



**Bringhurst
Primary School**
Broadening Horizons

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Dear Parents,

It never ceases to amaze me how well the children cope with transition into new year groups. This year we have welcomed a few new arrivals to Bringhurst and all have settled quickly into our school family. I have to thank our staff and children who have helped them learn new routines and expectations.

Our 4+ children were all in on the first day and popping in this week watching them during a phonics session it is remarkable to think they have only been in school three weeks. As you will know Mrs Allison who is such a valued member of the support staff team is leaving us shortly to train as a teacher at the University of Northampton. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her every success and she will be sorely missed. We are in the process of recruiting and are hopeful that an excellent replacement will be found to start after half term.

We are busy preparing for the Harvest Festival which will take place at Great Easton Church on the 7th October. We have decided to try having the service in the morning at 10am. Please come and join us if you can. During the week leading up to the event each class will be collecting packets, tins and fresh produce to make a class Harvest Hamper. Some of the elderly recipients have diabetes and we have had a request for diabetic items to be included in each hamper.

The PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 3rd October. Please remember you are all members of the PTA and we would love to see as many of you as possible on this evening. It's an opportunity to share fundraising ideas, celebrate successes and find out what the school priorities are for this year.

Angela Watson

Headteacher

Parentmail & Parentpay

Parentmail

I hope you are all now registered and using Parentmail's new app.

If anyone is not yet registered, please do so.

The new app means any Parentmail sent from the school will pop up on your mobile device without having to keep checking your emails!

Parentpay

Parentpay is the new way to pay online for your child's school lunches. At present, this is the only item you can pay for. Everything else is still either by cash or cheque.

Please make sure when you add funds to your Parentpay that you allocate the money to your child and not your parent account, this is quite easily rectified, please contact Natasha in the office who will be able to assist you.

Curriculum News

We are focussing on developing the music curriculum at Bringhurst this year. The staff have all received training from a Voices Foundation Teacher to support them develop singing and musical skills and will be working with a singing coach over the year to deliver a brand new music curriculum. We have purchased a new piano organ and are in the process of ordering new percussion instruments following a successful bid to the David Ross foundation for £2,000. Year 4 have started learning a stringed instrument through the Leicestershire music service and several children are continuing playing brass and woodwind. I will be taking the choir to Birmingham in January to take part in the Young Voices Concert. This is an exciting opportunity to learn lots of new songs and sing at one of the largest children's concerts in the world.

Sports

We are continuing our partnership with the Rutland Sports Partnership and will take part in football competitions this term. Mr Brannigan has been taking Year 5/6 football as part of the PE curriculum this term and will be getting the team ready. At the end of last term several parents approached me offering help with sports. Please let the office know if you are interested and I will organise a meeting after school to look at forthcoming events.

The Return of the Mini Market

The PTA have decided to continue with these successful fundraisers this week. The idea is that each class organises a cakes and bric a brac event in the school hall usually after school on a Friday. Monies raised are used directly to support the curriculum in that year group.

We will be starting with 4+ who will hold a Halloween themed mini market after school on Tuesday 1st November. This will be followed by a Halloween Disco in the school hall in the evening.

Helpers in School

We would like to increase the number of parent helpers in school particularly in KS1 to help support learning outdoors and reading. If you can spare an afternoon a week to help please let the office staff know and we will get in touch.

Dates for Your Diary



Afterschool club book/uniform sale

Tuesday 27th September

Recycling

Thursday 29th September

UCC Y6 Parents Evening

Thursday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September

9:30am - 11:30am

PTA AGM

Monday 3rd October 6:30pm

Y5/6 Boys Football League

Tuesday 4th October @UCC

Harvest Festival

Friday 7th October 10:00am

Y5 Residential

10th – 14th October

4+ Mini Market & School Disco

Tuesday 1st November

School Open Day

Wednesday 3rd November

Parents Evenings

8th & 9th November

Children In Need & PTA Trivia Night

Friday 18th November