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Newsletter No. 8

10th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and that children have settled back into the first couple of days of school smoothly. We have all loved welcoming them back and have been impressed with their attitude to learning.

We have started the term with Class 3's first flute lesson with Gloucestershire Music! The children were brilliant and even managed to create some simple notes.

The Choir are very excited about going to Birmingham for Young Voices on Thursday. They will be able to join in with hundreds of other children singing and dancing to the songs that they have been practicing last term. Keep an eye out on facebook for updates.

Reading Challenge



We have launched a new reading challenge to keep things fresh and motivational for the children. You should have received a separate flyer for this. Children need to read 5 times a week and to have this recorded by an adult in their reading record book. They then get entered into a raffle to win a book of their choice.

Forest School

This term, only **Class 3** will be going to Forest School on a Friday afternoon, so as a reminder, children need to:

- Have a pair of wellies, labelled, in school
- Labelled waterproofs
- Wear long sleeved tops and trousers
- Warm clothing, gloves, hats and scarves

PE Days

Children need to come dressed in PE kit on their designated PE days. This must be in line with our school uniform policy which is available on our school website: www.bromesberrowschool.co.uk. If children wear stud earrings, these will need to be removed prior to PE sessions. Children need to be able to do this themselves. Long hair also needs to be tied up on PE days.

Class 1: Wednesday

Class 2: Friday

Class 3: Monday



Clubs

Please see attached form to fill and complete.

Please assume if you have returned your form back by Friday morning then your child has a place. If you have put Cookery Club down we will advise you if your child has a place on Monday 15th January.

Friday Celebration Assembly

These will start back up this Friday and will be every Friday until the end of term (9am-9.30am). We look forward to seeing lots of parents.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn to school due to health and safety reasons. Please ensure your child is not wearing this.

Attendance

Our attendance in the last month of term (December) was very poor (83%, this should be 97%). We appreciate that there was a large amount of illness, but also some unauthorised holiday. This has put us well below what we should be nationally and the local authority will be scrutinising us on this. We have to be extra vigilant and will be tracking attendance patterns very carefully.

Punctuality

We have noticed that we have had quite a few 'lates' coming back after Christmas. School gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am. Children must be in school before this so that they are ready to learn.

Gaming (See attached Online Safety Newsletter)

The attached newsletter hopefully answers lots of questions that parents will be asking around gaming and the internet.

We appreciate that children may well have been bought some new computer games and apps from Santa!

A few reminders:

- Please limit screen time and ensure that children have at least an hour prior to bedtime not being in front of a screen. It is essential that children get enough sleep, otherwise we see them struggling to stay awake and learn in school.
- Ensure that you check in with your child, monitor what they are playing and who they maybe interacting with
- Ensure games played are age appropriate
- Parental controls in place where you can

Any concerns at all about gaming and the impact of this upon your child, please do contact our DSL (Leonie Mison), who is on hand with tips and support.

On the 1st February, we have Gregory Steer (from Gloucestershire Constabulary) coming in to talk to the children in Class 3 about staying safe online. Our School curriculum regularly addresses this too and feedback from children shows that they do know how to keep themselves safe, which is great.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hankins and Miss Mison



After School Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Clubs available for this half term are listed below -

Please complete the form, indicating which clubs your child/ren would like to attend and return to the school office by **Friday 12th January 2024**

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Day	Club	Start Date	Finish Date	Leader	Times	Age Group
Monday	Rugby Club	W/C 15.1.24	W/C 11.3.24	Benny Williams	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Yr 3 – Yr 6
Tuesday	Science Club	W/C 15.1.24	W/C 11.3.24	Miss Blewitt	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Yr 1 – Yr 3
Wednesday	Cookery Club	W/C 15.1.24	W/C 5.2.24	Miss Davies	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Yr 4 – Yr 6 (Max. 10)
Thursday	Choir	W/C 15.1.24	W/C 11.3.24	Miss Mison	3.30pm – 4.15pm	Yr 2 – Yr6 (New children to choir welcome)

Please note that the minibus service will not run to take children home after clubs.

After School Clubs (Spring 24)

Please return to school by Friday 12th January

Name of child	Year	Clubs they would like to attend
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