



Bratton Primary School

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Dear Families of Bratton Primary School,

I want to start by saying what a wonderful first year as Headteacher of our amazing school it has been. The school has gone from strength to strength and I want to thank you for all the wonderful support you as parents and our wider community have given. I am blessed to work with such an incredible team of people who give their all every day and bring fun and excitement to the classrooms for the young people they work with. The children are of course the shining stars of our school and central to everything we do. They are truly amazing and a joy to work with every day. Bratton Primary School is certainly a very special place!

It was lovely to welcome our new staff and new families who are joining us in September on our transition days at the end of last week. The children enjoyed spending time with their new teaching teams and the staff certainly enjoyed getting to know their new classes too. There were some wonderful activities going on in all the classrooms and I hope your children came home excited for the year ahead.

Today we have said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 leavers who will be going on to their next stage of education in September. They have been a real credit to our school and we wish them every success as they move on. We know they will continue to shine and we hope to hear about all their future successes.

We have also said goodbye to three long standing members of our team, Mrs Callaway, Mrs Gray and Mrs Sealy. All three members of staff have given so much to our school and will be truly missed. On behalf of all the children and families I would like to thank them for all the hard work and dedication they have given to our school over the years. I'm sure they will continue to pop in and see us from time to time and wish them all the very best for the future.

This final newsletter is to provide some important information for September so have your diaries and calendars at the ready.

We have 2 TD days at the start of term on Friday 1st and Monday 4th September and we will welcome the children back to school for their first day on Tuesday 5th September.

A reminder of our new start and finish times:

From September 2023, all Primary Schools need to offer a 6.5 hours day from the point of registration to the end of the day. Therefore, our timings will be adjusted slightly and registration will take place at 8:50am. Children must be in school by this time and the gate will close promptly at

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8:50am. The staggered drop off has worked really well this year and the children have been settled and ready to start their learning as a result. Classroom doors will continue to open at 8:45am to allow a smooth transition into school.

The end of the day will also be extended by 5 minutes and school will finish at 3:20pm. Arrangements for collection at the end of the day will remain the same as this year with children being collected from the playground. The green gate to access the playground will open to parents at 3:15pm.

From the parent survey, we have recognised that parents would like more opportunities to share their children's work. We are therefore going to introduce open afternoons on the terms where we do not have a parents evening. These will be informal events where you can spend some time in your child's classroom after school and share their work with them. Teachers will be available for you to chat to. We hope this will help you to feel more connected with how your child is progressing in school.

The second week of term (11th - 15th September) will be parent welcome meetings. This is a chance for parents to visit classrooms and for teaching teams to formally introduce themselves and talk about the year ahead. We encourage you to come along to these meetings where you will also have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Dates are as follows:

Monday 11th September – Gazelle Class (Year 1) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Tuesday 12th September – Giraffe Class (Year 2) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 13th September – Leopards (Year 3/4) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Thursday 14th September – Antelopes (Year 4/5) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Friday 15th September – Meerkats (Year 6) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Parents evenings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 10th October 3:30pm – 7pm

Thursday 12th October 3:30pm – 5pm

Further dates for the year ahead will be sent out in September once the diary has been finalised.

Finally, I would like to wish you all lovely Summer break with family and friends. Your children have all worked incredibly hard this year and we are all very proud of them. I look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th September.

Very best wishes

Emma Williams