



Brumby Junior
School

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Headteacher: Mr P Foster

Information letter: May 2017

Sports Days

Our sports days will take place on Tuesday 13th (Y4 and Y3) and Wednesday 14th (Y6 and Y5) June. The specific times are stated at the bottom of this letter. They will take place on our own school field and all access to parents will be on foot through the main entrance - the Cemetery Road entrance will be closed to ensure the security of the site, as other classes are in school.

Budgetting and staffing

Like all schools, Brumby has not been immune to budget cuts. From September, our school will have to significantly reduce its spending. In our case, the governing body have taken the very difficult decision to reduce the number of teaching assistants that we have in school. We have managed to preserve a core-team of staff to ensure that we can still provide a high quality of education for our pupils, and especially those who are entitled to extra support in class for a range of needs. The governors have also managed to protect our budget for child mental-health support in the form of our learning mentors. Mr Tait (Deputy Headteacher) will take on the responsibility for behaviour support and inclusion. To cut costs, we will be losing two teachers who have worked on temporary contracts this year, and will replace them with a second Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Barley) who will be working in classes every day to support staff and ensure that children are able to access exciting, interesting lessons and learn to work increasingly independently. Class sizes will not be affected.

Behaviour Policy

At Brumby, we do our very best to ensure that we support pupils who have a range of needs. Pupils thrive in safe, supportive, calm and friendly atmospheres - not classrooms which are based on punishment, dominance and overly harsh, or delayed sanctions. Our class teachers and teaching assistants do their absolute best, every day, to be relentlessly positive and highlight all of the best things which are going on all of the time. In the vast majority of cases, and for 99% of pupils, this works. Nevertheless, in recent weeks we have seen an increase from a very small number of pupils (less than 5 out of 473) of repeated violence to pupils and staff, repeated foul and abusive language and repeated refusal to do work or follow instructions, despite huge amounts of support and patience from our staff.

Our behaviour policy is clear in that it gives pupils every chance to improve whilst not being threatened or publicly embarrassed. Despite this, a very small number of pupils still continue to commit serious breaches of the behaviour policy, putting staff and pupils at risk. In these cases, the school is quite clear that exclusions will result if all other channels have proven to be ineffective. The safety of our pupils and staff can not be compromised, yet we will continue to work with pupils exhibiting challenging behaviour to help them to learn more effectively.

Overall, "consequences" are down across the school. However, staff tell us that some pupils feel that they "don't mean anything". This is the reason why the governors have supported us to move Mr Tait's role into that of deputy head for behaviour and inclusion. Our goal is to have a calm, happy and productive environment in every classroom - pupils who threaten that will be supported, challenged and ultimately removed on a permanent basis if they do not improve. Brumby pupils, parents and staff deserve a safe, happy and productive atmosphere.



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Classes for 2017/18

The classes for September 2017 will be announced shortly after half term. However, we can confirm that pupils will be mixed every year from now on. All children have been given the chance to choose a small number of friends who they would like to stay with. We have done our very best to accommodate these requests, but in some cases we have also had to split certain groups up, particularly if the friendship is affecting them working properly or causing too many behaviour incidents. The teachers in each year group will be:

Y3: Mrs Wood, Mrs Smith, Mr Jacobs, Miss Tagliati

Y4: Mrs Hargraves, Mrs Robinson, Miss Cooper, Mr Martin

Y5: Mrs Fox (after Christmas), Mrs Hodder (until Christmas), Mrs Benson, Mrs Tait, Miss Raspin

Y6: Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Ledgerwood/Mrs Bagley, Miss Pike, Miss Jollands, Miss Studd

Cover teachers: Mr Marvell, Miss Hillman, 1 music specialist and 1 other teacher (tbc)

Deputy Head for inclusion and behaviour: Mr Tait

Deputy Head for teaching, learning and assessment: Mrs Barley

Things to be proud of:

We are proud of our children and staff every day. Tiny, great things happen all the time: pupils helping each other when they are upset or stuck; working hard at things they find challenging or just getting on with things despite not feeling great themselves. Our pupils teach us a great deal about how to be resilient individuals every day. Recently, events that have involved a lot of pupils which have given us a great deal of pride include our Y4s representing the school so well at Conisbrough, the Y3s pushing themselves to the end of year assessments (and every other year too!), Y5s amazing ability to impress us and challenge Y6 for the "most responsible" accolade. Big thanks especially to the various Y6 teams who have done so well at Cricket (2nd, 3rd and 4th at the competition), running (overall boy's winners) and the football (Scunthorpe 7 a-side champions!). Y6 (including the brilliant, dedicated staff) also prepared incredibly well for their SATs. The breakfast club was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children with revision, extra help and stress relief too - it all gets noticed and appreciated. The results? We hope that we have done well, but we are safe in the knowledge that, as a school, we have done our best. To be quite frank, the results are secondary to the process. The pupils were amazing throughout the SATs week. Scores, whilst important, are less important than effort, commitment and dedication. That is what makes a person successful. Well done Y6!

Dates.

Mon June 5th - School closed for staff training

Tue June 13th Y4 Sports Morning: - 9:30 to 11:30 //// Y3 Sports Afternoon 13:15 to 15:15

Wed June 14th Y6 Sports Morning: - 9:30 to 11:30 //// Y5 Sports Afternoon 13:15 to 15:15

June 26th – 30th Y6 activity week

Fri July 7th - End of year reports out to parents

Fri July 7th - Kingswood trip

Mon July 10th Summer Fair

Thurs July 13th - Choir Performance 4 pm.