

Bromley Hills School Newsletter

Autumn Term Week 2
13th September 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am really pleased to see how well the children have settled back into school. They have got used to their new routines and their new classes and have had a great start to the school year. A special well done to children in Reception, who have settled in quickly.

Curriculum newsletters have been emailed to parents/carers today. A copy can also be found on the school's website. This will inform you about your child's curriculum this term.

Thank you to those who took the time to answer our annual parent/carer questionnaire in the summer term, the results of which we have emailed out today. I was pleased to see the percentage of agree and strongly agree, which shows that we are on the right lines. As always, there is work to be done and thank you to those who made a comment. We will look at those and see how we can implement strategies to address them.

Left over from last year, we have approximately 50 coats left in school - None have their names on! Therefore, on Monday at 3pm, we will put them in the upper hall. Please come and have a look to see if they belong to your child. Any unclaimed coats will be put in the clothes recycling bank.

School Council News – Voting is next week for KS2 children who want to be elected as a School Councillor. Thank you to everyone who have put their names forward. It is great to see so many wanting to have a go. We will let you know next week who have been elected.

Many thanks, Jon Stevens.

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Wed 4th - Autumn Term Starts
Thurs 12th - Class 4N Swimming Starts
Fri 27th - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

October

Tues 1st – Y3/4 Harvest at 2.45pm
Wed 2nd – KS1 Harvest at 2.45pm
Wed 2nd - Y3 Church Visit
Thurs 3rd – Y5/6 Harvest at 2.45pm
Thurs 3rd – Y4 Church Visit
Tues 15th & Thurs 17th Parents' Evening

Fri 25th – Last Day of Half Term

Mon 28th – Fri 1st – Half Term

November

Mon 4th – Second half term starts

CRESTWOOD OPEN EVENING

We would like to invite you to Crestwood's Open Evening on September 18th 18.00-20.00. There is a link below that will allow you to sign up for the event. We will also host three Open Mornings where you can visit the school in full swing. These will take place on: September 20th, 23rd & 24th (9.30-10.30). The booking form for the Open Mornings will go live this week on the school website.

The Crestwood School

<https://www.invictus.education/event-details-registration/crestwood-open-evening-2024>

LOST PROPERTY – COATS!

Monday at 3pm – Upper Hall
Please come and claim your child's lost coat!

CLOTHING BANK

On the staff car park, we have a clothing recycling bank. If you have any old clothes (not school uniform with the logo on) please deposit them in there. Thank you.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please see the information below regarding the national changes in attendance and fixed penalty notices and fines.

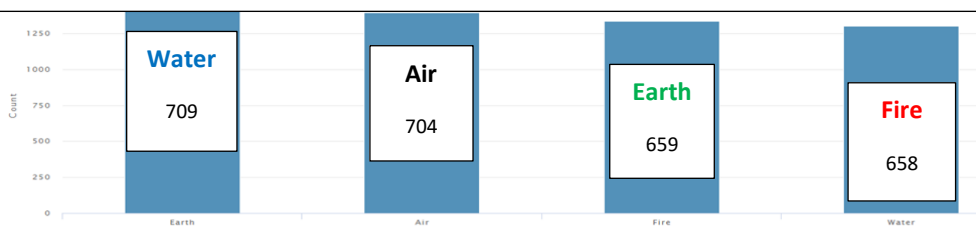
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Class RB – 95%
Class RL – 91%
Class 1B – 85%
Class 1/2F – 95%
Class 2T – 97%
Class 3H – 96%
Class 3/4L – 90%
Class 4N – 94%
Class 5B – 100%
Class 5/6K – 97%
Class 6B – 88%

Total attendance for this week is: 94%

Well done to class 5B for a fantastic **100% attendance this week!**

HOUSE POINTS – THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: WATER!



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ATTENDANCE GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The law

Every child of compulsory school age has the legal right to an efficient, full-time education that is suitable to their age, aptitude, and any SEND they may have. Parents are legally required to make sure their child receives this education by attendance at school or by education otherwise than at school. Where a parent decides to register their child at school, there is an additional legal duty on them to ensure their child attends the school regularly – this means their child needs to attend every day the school is open, except in certain circumstances, e.g. the child is too ill to attend.

What YOU must do:

- ✓ Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- ✓ Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- ✓ If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- ✓ Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- ✓ If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Fixed penalty notices

Fixed penalty notices are served on parents where they have failed to ensure that their child of compulsory school age regularly attends the school where they are registered or at a place where alternative provision is provided. Fixed penalty notices can be used by all schools where the pupil's absence has not been authorised by the school and the absence constitutes an offence.

Fixed penalty Fines - Changes

The DFE have introduced some changes to the Penalty Notice fines with a particular difference being the new amounts payable. For all new offences where the start date of the absence is after the 19th August 2024, the fine will be payable at £160, (up from the previous amount of £120) if paid within 28 days and if paid within 21 days it will reduce to £80, (up from £60).

Please note: NEW - Parents meeting the requirements for a penalty notice will only be allowed to receive 2 penalty notices for a specific child in a rolling 3-year period. The second penalty notice in a 3-year period will only be payable at the higher rate of £160, there will be no option of a reduced amount. Should the parent meet the requirements for a 3rd time in 3 years then the authority will consider taking other legal interventions that are available, relative to the needs of the case.