

Half-Termly Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015.

Since Christmas both Jan Rigby (DRET Advisor) and I have had the pleasure of working with the staff team at Bringhurst to ensure that we continue to deliver a quality education for all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for making us both very welcome and making us feel part of the special Bringhurst family. May we take this opportunity to wish Mr. John a speedy recovery.

This newsletter sets out just some of the celebrations, developments and events at Bringhurst since January as well as those that are planned in the weeks to come.

I hope you enjoy reading!

Angela Watson (Acting Headteacher)

Temporary Staffing Structure

To increase leadership capacity Kate Freer is now acting as the school's senior leader (Acting Deputy) with Amanda Muto and Hannah Hemmings as Key Stage 1 & 2 leaders respectively.

This structure allows us to have a staged approach to dealing with enquiries and issues regarding your child's education. As previously, first port of call will be your child's class teacher. If they cannot help then the relevant Key Stage Leader will be involved.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Rigby are also available to talk to. Just catch us in school or telephone the office for an appointment.

TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

The Governors and DRET continue to investigate ways of improving the current parking issues. Hopefully by Easter measures including extending yellow lines and reducing the speed limit will be introduced. In the meantime, as the weather improves, we ask more families to consider leaving the car at home and walking to school instead.

Upcoming Events

March 5

World Book Day



During this week the teaching staff will be sharing their favourite book in assemblies.

We are working with the children to create a 2D or 3D representation of their favourite book. Exhibition in the hall 3-4pm. Prize for the best in each year group.

March 13



Red Nose Day

Red noses will be on sale after the February half-term break for £1. If children would like they can take part in a sponsored sacrifice. See separate form.

Important Announcement

On the first day back after half-term we will be introducing a new procedure to encourage punctuality and ensure children are ready to begin learning on time.

The entry gates will close at 9am, after which time parents (and/or children) will be asked to sign in late and give a reason. Late marks will be entered into the register for any pupil who is not in the classroom at 9am when the register is taken.

To support us in beginning lessons promptly at 9am and to strengthen safeguarding procedures parents are asked not to enter the school building at morning drop off.

Any urgent matters should be directed to the school office and parents should use the front door.

More Important News

Bringhurst Booster Initiative

We have introduced a new initiative across school which is designed to keep pupils and parents informed on a regular basis about attainment, achievement and attitude.

Children will record their end of year and key stage targets for reading, writing and mathematics and then track their progress towards them.

There will also be a behaviour for learning (B4L) section which will enable our pupils to earn points each day for attendance, punctuality, behaviour, effort, homework and uniform.

New School Uniform

The Trust has allocated funds towards a new uniform. Parents and children will be asked to contribute their ideas shortly

Can we remind you that at Bringhurst we expect our children to wear the appropriate uniform of royal blue jumper, white polo shirt and grey skirts or trousers.

Revised School Timetable

To maximise the time for learning we have re-organised the school day as follows:-

- 08.50 – Registration and morning task
- 09.00 – 10.00 lesson 1 (literacy or numeracy)
- 10.00 – 10.30 Lesson 2 Phonics or Grammar/Spelling
- 10.30 – 10.45 Assembly
- 10.45 – 11.00 Morning Break
- 11.00 – 12.00 Lesson 3 Literacy/Numeracy
- 12.00 – 13.15 Lunch Break
- 13.15 – 13.20 Registration
- 13.20 – 14.20 Lesson 4
- 14.20 - 15.20/25 Lesson 5

With such a prompt start to lessons it is essential that children arrive at school in time for registration at 8.50am.

Valentines Disco – Thanks go to our wonderful PTA for organising this event which was enjoyed by all who attended. Also the Y1 parents who raised over £170 at the mini market. The children are busy deciding how to spend it.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES:

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors. Please visit our website for further details and how to apply.



Parents' Evenings

These will take place on:

Tuesday 3rd March 5-7pm

and

Thursday 5th March 4–6pm.

We will be presenting ideas for the new school uniform in the hall so do come along and give us your views.

There will be an opportunity for your child to show you their books on

Wednesday 3rd March from 3.30-4.30pm.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to the Y5/6 basketball team who went through to the regional finals. A fine performance by all.

Also a big thank you to all who supported the Cross Country event at Rutland. The teams did brilliantly with Y5 girls finishing 2nd and the boys 3rd.

A huge thanks to our team of parking attendants who have given hours of their time to ensure the safety of the children at Bringhurst.