



# Bratton Primary School Newsletter

'A school at the heart of its community where children learn, have fun and thrive'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is difficult to believe that we are already at the end of term 5! It has certainly been a busy term and we have continued to embed some of our recent changes. The children's writing and presentation is showing great progress and we are really proud of the personal achievements each child is making. The children are truly showing our value of respect in their work and presentation. The new handwriting scheme is also helping to support this. We have also been trialling a new approach to our delivery of the White Rose Maths curriculum this term by splitting the KS2 classes into separate year groups for their Maths lessons. This is working well and the children are making good progress as a result.



Giraffe class completed their end of Key Stage One assessments last week. All children showed great resilience and determination to show what they could do and we are extremely proud of all of them. Well done Giraffes!

We have also enjoyed two fabulous class celebration assemblies from Leopard class and Zebra class. The children did a wonderful job of sharing their learning with the rest of the school and their family members. Thank you everyone who was able to come along and support them.

It is fair to say that all of our wonderful children have been very busy bees this term!



This week has also been a week of celebratory hot chocolates! As a special thank you to our children who volunteered to be our lunchtime helpers they have been treated to a hot chocolate with myself in the courtyard. They have done a brilliant job all term and we have noticed a really positive difference in our lunch hall with a much calmer and more enjoyable dining experience for all.

We also have some children who have reached an incredible 150 merits!! They too have been treated to a special celebratory hot chocolate as a huge well done for such a fantastic achievement.



## 26th May 2023

### Diary Dates

- 5.6.23 Mon** - TD day, school closed to children
- 6.6.23 Tues** - First day back of Term 6
- 7.6.23 Wed** - New Starters parent welcome meeting for Reception 2023 6pm
- 8.6.23 Thurs** - Class and Leavers photos
- 9.6.23 Fri** - Road safety sessions for KS1, Year 3 and Year 6
- 9.6.23 Fri** - Leopard Class cake sale
- 13.6.23 Tues** - KS2 London Trip to The British Museum
- 19.6.23 & 20.6.23 Mon & Tues** - Bikeability Year 6
- 21.6.23 Wed** - Antelope Class Assembly 9am
- 22.6.23 Thurs** - Lavington Year 6 Induction day
- 23.6.23 Fri** - Antelope Class cake sale
- 24.6.23 - 2.7.23** - Bratton Week and Bratton Primary School Scarecrow Trail
- 26.6.23 Mon - Fri** - Sports Week
- 27.6.23 & 28.6.23 Tues & Wed** - Matravers Taster Day Year 6
- 30.6.23 Fri** - Sports Day
- 1.7.23 Sat** - Bratton Primary School Fete
- 4.7.23 Tues** - Giraffe Class Assembly 9am
- 4.7.23 Tues** - Matravers Taster Day Year 5
- 4th/5th/6th July** - Lavington Taster days Year 5
- 7.7.23 Fri** - Meerkat Class cake sale
- 12.7.23 Fri** - Gazelle Class Assembly 9am

## Staffing Update

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to some of our wonderful Bratton team. Mrs Callaway, Mrs Gray and Mrs Sealy will all be leaving at the end of the Summer Term. All three members of staff have been highly valued members of the Bratton team for many years and will be missed by everyone. I'm sure many of you will want to thank them for all the support they have given your children over the years. Although this will be a sad goodbye, we know that they will continue to pop in to see us for a cup of tea from time to time.

## Baby News!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Luke who are expecting their first baby due in October 2023. We are currently recruiting for Mrs Luke's maternity cover and will update you once an appointment has been made. We are all very excited to have another Bratton baby on the way!



## Scarecrow Trail

We are all very much looking forward to the Bratton Primary School Scarecrow Trail which will run throughout Bratton Week from Saturday 24th June to Sunday 2nd July 2023. Maps are now on sale at the beginning and end of the day from the school office. There are some amazing prizes to be won and all proceeds are going towards the purchase of new iPads for school. Please spread the word far and wide as this is going to be a lovely family and community event for everyone to enjoy.

## Summer Weather

It has been lovely to have sunny days in school this week and finally feels like Summer has arrived. Long may it continue into term 6. Next term, please could all children bring a named sunhat into school. Please could sun cream also be **applied before school** as children often find this tricky to apply themselves and unfortunately staff are not able to help children apply sun cream. Thank you.



## Parent Questionnaire



After half term we will be sending out a parent questionnaire to help us celebrate the things that are going well and to identify where further improvements are needed. This information helps us to identify priorities for school improvement planning and will be shared with governors. We will also be gathering views of staff and children during term 6 to gain a collaborative view of all stakeholders. The questionnaire should only take a few minutes to complete and there will be opportunity for you to add any comments at the end too. All questionnaires will be anonymous.

Finally, a little reminder that Monday 5th June is a TD day. School is closed to all pupils and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Tuesday 6th June.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term with family and friends.

*Mrs Williams*

**14.7.23 Fri** - TD day school closed to children

**17.7.23 Mon** - New Starters Reception  
2023 Family Picnic

**18.7.23 & 19.7.23 Tues & Wed** - Year 5/6  
performance 6pm

**20.7.23 & 21.7.23 Thurs & Fri** - Whole  
School move up day (Year 6 M-Fest)

**21.7.23 Fri** - Staff and Governor cake sale

**25.7.23 Tues** - Leavers Assembly followed  
by tea and cake 2pm

**25.7.23 Tues** - Break up for Summer

## Whole School Attendance Figure

# 94.4%

