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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a true pleasure to welcome you back to the Bramley Sunnyside Infant school family this week. School staff and I would like to extend our thanks to you, for your support in making this transition a happy and safe one. I extend my gratitude also to existing and new school staff and warmly welcome our new children and families. I think it is safe to say that children are back bringing the school to life! They are certainly keen to learn and extremely happy to see their friends and school staff. Please do thank them for showing me such kindness during my first week with you.

I feel immense happiness, as I proudly lead the school on from Mrs Smith, as your new Head Teacher. I have always respected and admired the school throughout my career and feel privileged to now call it 'home'. It is with care and confidence that I begin to serve both our school and our community and make my pledge to 'always do my best and do what is right' by you all. The children are my purpose so I proceed with the very best intentions to ensure they are provided with the greatest possible educational experience.

I hope you will share my vision as we continue to build a bright future together.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Searson  
Head Teacher



The Department for Education have communicated new updates to attendance this academic year which has been communicated with you in preparation for the new academic year.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

In order to support our families we have recruited a new member of staff as Attendance Lead and Admin Officer – Mrs S Cocking. Her role will mostly be monitoring children's attendance at school, ensuring school is offering support and guidance where necessary and is available to help. She will also be providing general clerical support within the admin team, based in the school office.

### **Communication**

We know that communication is key to us all having a positive experience and to work well together so I will continue to review and improve our approaches to communication and hope you will help me to make it the best it can be. For your information; Individual school diaries (which include reading records) will be sent home today. You should also find that you are set up in new classes on both Class Dojo and Arbor. Please let us know if you have any problems with this at the school office. Additionally, if you are in our FS1/Nursery and require some support or further information regarding early years funding then please contact the following services:

Early Years Funding – Families Information Services: 01709 822429

Childcare Choices – Helpline for tax free childcare: 01709 822429

### **Home Learning**

Gold sticker reading books will be sent home today. Children have been learning RWI phonics in their new groups this week and will be bringing their individual books home from next week. A 'Home Learning' menu, along with individual class curriculum information will be sent home next Friday.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is up and running. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink as well as access a gymnastics session on a Friday morning. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor or contact the school office for further information.

### **After School Club**

After school clubs start next week and run for the next 7 weeks. 15.05pm-16.10pm

Monday – World Cup Football Skill and Matches (FS2/KS1)

Wednesday – Hot Shots Basketball Skills and Games (FS2/KS1)

Places are still available. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor or contact the school office for further information.

### **Diary Dates**

11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	0-19 NHS Service on-site
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	Harvest Celebration at church (KS1 9:30am) (EYFS on-site 11am)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	Family Learning session in school 'Bringing Books to Life'
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Pupil Census
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Skipton Castle (Y2)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Geography Field Trip in Wickersley (Y2)
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Flu Vaccinations
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Last day of autumn 1 half term.
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Inset Day
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children back to school for autumn 2 half term

*More dates will be added in due course to enhance our curriculum and keep you well informed.*

### **Term Dates for 2024**

2<sup>nd</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

5<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

25<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

14<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter weekend 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (5<sup>th</sup> May, May day)

6<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

### **Inset Days 2024/2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe. 😊