



Bratton Primary School Newsletter

Learn - Have Fun - Thrive

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year from all of us at Bratton Primary School! It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to hear all their Christmas holiday news. We hope everyone had a good break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

The children have settled back into school beautifully and we have really noticed some wonderful polite and respectful behaviour from all classes. They are already working hard and showing excitement and interest in their new themes of learning for this term. Curriculum maps and homework grids for this term have been sent home today and will also be uploaded to the class webpages shortly.

Thank you for supporting the new morning drop off routine. We have had some really positive feedback from children, parents and staff and the children are settled and starting their morning tasks by 8:50 which is working brilliantly. This has also allowed us to close the gate and have a secure site much earlier in the morning too. We also hope you enjoying the benefit of a speedy drop off!

With the new routines in mind can we please ask that drivers take extra caution during school drop off time, especially when using the turning circle at the front of school. Thank you.

School Places

We have spaces available in **all** year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 and would love to welcome new children to our wonderful school. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place please ask them to contact us. They can book a personalised tour and we will be happy to show parents and children around and tell them about all the amazing things we do here at Bratton Primary School. The school contact number is 01380 830511. Alternatively, parents can also contact us via email on admin@bratton.wilts.sch.uk

Final reminder that the deadline to apply for a school place for September 2024 is Monday 15th January.

Further information on applying for a school place can be found here.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place>

12th January 2024

Diary Dates

25/1/24 - Thurs - Yoga Sessions

29/1/24 - Mon - Zebra Class school nurse health checks

2/2/24 - Fri - NSPCC Number Day

5/2/24 - 9/2/24 - Children's Mental Health Week

5/2/24 - Mon - KS2 trip to STEAM

6/2/24 - Tues - Safer Internet Day

9/2/24 - Fri - FOBS non-uniform day

Attendance Figure

93.7%



Lets try and get our whole school attendance over 95% this term!

TARGET -

95% ATTENDANCE

Staffing

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Walford back from her maternity leave this term and the children in Gazelle class have enjoyed getting to know her as their class TA. At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Townsend as she starts a new adventure in her career and we wish her the best of luck with her new role. We are therefore looking for a Mid Day Supervisory Assistant (MDSA) to join our lunchtime team. If you think this may be the role for you or know someone who may be interested in joining our team please do get in touch with Mrs Oakham in the school office.



Cold Weather

The weather has been extremely cold this week and we have noticed some children without the appropriate outdoor wear to keep them warm. Please could all children come to school with a warm outdoor coat and if possible, hats, scarves and gloves. The children love playing outdoors whatever the weather and so these items are important to help them stay nice and warm.

Emergency School Closure Procedure

We hope everyone managed to stay safe and well in the floods last week. Luckily we were able to remain open as staff were able to get to school and school was not effected. With snow on the forecast for next week and possibly in future weeks we thought it would be useful to remind you of the emergency school closure procedures.

Schools typically need to close for emergencies when the school site is unsafe. This could be for any number of reasons, for example: (please note this is not an exhaustive list but some common examples)

- School site is unsafe due to snow and ice
- Numbers of staff are unable to get to school due to adverse weather and therefore school is unsafe to open with adult/ child ratio.
- School boiler is broken and we have no heating or hot water.

In the circumstance where we need to close we will aim to inform parents as soon as possible, typically by 8am, although we aim for earlier. You will be notified via parentmail and text message. The school website will also be updated with the closure on the front page. In addition we inform local radio stations such as BBC Wiltshire and Heart FM as well as the local authority. We will always do our utmost to keep school open, providing we are able to keep staff and children safe.



After School Enrichment Clubs



Unfortunately we are unable to offer as many clubs as usual this term and we hope

to be able to offer more in the Summer Term, following the Easter break. We are also looking into some external providers to run after school enrichment clubs. These are likely to have a charge attached but will be able to offer a wider range of opportunities for the children. We will keep you posted on any developments.

Key Dates

Opposite you will find a list of key dates for the Spring term. Further details of events will be published in future newsletters nearer the time of each special day.

Wishing you all have a lovely weekend.

Stay warm and safe.

Emma Williams



Bratton Primary School Key dates for the Spring Term 2024

4/1/2024	Children and staff back to school
9/1/2024	Bev Ball SIA visit all day
2/2/2024	NSPCC National Number Day
5/2/24 – 11/2/24	Children's Mental Health Week
5/2/24	KS2 trip to STEAM
6/2/2024	Safer Internet Day
9/2/2024	FOBS non-uniform day
12/2/24 – 18/2/24	HALF TERM
23/2/2023	FOBS school disco
7/3/2024	World Book Day
5/3/2024	Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:00pm
7/3/2024	Parents Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm
11/3/24 – 15/3/24	British Science Week
20/3/2024	International day of happiness
22/3/2024	Zebra Class assembly 9am
26/3/2024	Gazelle Class assembly 9am
28/3/2024	Break up for Easter

QUIZ NIGHT

RAISING FUNDS FOR

WARMINSTER GROUP RDA

BASED AT THE WARMINSTER SADDLE CLUB

**Test your Knowledge with Questions on :-
General Knowledge, Individual Subjects,
Music & More**

**Thursday
8 February 2024
The
Conservative Club,
Prestbury Drive,
Warminster, BA12 9LB**

**Advanced Booking Only
Max 4 People per Table**

**To Book, call :-
Ron Dawson : 01985 840638**

**Starts : 7.45 pm.
(Doors Open : 7 pm)**

**ENTRY : £8
per Person (includes
Mixed Sandwich Platter)**

**PRIZE
For each member of the
Winning Team**

**RAFFLE
Donations of Prizes
for the
Interval Draw
will be very welcome**



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