



Broseley C of E Bulletin

News from the Head



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Dates for the diary



2nd November	KS1 'Hallowe'en' disco
9th November	Parents' Consultation day Flu vaccinations Rec - Yr 4
12th December	KS1 Christmas Party
13th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (afternoon & evening)
14th December	Golden Ticket Trip
14th December	KS2 Christmas Performance (afternoon & evening)
15th December	KS2 Christmas Party
18th December	Last day of term (Monday)
3rd January	First day of Spring term
8th March	Parents' Consultation day
14th -18th May	SATS week
8th June	Sports Day
14th June	Parents' Consultation day
11th July	Y6 Leaver's Performance (afternoon & evening)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy and fun-packed half term - I hope you had a lovely half-term break. This half term with the run-up to Christmas is always a very busy time, but certainly one of my favourites as we have the Christmas performances, parties and Golden Ticket trip to look forward to.

I have spent a lot of time analysing pupils' responses to the questionnaires that they were asked to complete last half term. It has been a very valuable exercise as every single pupil has had the opportunity to let me know how he/she feels about school. I have been able to respond individually to any concerns that have been raised and tried to make things better for that child. Overwhelmingly, pupils have asked for more toys and playground equipment and so this half term I will be asking the school council to speak to their classes about ideas on what we could purchase for the playground.

Speaking of making school even better, I will be meeting with the representatives of the Parent Forum on Tuesday 7th November at 6pm. If you have any questions or niggles – or you want to let us know that we have done something well! - then please speak to your child's class representative. We want our school to be a happy place so I really do welcome your feedback on anything, however small.

We are very pleased to be taking our Year 2 pupils for swimming classes beginning on Thursday. In my experience, the earlier a child learns to swim, the better and we are lucky to be able to employ the services of highly qualified and skilled swimming teachers at William Brookes school.

As you know, we have very large class sizes in Year 3 and Year 4 which is not a huge problem as we have excellent teaching staff to meet their needs. However, I have been looking at ways of reducing the sizes of the groups for maths and writing so that each pupil can have more individual attention. Therefore, this half term Mrs Bagnall will be employed alongside Mr Cadle and Mr Heath for four mornings a week and the Y3 and Y4 pupils will be organised into groups for maths and writing. This means that the group size will be no more than 26, and the pupils who need the most help will be in a group size of only 18 pupils. With the additional Teaching Assistant support, this means that pupils will be given more help to progress in their learning.

Finally, a big thank you to all our pupils who took part in the reading challenge over half term. Please remember to send in sponsor money as soon as possible so that we can start buying exciting new books for our library.

Liz Simpson

Key found



A BMW car key was found on staff car park on last day of term

Please see school office

KS1 Halloween Disco
Thursday 2nd November
5.00 - 6.30pm
£1 entry per family

Parent Forum meeting followed by

PTA meeting

Tuesday 7th November at 6pm

Remembrance Sunday—12th Nov

Poppies



Year 6 pupils will be going around school with a donation box. Children can bring in money to purchase a poppy.

We also have some other merchandise you can purchase (wristbands, Reflectors, Snap Bands and Friendship Bracelets. These will be available from the school office.