

Weekly Newsletter



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Sports Day – We will be using the same format for Sports Day this year as we did last, except that KS2 will be in the morning (9:20 am) and EYFS/KS1 in the afternoon (1:30 pm). All children will have a packed lunch this day which they can either bring themselves or purchase as a school meal. If you are entitled to free school meals then the packed lunch will be provided at no cost.

Year 6 moderation – We were moderated for our writing assessments in Year 6 this week by the Local Authority. The new National Curriculum standards have been extremely challenging for everyone this year as the expectations are very high. I am delighted to report that our assessments were validated, the quality and variety of writing praised and our targets have been met. Well done to the staff, children and parents for this achievement.

School toilets – We have had an increasing number of parents asking to use school toilets during the school day for themselves or their pre-school children. I am afraid we are unable to offer this facility every day but, of course, in occasional emergency situations, we will oblige.

Open Afternoon (14th July) – Parents/carers are invited to see their children's work and meet current and future teachers from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on 14th July. If you are not planning to come until late afternoon, your child should still be collected at the usual time.

Sun safety – Summer, it is rumoured, is on its way. Please ensure your child has a sunhat and that you apply sun cream before coming to school.

Year 6 play – Year 6 are preparing to put on their production of The Keymaster. The performances will be on Monday, 11th July at 1:45 pm and Tuesday, 12th July at 7:00 pm. Tickets will initially be limited to two tickets per family for each performance. These will be available nearer the time.

EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting - Parents from Apple and Acorn are invited along to an informal meeting with Mrs Hooper and Mrs Priest on Tuesday 12th July at 2.45 in the school hall. We will discuss some of the changes that the children will encounter as they move from Early Years to Year 1 in September. We hope to see you there.

Preparing for the Summer Fete - Save the date 2 July in your diary. This year, the Fundraisers are asking the parents of each class to organise a stall. We have plenty of games in the shed that you can use – or you might want to come up with fresh idea of your own! We'll be sending out more information to parents next week to explain the set up – in the meantime, you may want to think about who you will nominate to be your stall leader.

District Sports – If your child has been selected and given a letter to take part in the District Sports on Monday, he/she should arrive at Brentwood School's sports ground (Priests Lane) by 8:30 am. Children should wear their school PE kit with a white T shirt. Spare white T shirts will be taken if your child has one of the school coloured shirts. Children should also bring their school uniform for the afternoon lessons and a bottle of water for the morning.

Basketball kits – If your child has played in a basketball match this year, please return the kit to Mrs Hooper next week as the season has now finished.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu – Week One of the new summer menu. We look forward to welcoming Mr Speirs next week and sampling his food. Thank you to Miss Lamb, Mrs Smith, Mrs Durmaz and Mrs Ramsey for making sure our school meals have remained of a good quality while there has been senior catering staff.

Letters home

None

Forthcoming dates

27th June – District Sports

30th June – Y1 visit to Barleylands

1st July – Y5 History Off the Page

2nd July – Summer Fete

5th July – Y5 Wild Forest Gym

6th July – Holly Trees Talent Competition

8th July – Sports Day

11th July – Y6 afternoon play performance – 1:45 pm

12th July – Y6 evening play performance – 7:00 pm

12th July – EYFS to Year 1 transition meeting in the school hall - 2:45 pm

22nd July – last day of term

14th July – Open afternoon (3:00 to 6:00pm)

21st July – Y6 Leavers' assembly – pm

21st July – Y6 Fundraisers' treat to Izumi – 6:30 pm

22nd July – Last day of summer term

5th Sept – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Emmie Phillips, Oliver Hooper, Teddy Hewitt, Hayden Jasper and Jude Mason-Gates.

Silver Certificates went to Archie Silverstone and Ashton Harman-Day.

Gold Certificates went to Harrison Williams, Arissa Malik, Reice Jupiter, Ben Waddington, Cassie-Leigh River and Zoe Hewitt.

Pen Licence went to Beatrice Connor.

Headteacher's Award went to Max Delow.