

Newsletter 21st September 2018

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM meeting on Wednesday evening. We enjoyed drinks and nibbles whilst hearing about all of the successes over the last year and discussing ideas for the future.

The Friends of Branfil do an amazing job organising events for both our pupils and the wider school community; many of these also lead to funds being raised to provide additional experiences and resources for our pupils. Please consider offering your time to help out since it would be great to be able to spread the workload. The group is also very friendly and has a lot of fun along the way so joining in is a great way to make new friends and really feel an active part of our community.

PTA events coming up this term include: coffee morning next week, quiz night, comedy night, Christmas Fair and discos. For details of the Friends of Branfil events, please see their website: www.friends.branfil.com.

I wish you a happy, relaxing weekend.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Data Sheets/Acceptable Use Policy Documents

If you were unable to attend our Meet the Teacher events please come into the office to collect the data sheet letters. These contain personal data so need to be given to parents directly. The letters are to ensure we have the correct contact details for every child and also to enable parents to update their pick up lists.

Harvest Festival Boxes and Food

You will have received a letter today regarding food donations for our Harvest Festival Celebrations we are giving children the option to decorate a box at home with the theme of Harvest Festival and bring in to their class on 1st October, in addition to any food donations you are able to offer. On Tuesday 2nd October, we will be displaying the decorated boxes at our two Harvest Festival Assemblies

Values Based Education

Our value for September is 'Happiness'. At Branfil we encourage our children to be positive, resilient and enjoy school. This month we will be focussing on what they can do to make themselves and people around them happy. Research shows that happiness, compassion and kindness are the products of skills that can be learned and enhanced through training, thanks to the neuroplasticity of our brains. Most people think that if they become successful, then they'll be happy. But recent discoveries in psychology and neuroscience show that this formula is backward: happiness fuels success, not the other way around. When we're positive, our brains are more motivated, engaged, creative, energetic and resilient. So don't worry, be happy!

before taking them to the local Tapestry Centre who will distribute to elderly adults in the local area.

Packed Lunches

Please ensure that if grapes are sent in packed lunches that these are cut in half as they can be a choking hazard.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

The notes from the Meet the Teacher sessions will be put on the website next week.

Lost Property

We will be placing our tubs of lost property under the canopy (which includes coats and trainers) on Monday 24th September at the end of the school day. This will be weather permitting.

Nurse Drop in Session this Term

Our school nurse drop in session this term will be Thursday 15th November at 3.00pm. If you would like to discuss any issues relating to your child's health please feel free to pop to talk to her.

October Theme Day

There is a Space Theme Lunch for pupils on Thursday 4th October 2018. The menu is:

Asteroid Chicken Nuggets

Cosmic Fish Fingers

U.F.O Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Sweetcorn Stars

Astronauts Broccoli

Alien Fries

Saturn's Ring Doughnut

Fresh Fruit, Cheese and Crackers and Yoghurt

This lunch is part of our Autumn School Census and our school funding is allocated based on the amount of children who have a hot dinner on this day. If you could encourage your child to have this lunch it would be really beneficial to our school census numbers and help us get as much funding as we can!

NSPCC Online Safety and Emergency Contacts

The NSPCC now have an online safety line which is there to help parents with a variety of enquiries regarding keeping children safe online. This helpline is staffed by the NSPCC and O2 and can help parents with setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings and/or getting advice on social networks. Call 0808 8005 002.

Following some recent safeguarding training I attended on children protection I was given useful information on the appropriate numbers to call in an emergency and though I would share these with parents:-

999 – Dial if an incident is happening at the time.

101 – Dial if you know of an incident that has already or is likely to happen.

112 – Dial from your mobile in case of emergency.

Maths Workshops

The maths workshops will be held on Friday 5th October at 9.00 – 9.45am and Monday 8th October at 9.00am-9.45am. These are for any year group on any day and will involve the children. A letter will be sent

out with further detail and a reply slip for parents to indicate which date they would like to attend.

Photographs of Pupils

Please ensure that you do not take photos or record videos at school events and then upload these to social media. This is due to our safeguarding responsibilities as a school. There are many children whose parents have requested that they are not photographed whilst on school premises and at school events and we must ensure that we abide by this.

Sanders School Open Evening

Due to a bereavement in the Sanders Family, the decision has been made to close the school on Thursday 27th September and postpone the planned Open Evening on that day. The new date for the Open Evening will be Thursday 4th October.



7th September

Charlotte E, Casey R, Benjamin P, Ben O, Beatrice E, Antonio F, Jahmai S, Finley T, Everyone in 3 Hazel, Eloise N, Charley S, Sophie C, Stanley P, Aimee C, Mia L, Ashton B, Olivia W, Megan H.

14th September

Olivia B, Jack E, Isaac W, Caleb H, Eva-Grace B, Faith F, Francesca C, Katie S, Ella P, Nancy H, Louis G, Tess H, Joe G, Poppy M, Liam D, Violet C, Freddie S.