



Brumby Junior School

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Headteacher: Mr P Foster

Information letter: October 2016

New School Building—phase three—play spaces

School council have been working hard over the last 5 weeks to make decisions about the play-time equipment which will be the final phase of the new school build. They have been absolutely brilliant to work with, *and fiercely protective over the budget which they had to work with too!* As a result, over the next few weeks and months we will be having the following equipment fitted:



28-station outdoor gym

Picnic benching



Playground markings

Buddy Benching



Playground markings

2 quiet reading spaces



The next job for the school council is to conduct the application and interview process for our playtime leaders. These will be pupils who organise, coach, instruct and generally “look after” our playtime games and spaces.

Changing the times of the school day consultation

As you know, we have considered changing the time of the school day, so that it will begin and end ten minutes earlier. This is to make it much easier for families with pupils at our local infant schools, and to ensure that - in the darker months - children are leaving school whilst there is still plenty of light.

We consulted parents about this proposal earlier this month: thank you to all those parents who replied to the survey. Results are in and are being checked against our pupil numbers and numbers of families. The next stage is for governors to discuss these results and come to a decision. This will be in the very near future. If there is a clear majority of families who are either against or for the move, then this will influence the decisions made.

Dates

School closes Friday 21st October at 3.15pm and re-opens on Tuesday 1st November.



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Pupil fundraising

We always do our best to help any pupils or families who make a request to organise a fundraising event, but unfortunately we cannot accommodate all of these requests because we could easily end up having an event every week! However, if your child or a member of your family wants to raise funds for a special cause, and you have already used the accepted routes of facebook and twitter etc, then please set up a justgiving page and let us know the event, which we will then happily publicise for you.



Our current fundraiser is Taiya Montandon, who is attempting to raise £250 for [Cancer Research](#) by cutting all her hair short in the half-term holidays!

Taiya's justgiving page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Taiya-Montandon>

Thank you Taiya! What an excellent cause!

Tag Rugby:

Well done to all the Y5 pupils who entered the Y6(!) Tag Rugby competition at Heslam Park last week. We were taught how to play the game on Tuesday and Wednesday, then entered a competition on Friday! Talk about a baptism of fire: we were against teams who had been playing for much longer, and who were a year older. Nevertheless, we learned how to play (sometimes the hard way!) and put in huge amounts of effort. We improved throughout the afternoon, only ever losing by one or two tries, whilst scoring lots ourselves too. We drew a number of games and managed a great win in our last one. The children were an absolute credit to the school, their families and themselves - we were very, very proud. Thank you also to all of the parents who came along to support us as well!

Parents' evenings

It was very encouraging to see so many parents at parents evening this year. We have been trying very hard to make it easier for parents to come along and discuss how well the children are progressing. Our online booking system ensured that 72% of parents attended. We are aiming for 100% of course, but thank you so much to those who came. If you could not make it, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

School Reading

As you already know from previous letters, we are having a huge drive on helping children and families to enjoy reading. Our school library, run (in their own time, we must add) by Mrs Dunion and Miss Raspin, is helping increasing numbers of pupils to access and borrow some wonderful fact and fiction books. Whilst some books have been overdue, we have been incredibly well supported by parents with returns after reminders too, so huge thanks are due. What is the most important is that our children are now having more and more opportunities to read for pleasure and for research too.



Children's life chances = improved. Good work all round.

Homework

Another huge thank you to all of those children (ably supported by parents!) who have put so much effort into their homework projects. We have seen some truly superb creations making their way across the playgrounds in recent mornings! Brilliant work!