



Brinsley Primary and Nursery School  
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## November 2017 Newsletter

*Learn today, to be a star of tomorrow*

Dear Parents/Carers

### Super Hero Year 1's

The children kick started their topic 'Super Heroes' by coming dressed as one on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. They had great fun acting as their fantastical character as well as going on a superhero hunt. The children have written about their experiences with amazing outcomes.

### Class Attendance

**FS2:** This year: 97.6%

**Year 1:** This year: 95.5%

**Year 2:** This year: 98%

**Year 3:** This year: 98.9%

**Year 4:** This year: 97.8%

**Year 5:** This year: 98.4%

**Year 6:** This year: 95.3%

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.5%**

### Year 5

The year 5 children have started their 'Time Traveller' topic by looking at the only way of seeing true history - through photography. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November a photographer came into class and showed them a range of historic photos as well as a range of portraits. The children discussed how photography changed over time before the children had a chance to play with a range of cameras (some over 100 years old), they even got the chance to take their own studio quality photos.

### School Sport News

#### Handball

After their amazing triumph at the local handball tournament on 18<sup>th</sup> October, the team progressed onto glory by winning a bronze medal at the district final. Well done to the handball team members.

#### Athletics

Well done to the year 3 and 4 children who attended the indoor athletic event at Selston on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The team worked really hard at all the events and Brinsley children were commended for their positive attitude and sportsmanship. The team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall, well done.

### Year 2 Pirate Day

The Year 2 children enjoyed their Pirate Day. Not only did the children dress up as pirates but they went on a pirate treasure hunt around school and made their own pirate passports.

### Year 6 Titanic WOW Day

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time investigating ice, linked to their topic about the Titanic. The children spent the day investigating the ice in a variety of ways including looking at insulation properties and environmental effects.

### Foundation Stage 1 – Nursery Rhyme Challenge

From Monday the children in FS1 will be taking part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week'. They will be learning a new nursery rhyme each day and carry out fun activities that link to them. The rhymes will be; Bobby Shafto, Lavenders Blue, Hickory Dickory Dock, Wind the Bobbin Up and Old King Cole.

**REMINDER:** Please don't forget to use our online payment system, Teachers2Parents, for school payments such as dinners, trips, film club, water bottles, school bags, etc.

### Brinsley British Values

**This month the children have been looking at 'friendship'. They have been talking about what make a good friend, both in assemblies and in class.**

### Year 3

The Year 3 children had a fantastic day with 'Reptile Rendezvous' to kick start their new topic 'Predator'. They found out about and handled a range of cuddly (and not so cuddly!) creatures from a racoon to a tarantula. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the creatures as well as linking it to their science focus of food chains.

### Healthy Eating

Healthy eating is nothing new, it has dominated the news for many years so you are hopefully aware of the important role schools take in educating the next generation about healthy living. As a school we provide a healthy snack for all Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children on a daily basis. The hot snack provided by our kitchen provider meets their strict healthy guidelines. Having the occasional sweet treat forms part of any healthy diet and yes we do give these occasionally at school, however too much of these on a daily basis can soon become unhealthy. We have noticed as a school that the amount of sweet treats and unhealthy savoury snacks have increased over the last year. These come in the form of daily chocolate or crisps in lunch boxes and for break times. Therefore we are asking that children only bring a healthy snack for their break times and to think of alternatives in lunchboxes to reduce the amount of sugary and unhealthy snacks consumed over the space of a week. Thank you in your anticipation of your support with this very important matter.

### Parents Open Afternoon 1.15pm-3.15pm

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we would like to invite all parents to come and look around school and view the wonderful work all the children have created over this last term.

### Maths

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the maths questionnaire. This can be completed at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B6DXVNQ](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B6DXVNQ)

### Diary Dates

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Parent Evenings
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Year 3 and 5 Christingle Service in the afternoon-full details to follow
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime for all children in school
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Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Foundation Stage Nativity 10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Foundation Stage Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Anti-Bullying Video Showcases for all parents year 1-6 3.30pm and 5pm- details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Parents Open Afternoon 1.15-3.15pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Class Swap Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Enterprise Sale
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	INSET DAY - school closed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School closed for Christmas holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School reopens
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	INSET DAY - school closed
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	School closed for half term
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	School closed for Easter holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day bank holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	School closed for half term
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last day of the school year