



Bratton Primary School

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Dear Families of Bratton Primary School,

I want to start by saying that despite a number of staffing challenges it has been another wonderful, busy and fun filled year at Bratton. The school has continued to go from strength to strength, as recognised in our Ofsted Report celebrating and recognising Bratton as a Good school and I am proud of the successes of our journey so far. I continue to be blessed to work with 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.

It was lovely to welcome our new staff and new families who are joining us in September on our EYFS transition days and to see the new staff teams working together to create two wonderful transition days for the rest of the school at the start of the 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 super 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 sparkle and shine and we hope to hear about all their future successes.

We have also said goodbye to some of our staff team, Mrs Janman, Mrs Hardwick and Mrs Legg. 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. 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 Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September and we will welcome the children back to school for their first day on Wednesday 4th September.

The second week of term (9th - 13th 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.

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Dates are as follows:

Monday 9th September – Butterfly Class (Year 1/2) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Tuesday 10th September – Ladybird Class (Year 2/3) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 11th September – Grasshopper Class (Year 4/5) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Thursday 12th September – Hummingbird Class (Year 5/6) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Friday 13th September – Bumblebee Class (Year R/1) 3:30 – 4:00pm

Individual School photographs will be on: Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September 2024. All children will need to wear school uniform on these days and if this falls on a PE day they may bring trainers in their bag to change into for their PE session. Days for PE will be sent home at the end of the first week back in September.

Next year we will be changing the dates of the two parents' evenings to align with our data drops. This will enable teachers to share the academic progress of your children at both meetings. These will take place in January and April with end of year reports being sent home in July.

In October we will host an open afternoon for you to be able to visit your child's classroom and share their work from the first term with them. Teaching staff will be available for you to ask any questions or arrange a more formal meeting if you have any worries or concerns about how your child is settling in their new class. The date for the open classrooms' afternoon is Wednesday 16th October 2024 and will run from 3:30 – 5pm

The dates for the first formal parents' evenings are:

Tuesday 14th January 3:30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 15th January 3:30pm – 5:30pm

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

Finally, on behalf of myself and all of the staff at Bratton, thank you for the wonderful and generous end of year gifts. They have been very much appreciated from all of us. We 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. We look forward to welcoming you and the children back into school on Wednesday 4th September.

Very best wishes

Emma Williams