Party Day FS1
31/1	YR1 Family Learning Sessions (Wacky Races) 1.15-3pm – details to follow
28/2	FS2 Family Learning Sessions (Bring books to life) 1.15-3pm – details to follow
23/5	FS1 Family Learning Sessions (Family Recycle IT) 1.15-3pm – details to follow