

# Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

7<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Welcome back to the new term. We all hope that you have had a very enjoyable summer break. The children have already settled in to their new classrooms and have made a very positive start to their learning this year.

We have a few updates for the new term:

### Games Mark Gold...

We have been awarded the Gold Mark from the School Games Team as a result of our sports and games provision for the last academic year. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the continuing effort that Mrs Goodwin and the team put into PE and enrichment activities. We are now proudly displaying our gold mark on our letter template!

### IT changes...

In order to save a substantial amount of money, we have changed the providers of our IT system. Unfortunately, this has led to some temporary glitches with our IT. We do apologise for any difficulties you may have in emailing, or receiving emails and accessing the website. We are working to resolve these as quickly as possible so please bear with us. We are also aware that some of the content on our website has not moved over to the new platform effectively and we are working with our website provider to resolve this too.

### Year planner...

Please find attached a year planner for key diary dates of school events. This was well received last year and we hope it makes it easier for you to keep on top of our events and to book time off work when needed. There will be other curriculum activities and trips that occur during the year and we will endeavour to let you know about these in as timely a way as possible. We know how hectic life can be!

### Clubs...

We are delighted to be able to offer such a full programme of before and after school clubs this term. Please take some time to peruse the list. We have several new clubs on offer including a games club which will be run by Mr Marks. See the fliers attached to the club letter for more information.

### Medicines...

Just a quick reminder to say that we will be unable to administer any medicines not on prescription. If your child needs prescription, medicine you will need to complete a medication consent form and send it in the original packaging.

### PTA...

Our wonderful PTA Committee will be stepping down from their roles this term. We are very grateful for everything they have done over the last two years. There will be an AGM on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30pm** in the school hall following the curriculum evening (see below). We would love as many people as possible to attend so that we can elect a new Committee. New Committee members will be ably supported by the outgoing PTA.

### A few changes to our routines...

#### Tea with Teacher

This year we would like to change Tea with Teacher and host a Maths Curriculum evening instead. We saw dwindling numbers in our Tea with Teacher meetings last year and are hopeful that the later time will mean that more of you can attend. We really do value the time you give to come in to school and we would like to make this



more learning focused for you. We would like to spend this time sharing how we teach Mathematics and show you our new calculation policy, in order to help you to support with homework. The curriculum evening will be on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**. This will be for Y1 – Y6 and will include time in the hall to explore how we teach children to solve the core calculations, and then time in the classrooms to explore resources and ask more specific, age-related questions. Please indicate on the reply slip below to show your attendance.

Class teachers will issue you with a copy of the timetable, an overview of the curriculum and any additional written information that you might need to support organisation throughout the year.

FS2 class will have a Tea with Teacher meeting on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** from 3.30-4.15pm. A crèche will be provided for this.

#### **Friday Office Routines**

Unfortunately, due to funding cuts, the office will now be closed on a Friday after the 8.45 - 9.15am window. There will be a yellow box available in reception to drop off any lunch boxes, water bottles, football kits etc. There will also be a smaller box for urgent messages. We will check these during the day. Although the phone will be unmanned during the day, we will listen to answerphone messages at key points.

#### **Friday Assemblies**

As the office is closed on a Friday, we have made a small amendment to our Friday assembly programme. On a typical Friday, assemblies will now start at 2.45pm rather than 2.30pm. This will still be an act of worship and will include singing and a prayer, but the focus will be the celebrations and achievements. We have done some extensive work with the children on worship and they feel that the Friday assemblies have been too long. The children have also mentioned that they would really like all the parents to join in with them for the singing and worship parts. The first exception to this, will be our Harvest Service which will be at **2.30pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Our children will be leading the worship for this.

NB The first Friday assembly will be next **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.45pm.

#### **Newsletters**

These will now be sent out on a monthly basis, on the first Thursday of every month. This has been necessary in order to reduce the workload of an office now only operating for four days every week. We will still email out reminders of key events to keep you up to date in between.

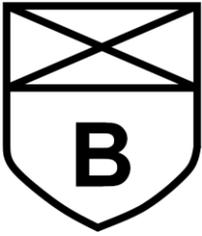
#### **Thank yous...**

Thank you so much to those parents who have made donations to our school fund over the summer. These are hugely appreciated and will really help us in the purchasing of equipment and learning resources.

Thank you very much for the renewed focus on uniform compliance. The Y5 boys especially look very smart in their ties.

We are looking forward to working with you again this year,  
with very best wishes,

Jenny



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## Maths Curriculum evening – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017

Child's name ..... Class .....

I/we will be attending this event and would like ..... Seats.

Signed ..... Date .....

