



# GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

February/March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. It was good to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation evenings just before we finished for the week. As the half way point through the year this is always a good time to reflect on achievements to date and next steps in learning for the children. If you weren't able to make an appointment and would like to meet your child's teacher then do get in touch via the office.

As soon as we get back to school, we are instantly looking ahead to the rest of the term and thinking about everything we have to pack in. The next newsletter, which will be towards the end of term, will include 'student snippets' and we will have small articles from some of the children about what they have been up to this term both inside the classroom and outside the classroom.

As the threat of wintry weather returns please remember that we will use the text service if we need to close the school for any reason, and we will also post a message on the front page of the school website as well as on the Essex County Council website.

Please check the dates below to make sure you know what events are forthcoming that involve your children.

Best wishes,

Fiona Dorey  
Headteacher

Volunteers needed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.00 – 12.00

Just a reminder from Ms Rankine: We are looking for volunteers to come and help with the digging and clearing of the allotment and sheds in preparation for the children to be able to access them in the Summer Term. Giving the children back a dedicated and useable area of the allotment will be so beneficial in terms of not only their learning but also physically and mentally. Please come along and support us for however long you can. Please note - due to health and safety legislation, I must stress that we can't have children on site as there won't be anyone available to look after them. Also, if you have any equipment that you think will be of use on the day, please bring it!

Many thanks

Melissa Rankine





PTFA news:

The quiz evening, held just before half term, was very successful and well attended and raised over £600. I understand that a good time was had by all.

The next PTFA event is to be the PJ and Popcorn evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The children have been given a flyer with an order form for tickets this week.

Don't forget to put Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March in the diary when the annual Easter Egg Hunt takes place.

We are, as ever, extremely grateful to the PTFA and all the other helpers who work so hard to raise funds for the school which benefits your children. We use much of the money contributed to maintain the Playpod equipment which is enjoyed every lunchtime.



### **Lost Property:**

As ever, we had several items of clothing with no names in them left behind after we cleared the cloakrooms at half term. These have now been packed away but are still in school if you think your child may have lost something. Any named items have been returned to their rightful owner. Hats, scarves and gloves etc are all in a box in reception. Please do check when you are passing to see if you can claim anything. This will all be disposed of at the end of term.

### **Bake Sale**

Mrs Shead is organising a Bake Sale on Monday morning of 26<sup>th</sup> February. This is to raise funds for Porridge and Pens, a small charity supported by one of our parents, and ***all*** the money goes to help underprivileged children. The children have learned about this in our assembly this week.

Any contributions will be gratefully received and the children will be allowed to bring some money to buy cakes at break time. Any leftovers will be sold the next day.



### **Please note that we have received the following email from Sanctuary Housing:**

Good Morning,

I am emailing as we are currently receiving regular reports of school parents and visitors to the school parking on our land which is sited directly opposite the school. As I am sure you are aware, UKPC manage our car parks on behalf of Sanctuary. I have recently carried out a parking review of the site and we work closely with UKPC at this site to ensure that parking is fair for residents. It has been identified that a significant amount of vehicles from parents and visitors to the school are parking on our land without authorisation. I am writing to politely ask that you advise all parents that parking on our land is not permitted and that UKPC will issue tickets to vehicles if they do not have a valid permit on display. I also wish to advise that UKPC can issue fines to vehicles even if someone is sitting in a vehicle waiting. I trust that this information will therefore avoid tickets being issued and parents parking on our land.

Many Thanks

Mitchell Billing

**Housing Officer** Sanctuary Housing, Ipswich

Telephone: 0800 131 3348



## **Pobble Day, Readathon and World Book Day.**

Miss Simmons has been very busy organising several events for the children involving reading and writing. The whole school took part in a 'Pobble Day' on the first day back and all the children immersed themselves in writing. You will also have received a letter with attachments, including a £1 voucher, about the World Book Day and Readathon and other competitions for the children to participate in. If you haven't seen the letter have a look in the bottom of your child's bag! World Book Day is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and the children are being encouraged to dress as a favourite book character.

**I wonder what the teachers will dress as?**

## **Dates for Your Diary**

**Spring Term 2018: Tuesday 2nd January - Thursday 29th March**

**Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February**

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Bake Sale
1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Fire Safety talks
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photos
15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 6 visit to Warner Bros Harry Potter Studios
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 4 Production

**Summer Term 2018: Monday 16th April - Friday 20th July**

**Half Term: Tuesday 29th May- Friday 1st June**

**(Non-pupil day 25th May)**

30 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 5 visit to Legoland
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Yr 3 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 6 SATs tests
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 visit to Chatham Green
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5 Road Safety walks
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Induction Days at Alec Hunter, Tabor, Notley
13 <sup>th</sup> July	School Discos
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 end of term trip

**Drop In" sessions with Sharon McCormick (Family Liaison Worker)**

**Junior School – 23rd February, 23rd March, 27th April, 18th May and 29th June**

**Infant School – 12th March, 16th April, 14th May, 11th June and 16th July**

**Parents may attend Drop In sessions at either school.**

Sharon is able to offer advice and support on many aspects of family life, including behaviour management strategies, home/school communication and support, or contact with other services.

Alternatively, Sharon can be contacted via 01376 552393 or [sharon@lyonshall.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sharon@lyonshall.essex.sch.uk)