

# Bramley Sunnyside Infant School

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 15th September 2023

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 @bramleyinfan  [www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk](http://www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk)



## Thank You!

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who attended the Warm Welcome meetings for Year 1 and Year 2. It was lovely to see you all in person. If for any reason, you were unable to attend, the information shared is attached to this newsletter.

## Free School Meals Information

All children in FS2, Year 1 & 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Free School Meal which is funded by the government. However, many families do not realise that they may qualify for benefits related free school meals (pupil premium). If parents apply and are eligible, your child can access FREE educational visits, FREE After School Clubs along with many other activities which take place in school throughout the year and normally involve payment. Applying is easy, please ring the Benefits Department on 336065.

**Please note if your child was in Foundation Stage 1 last year and was in receipt of benefits you will still need to apply as this is NOT done automatically.**

## Book Club



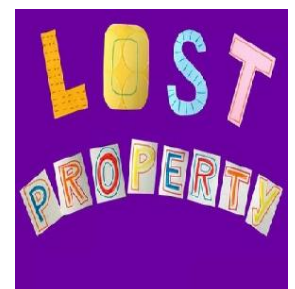
We would like to remind you that we hold a Book Club in school every Thursday morning which is run voluntarily by a group of lovely ladies. All the children visit book club to look at the books and if they bring a small amount of money each week, they can save up for a book of their choice. Once the full amount is paid, they will bring their book home. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn the basics of budgeting and the understanding that sometimes we have to wait for things that we would like. There is no set weekly amount and the book will be reserved for your child as soon as they make their first payment.

## School Nurse Drop in Session Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The school nurse will be coming into school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October for 2 x drop in sessions (8.45 am & 2.30 pm) to give support with any questions you may have regarding toileting advice, dummies etc. The sessions will take place in the main school hall and everyone welcome to attend.

## Lost Property

It is only a few weeks since we sorted out the lost property and unfortunately we already have a growing number of items which have lost their owners, including school jumpers, fleeces, lunch boxes and coats. Please check that your child has all their belongings at home time and make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. We will store it on a lost property rack located in the main school hall for families to look through themselves when dropping off or collecting children. Lost Property will be kept for a half term, and then any uncollected items will be disposed.



## Rotherham Family Hubs Parenting Programmes Sept 2023 – March 24

Please find attached to the newsletter information regarding the above. All sessions are free and feedback has been very positive. All group sessions are on a Drop-in basis so there is no need to book.

### Is my child too ill for school

Please see the attached information.

### Attendance



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.

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

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. In our school, in order for an attendance record to be deemed acceptable, it should be 96% or above:

- 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

Persistent Absentee Children with an attendance of 90% or below are classed as persistent absentees. Persistent absenteeism is when a child misses 10% or more of the possible sessions in an academic year.

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.

'Fixed Penalty Notices' came into force from the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

- A Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued for holiday in term time when a child's attendance falls below 95.2%.

- The time period **includes 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.

**Term Dates for 2023 – 2024**

**Please ensure that leave in term time for holiday reasons is avoided and all holidays are taken when school is closed (see term dates for 2022-2023 below). Thank you.**

School Opens	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 23	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 23
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 23	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 23
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 24	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 24
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 24	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 24
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 24	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 24
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 24	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 24

Inset Days: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 23, Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 24, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May 24 and Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June 24

**Dates to note**

4th October 23      School Nurse drop in sessions (8.45 am & 2.30 pm – Main School Hall)



**FS2 Homework**

In phonics we have started to play ‘Fred’ games to support oral blending skills. Please watch the following clips with your child. The link will take you to the Read, Write, Inc portal. R,W,I is the reading scheme we use throughout school.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/foU7XWIK/6OdQ3OSD>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/c3pnRehL/kJTeMceD>

## **Class 5, Class 6 and Class 10 Homework**

### **Reading**

Your child should now have colour-banded texts in addition to their gold-stickered book of special interest. Please ensure you spend time sharing both together and remember to record reads in the home-school diary in order for them to be counted towards our treasure box rewards and reading race. Happy reading! 😊

### **Spellings of the Week**

Y1-**he she is his** her has on a

Y2- Class 6- **Please check your child can spell the above words in a sentence. If they can then try... after any many old** age huge change strange village

## **Class 7 and Class 8 Homework**

**Spellings of the Week – after any many old**

age huge change strange village

What other words have the 'ge' sound? Remember to practise words that could be 'Mystery spellings' in our weekly spell check!

### **Reading in KS1**

Your child should now have colour-banded texts in addition to their gold-stickered book of special interest. Please ensure you spend time sharing both together and remember to record reads in the home-school diary in order for them to be counted on Monday. Happy reading! 😊