

The

Bitham Brook Bulletin



Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you enjoyed the break. This term's theme is the School Games sporting value of Honesty and this will be celebrated in our Friday Celebration Assemblies.

MONEY RAISED FOR SHELTER

Thank you for your donations to Shelter from the Christmas performances. We raised a total of £197.53!



CLASS NEWSLETTERS

In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out class newsletters, giving you information about what the children will be focussing on in Terms 3 and 4 and ways in which you can help support your child's learning at home.

YEAR 5 BRAESIDE RESIDENTIAL VISIT



Our annual visit to Braeside with the Year 5 children is now only a month away (5th to 7th February)! We will be organising a meeting for parents in the next couple of weeks and will be sending out details of the programme, together with medical forms, which should be returned to the office. If you have not yet signed up for Braeside and your child would like to take part, it's not too late. Please collect a letter from the office. The cost of the visit is £133 (unless your

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child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding) and this will need to have been paid in full before the visit. Mrs Hancock will be leading the visit, with Mr Bold, Mrs Prince and Mrs Wint accompanying her.

BREAKFAST CLUB!



7.45 AM TO 8.45 AM DAILY

ONLY £3 PER SESSION FOR A 2-COURSE BREAKFAST AND SOME FUN ACTIVITIES

PLEASE BOOK AND PAY AT THE OFFICE

ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY PLEASE - NO DROP-INS

CLASS ASSEMBLIES TIMETABLE

Celebration Assemblies will take place at 2.45 pm on the Fridays when there is no class assembly. Class assemblies are listed below:

Friday 19 th January	Miss Cooper
Friday 9 th February	Mrs Robertson/Mr Bold
Friday 9 th March	Mrs Roff/Mrs Woodward
Friday 23rd March	Mrs Hancock *NEW DATE*
Friday 27 th April	Mrs Marshall
Friday 18 th May	Mr Wood
Friday 15 th June	Mrs Clinch/Mrs Sinnott
Friday 6 th July	Mrs Reynolds

FS2 will hold their assemblies in the Summer.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TUITION

...starts again next week, so please make sure your child brings their instrument into school!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

January	
Fri 12 th	Girls Football friendly home against Bellefield School 3.15 pm - 4.30 pm.
Mon 15 th	Free 'Supporting Your Child With Their Worries' workshop at Westbury Infants School 9.30 am to 11 am.
Weds 17 th	Space Dome sessions in school for FS2 and Years 1 and 2.
Weds 17 th	Girls Football County Finals all day in Chippenham.
Mon 22 nd	West Wilts Football at Kingdown - time tbc.
Tues 23 rd	West Wilts Youth Ambassador Conference Trowbridge Civic Centre all day.
Tues 30 th	Miss Vaughan's class to see 'The Snow Mouse' at The Egg.
Weds 31 st	Mrs Kennedy's/Mrs Keay's class to see 'The Snow Mouse' at The Egg.
February	
Mon 5 th to Weds 7 th	Year 5 residential visit to Braeside.
Tues 6 th	FOBBS Discos.
Thurs 8 th	Rehearsal slot at The Forum for Dance Festival in the afternoon then Dance Festival at 6.45 pm.
Friday 9 th	Break up at 3.15 pm

STAFF TRAINING DAYS 2017-2018

The school will be closed to pupils on: **Monday 19th February 2018 and Monday 4th June 2018.**

We break up on **Wednesday 25th July 2018.**

RASHES AND STOMACH BUGS!



We have had one or two cases of impetigo in school recently. Although this is contagious, children can still come to school after the first 24 hours' treatment as long as the site of the impetigo is completely covered, either with clothing or with a dressing (if it is on their hands). As we have one or two children in school with reduced immunity, can I please ask parents to get any rashes or sore patches on skin checked by a nurse or pharmacist and treated if necessary. Can I also please remind parents that children should stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea if they have a stomach bug.

SWIMMING FOR YEAR 3...



....begins next **Thursday 11th January** so please make sure your child has their swimming kit and a warm, waterproof coat in school on swimming days!

CLUBS IN TERM 3

The following clubs have finished: **Football, Welsh Club, Maths Club and Cookery for Years 5/6.** Dance Club, Netball Club and Girls Football will start again next week for existing members and continue until further notice.

There are spaces for children in Years 3 and 4 to do Cookery Club for 4 weeks starting next Wednesday. If your child is interested, please give their name to the office by Monday afternoon. We will text those given a place on Tuesday. The club will finish at 4.45pm or 5 pm.

FINALLY..... CHAIRS AND TABLES FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

We have some small tables and chairs which we no longer need in school. If anyone would like any of them please help yourselves! They will be put outside the classrooms at the back of the school and will be available from Monday.

David Ross
Headteacher