

# BRADWELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017

### Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach half term and with some improvements in the weather the children have benefitted from being able to play on the field at lunch time. The field is also now being used for PE and games lessons. Hopefully as we move further into the summer months the children will be undertaking more activities outside. For when the weather is likely to be warm can you please ensure your child has sunblock on before they come to school and they are provided with a hat to wear whilst outside.



### SATs



I would like to congratulate our Year 6s in the mature manner in which they approached their SATs. Everything ran smoothly including the LA inspection of our organisation of the tests.

### Creative Fortnight

Due to the timing of the SATs our creative fortnight has just started with the theme being MK50. Each year group has been allocated an area of Milton Keynes to study and a range of activities have been planned. Parents and carers joined their children on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and there was a real buzz in the school as the children worked. Animals were a common theme for the work during the visits with the concrete cows along with sheep featuring highly. Our open afternoon is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 2.15 to 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you for this event.



### Enrichment Mornings

During this term we have continued to organise enrichment mornings with problem solving being the focus of our latest event. Still to come this term are geography, writing, design technology, history and maths.

### Successes in PE, Sport and Dance

As with last term the children continue to be successful in a variety of sporting and other activities. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May a group of children entered a Strictly Dancing competition where they were awarded third place. They all did fantastically well jiving and waltzing their way through the competition. Mr Bass also did a sterling job in standing in for one of our missing dancers! The dancers are through to the regional finals for which we wish them well. On the same day, we had six Year 6 pupils representing Willen FC. The team won their match by 3 goals to 2. Several of our football players have been scouted by Luton Town FC. This term has also seen an increase in the number of children participating in our after school clubs.

### Year Group Activities and Special Days



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April as part of their Roman Day Year 4 hosted a visit from 'History off the page'. The team worked with the pupils on a wide variety of projects including the making of Roman pots, perfumes, frames, copper badges and oils. The children were helped by a number of parents, grandparents and other helpers. On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the Year 5s had their picnic at the concrete cows. The MK Dons have been working with pupils on developing healthy lifestyles and on developing skills in difficult games. The children enjoyed the visit from Kirsten Hintner, an author and scientist, as she explored sea wildlife including dolphins with them.



We have many events coming up during the next half term including a Year 5 visit to the British Museum and an enrichment day at Stantonbury. Year 4 will be visiting Bancroft Villa and Year 6 will be seeing a film at Cine World and a charity afternoon. Year 3 are looking forward to a visit to the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

### **Marvellous Me - Celebrating your child's successes**

This term we introduced Marvellous Me as an additional way of celebrating pupils' achievements with parents. So far we have had 73% of parents logging on to receive the messages and lots of positive feedback about the system. If you haven't signed up yet and would like to be, but have misplaced your letter please get in touch with us so that you don't miss out on learning about what your child is doing in school.

### **Attendance**

We continue to work hard in improving attendance. In March when I wrote to you, our whole school attendance had increased to 96.54%.



It is currently 96.63% and the average for all year groups now exceeds 96%. Hopefully as the weather improves and the number of children who have suffered coughs, colds and sickness decreases, our attendance will continue to rise. Again though I would urge you not to book holidays during term time and to ensure your child attends school so that they are able to make the most of the exciting activities we have planned for them.

### **Please support us**

Recently there have been an increasing number of children who have started to wear non uniform items including Jo Jo bows, tracksuit bottoms and coloured jumpers. We have a school uniform which every child should be wearing. The uniform gives the pupils a sense of identity and prevents arguments about what to wear each day as well as competition between children about what they are wearing. Please ensure your child attends school wearing their uniform without additional items. The amount of lost property is increasing by the day with many items of clothing not named. Can I ask that all items of uniform have your child's name easily visible on the inside label? To help to prevent items being lost in the future on a regular basis staff will check items of clothing to ensure the child's name is in the clothing. Where this is not the case, we will be putting the child's name onto the label. Should you not want this to happen can you please contact your child's class teacher? The trend in having 'spinners' has also increased along with children bringing toys into school. We cannot be responsible for these items being lost or damaged so they are not to be brought to school.

If your child needs to bring money into school it should be put into an envelope or purse with your child's name on and be handed in to your child's teacher for safe keeping.

Can I urge parents and carers to be extremely vigilant about their child's computer use at home as we are having an increasing number of issues with items that have been put onto Facebook?

### **Important Dates for This Term**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff training day (the pupils will not be in school)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers photographs
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am-12.15pm Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents/carers
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Prom

Further information and pictures about the above events can be found on our website.

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