



Brackenwood Junior School

Learning for Life



Executive Headteacher: Mrs C Arnold

4th September 2022

Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to Brackenwood Junior School. We are excited and looking forward to your children joining the Junior School community in the morning. Hopefully as families, you have enjoyed a relaxing summer break and managed to take advantage of the warmer weather.

Mrs Cartner and Miss Worthington have an exciting week ahead with lots of settling into routines to share with the children and getting them started on new Year 3 learning.

Please find below some important reminders from the July 'Welcome Meeting' presentation:-

- Our school gates open at 8.45am until 8.55am - Teaching Assistants will be available to offer support and take short messages. They will be on duty every morning throughout the year. Children who arrive after 8:55am must enter school via the school office
- Consistent attendance and punctuality is of high priority for the DFE and across our Multi-Academy Trust – appointments and holidays must be taken at times outside of school hours. For exceptional circumstances a form must be completed for consideration - a copy can be found on the school website
- To encourage a sense of community, children should arrive at school each day smartly dressed in our school uniform and shoes – trainers are not permitted and all items should be named. Details of the uniform are found on the school website. We also have a range of good quality second-hand uniform that can be purchased at very low prices via the school office. Mrs Jump also takes opportunities throughout the year to display available items
- Children should bring a freshly filled, named water bottle to school daily. Bottles can be refilled throughout the day if required
- PE takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the Autumn term. Children should attend school in uniform with named PE kits brought to school in a drawstring bag for PE sessions. They can remain on pegs in school for the duration of the Half-term
- The roads in the immediate vicinity of school can be very congested, so as part of our 'Active Bodies, Active Minds' work, we encourage walking, scooting or cycling as much as possible. If, however, you need to travel by car we ask that for the safety of the children, and maintaining positive relationships with neighbours, that parking is done so considerately and courteously
- Year 3 teachers will soon be setting homework using the Google Classroom platform. Account details and how to login will be sent later in the week
- Reading is the foundation to all learning. Teachers will be assessing where the children are in their reading this week. Reading books will start coming home in Week 2 – please do encourage your child to read every day and take opportunities to read together as often as possible to support the children with positive models for fluency and understanding
- At Brackenwood Juniors we promote healthy lifestyles. A variety of healthy snacks are available to buy from 25p at break times. Alternatively, your child can bring a healthy snack from home to have at morning break. Examples include fruit/veg, breadsticks and rice cakes
- The school lunch menu for this half-term is attached to the email. The school kitchen offers a wide variety of choices daily. The school office will send out payment details tomorrow. Alternatively, children can bring a packed lunch from home. Due to a number of pupils in school with allergies, nuts and nut based products are not permitted

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- During the school year we offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. Details of the Autumn term offer will be sent out later in the week. In the meantime Mrs Case runs Wake and Shake at 8.30am each morning. Children are invited to join her as often as they would like and should arrive at school for 8.30. Mrs Case will greet the children via the front door/office area. Children will go straight into class at 8.45 feeling energised after the session. PE kits are not required
- On Tuesday 6th September, the 'Thumbs Up Education' staff will be in school during the afternoon to complete a settling in workshop with Year 3
- School photographs will take place on Friday 9th September
- Our school day ends at 3.30pm each day. Class teachers will bring the children onto the playground where they will dismiss to parents/carers. Initially this can take some time due to staff ensuring that children are dismissed safely. We thank you in advance for your support with this. Please ensure the school office is updated with any changes to collection arrangements. This should be ideally by 3.15 so messages can be given to teachers

As a school we know that this is a big milestone for you and your children. We are very keen to ensure that all children settle quickly and are happy members of the Juniors. We have a dedicated Pastoral Teaching Assistant, Mrs Lockett, who will be available for any children that are finding the transition challenging. Furthermore, the Year 3 class teachers alongside myself, Miss Fry the Deputy Head and Mrs Balmer the school SENDco, are available to discuss any initial concerns that might arise. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office via telephone or email should your child be struggling with any aspects of starting school in the Juniors.

We look forward to seeing your children in the morning!

Kind regards,

Mrs Arnold
Executive Headteacher

Key Diary Dates – Autumn Term

5/9/22 – Pupils return to school
6/9/22 – Secondary transition meeting for Year 6 parents
9/9/22 - Individual school photographs
19/9/22 – 11+ Year 6 pupils
19/9-23/9/22 – Y6 Swimming pm (Mrs Dawson's class)
22/9/22 – Oak Trees Challenge 2022-2023 launch
30/9/22 – Macmillan Coffee morning & cake sale
3/10-6/10/22 – Y5 Swimming pm (Mrs Webster's class)
7/10/22 – INSET day (school closed to pupils)
10/10/22 – Y6 Maths workshop with parents
11/12/22 – Y4 Maths workshop with parents
12/10/22 – Parent Consultations
13/10/22 – Y5 Maths workshop with parents
14/10/22 – Y3 Maths workshop with parents
21/10/22 – 3.30pm break up for Half-term
31/10/22 – School re-opens to pupils