



The Bramptons Primary School Newsletter

September 2011

Dear Parents

First of all, let me welcome everyone back to school. I hope you have enjoyed the break and that you did at least manage to see the sun at some stage. As always we have a busy term ahead of us but we also have the prospect of making some of the major changes to the building that we have been waiting for, for so long. I am sure that the next few weeks will see some awkward times as we try to keep the school running whilst the builders are on site but please bear with us as I am sure that it will be worth it in the end.

A special welcome needs to be said to the children joining us today. In Reception we have two Joshuas, Dillon, Kian and Chloe whilst Brooke joins us in Year 1 and Andrew in Year 6. We hope that they will be both happy and successful at The Bramptons.

Swimming

I was informed last week that Duston Pool has had to be closed for renovation work and will remain closed until Christmas. As a consequence I am sorry to say that we will not be able to go swimming this year. We are looking to see if we can make alternative arrangements for the Spring term but at this stage it looks like we will miss out this year.

British Museum Trip for Classes 2 and 3

Children in Classes 2 and 3 will be going on a trip to the British Museum on Tuesday 20th September as part of our introduction to our topic on Ancient Greece. A letter will be coming out about this next week but parents need to be aware that we will be leaving promptly in the morning (so please do not be late or you might miss out) and we will not be back from London until around 4.30pm.

We are planning to arrange a special event for Class 1 later in the term.

Building Work

I am sure that you have noticed that the building work has not yet started. However the delay is a short one and we should see workmen moving in next Monday. The hope is that the work will still be completed before Christmas but there may be a need to extend into January.

As I let you know in my final letter of last term, the staff car park will become the contractor's compound and this needs to be a secure area so I would ask you to remind your children that they should not be going near this area at any time.

Caring for All; Learning for Life

Healthy Eating

Thank you to all parents for the effort made with packed lunches today. I said before the holiday that this was an area that I would be clamping down on this term and as such I looked at the contents of children's boxes this lunch time and was very pleased to see that almost all the children had a well balanced lunch. There were no sweets or chocolate bars to be found!

Key Stage 2 children may need to be reminded that their break snack should also be something healthy and that crisps will not be allowed at break.

Mad Science

Attached to this letter you will find a flier from Mad Science about the club they want to run after school, starting on Monday. At the moment there are still not enough children to make this viable and it would be a shame to have to cancel this. So if you are thinking about it and have just forgotten, now is the time to sign up and get involved.

If your child would like to attend but cost is an issue, please speak to Mrs Quick or myself as we may be able to help in some way.

I will write with details of other clubs in the next few days.

Open Day

We will be holding our annual open day for parents looking for places in September 2012 on Tuesday 18th October. If you know anyone who has a child starting school next September can you please let them know about this date – thank you.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday 20th September – Class 2 and 3 trip to the British Museum**
- **Thursday 6th October – Harvest Assembly at 9.00am (Parents Invited)**
- **Monday 17th October – Parents Evening (3.30 to 7.30pm)**
- **Tuesday 18th October – OPEN DAY for prospective parents.**
- **Friday 21st October – HALF TERM**

- **Monday 31st October – INSET DAY – School closed to children**
- **Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school**
- **Wednesday 14th December – Carol Service at St Botolph's Church (6.00pm)**
- **Friday 16th December – School Closes for Christmas.**