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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently sitting at 94.6%

Minibus

We thank families for their patience over the school minibus. Unfortunately, the minibus had a back road 'prang'. Nobody was hurt, but the bus does need to go through the local authority assurance and safety checks, as well as insurance procedures and needed repairs. The responsibility to get children to and from school rests with the local authority and they will be transporting those children from Bromesberrow Heath only.

School Times:

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, please try and ensure you are at school for these times:

Morning drop off: 8.45-9am (staggered start)

Afternoon pick up: 3.30pm

Poetry Event

This was a lovely opportunity to connect together and be creative. Thank you to those family members who were able to join us. Here is our whole school acrostic poem:

Brilliant attitudes to learning
Respectful place to be
One big family
Motivation keeps us going
Eastnor, Goodrich and Berkley
Special teachers
Best school ever
Exciting lessons
Reaching for the stars
Reasons to be proud
Outdoor learning
We are unique!

Next Open Day for Prospective Parents 14th November

We had a really successful first open day, last week. It was a pleasure to show round some new faces and welcome them to our lovely school.



School Dinners

Attached to this letter is the school meals menu for next term. As a reminder, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to free meals. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals because of your income it is very easy to check at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals. This will give your child more benefits than just free meals. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss it.

Please do not order a Christmas Dinner (Tue 19th December) through this, as we will be sending a separate order form.

Please return your menu order to the school office by Tuesday 24th October.

Governing Board

We have a wonderful Governing Board at Bromesberrow, who all work so hard to keep our school the wonderful place it is. We are so thankful to all of their efforts in supporting us all! Their positivity, generosity and commitment is appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed! In case you were unsure, these are our governors and their roles:

Chair of Governors: Melanie Orgee
Vice Chair of Governors/Chair of Finance Committee/LA Link governor: Derek Partridge
Foundation Governor: Derek Barnes
Foundation Governor: Sue Thornley
Foundation Governor: Ian Roberts
Foundation Governor: Percy Hunt
Foundation Governor: Julia Bracewell
Ex Officio Governor: Caroline Dunnett
Parent Governor: Mark Vening
Parent Governor: Lee Barter
Cohead: Laura Hankins/Leonie Mison
Staff Governor: Robyn Oakes

Governor Role:

All of our governors are ambassadors and leaders of our school. They are the people who take on the enormous responsibility to make key strategic decisions on everything from the curriculum we teach, down to building works and maintenance to keep our school running smoothly.

Governor roles and what they mean:

Chair of Governors: Chair meetings and liaise with school leadership team and clerk to governors. The Chair's main role is to ensure that the governing board fulfils its functions well.

Vice Chair of Governors: Chairs meetings in the chairperson's absence, as well as fulfils the role of a governor in general.

Foundation Governor: Have a special focus on the school as a church school, as well as fulfil the role of a governor in general.

Parent Governor: Our parent governors have an important role within our school community. They provide that all important parent perspective. They are not however a voice for the parent body and fulfil the role in the same way as the other governors.

Staff Governor: Our staff governor has an important role within our staff community. They provide that all important staff perspective. They are not however a voice for the staff body and fulfil the role in the same way as the other governors.

Ex Officio: a member of the church community e.g. Vicar, Reverend.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all the wonderful donations! These have been delivered to Ledbury Food Bank to support local people.

Reading Challenge!

Children are enjoying claiming their free book in school as part of their reading challenge. As a reminder:

Class 1: 12 books

Class 2: 8 books

Class 3: 5 books



Class teachers will also be using their professional judgement and will recognise reading accomplishment through this too.

Parish Council Vacancies

Bromesberrow Parish Council currently have vacancies. They need local people to be able to get involved and support their local community. This is an opportunity to have a say in regards to improving the quality of life and the environment of your area. A chance to represent your community and identify and raise issues that are important to them. If this is something you are interested in please contact them directly through their website: <https://bromsberrowpc.co.uk/>

Bromesberrow School Fireworks Event Friday 27th October 5.30pm-8pm

This is now a sold out event. We have been overwhelmed with the popularity of this event and are excited to take part in the fun! We do have a few cancellation tickets for our school families though, so please get in touch directly to secure these if you need.



Dates for diary

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Fri 27 th Oct	Firework Event	5.30pm-8pm
Fri 27 th Oct	Last day of term	Finish school at 3.30pm
Mon 6 th Nov	Inset Day	
Tue 7 th Nov	1 st Day of Term	
Mon 13 th Nov	School Photographer	
Tue 14 th Nov	Open Morning – Prospective parents	9.30-10.30am
Thu 23 rd Nov	Flu Immunisation	
Tue 12 th Dec	School Christmas Performance	Afternoon Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	School Christmas Performance	Evening Performance
Tue 19 th Dec	Christmas School Dinner	
Thu 21 st Dec	Last Day of Term	Finish school at 2pm
Mon 8 th Jan 24	Inset Day	
Tue 9 th Jan 24	1 st Day of Term	

