

## **Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back to school this week. Staff and parents/carers have commented on what a positive start it has been with the children being keen to learn and behaving so well. We have also had new families join our school community and we wish them a very warm welcome and look forward to working in partnership with them.

Our new Reception children joined us for the first time yesterday and the vast majority happily left their parents/carers at the school door today which is a real testament to how comfortable and confident they felt yesterday in our Early Years environment.

Our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings are next Monday for Y4-5 and Thursday for Y1-3. Please join us and take the opportunity to hear your child's teacher talk about key information that will help you and your child this year plus ask any questions that you may have about the new year group. We look forward to seeing you all.

I wish you a happy, relaxing weekend.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

### **Parental Donations**

A huge "thank you" to those parents who are kindly making monthly or one off donations to our school fund account. We are using these funds to support the purchase of resources in school. If you do not currently make a donation and would like to, our bank details are as follows

Acct name: Branfil school fund account  
Sort code: 30.14.24  
Account number 00976304

This is very much appreciated.  
Thank you.

### **Values Based Education**

#### **Friendship**

As we celebrate the start of a new school year, what better value for the school to focus on than Friendship? We welcome new staff and pupils to the school who we hope will all quickly make friends and feel a part of our special school community. This month let us all try to foster and value friendship wherever we may find it and remember: a friend in need is a friend indeed.

"Don't walk in front of me... I may not follow.  
Don't walk behind me... I may not lead.  
Walk beside me... just be my friend."  
— Albert Camus

### **School Uniform**

A reminder of our school uniform for 2019/20. Full details can be found on our school website.

#### **Key Stage 1 and 2 Children**

Winter

- Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan
- White shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Grey trousers
- Grey pinafore dress/skirt
- White or grey socks/tights (no leggings)
- Black school shoes or black trainers. Trainers must be all black (including soles) with no logo. No high heels or boots and footwear must be suitable for climbing and running.

Summer

- Optional tailored grey short trousers or blue/white check dress
- Sandals may be worn in the summer (black/brown) but no sling backs/peep toes for safety reasons

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- Branfil blue T-shirt
- Blue shorts

- Black plimsolls
- Dark blue or black tracksuit or similar warm clothing for cold weather
- Trainers (for outdoor use)
- Long hair to be tied back

No jewellery is allowed in school with the exception of stud earrings and watches.

Small hair accessories are allowed but please ensure these are blue and white.

### **Branfil Cashless School**

We are making Branfil Primary School a cashless school so that parents/carers and children no longer bring cash or cheques into school for trips, workshops etc. All parents/carers should have a Parentpay code and we would ask you to log on and make any payments due online. As well as providing a much clearer audit trail for the school to identify payments, this will also reduce the need for staff to transport money to the bank. If you are unable to find your log-in details please contact the office who will be able to reissue you with a user name and password.

We would greatly appreciate your co-operation with this. If you have problem with payment at any time please contact the office staff.

### **Medical appointments during school time**

Routine medical appointment (doctor, dentist, opticians) should be made outside the school day. If your child has a medical appointment (e.g. scheduled specialist hospital appointment) please take a photograph of the letter and email this to [Office@branfil.havering.sch.uk](mailto:Office@branfil.havering.sch.uk) to enable us to record this on our registers.

Please also ensure that you inform us in advance if your child requires a lunch on return to school.

### **PTA Updates on events**

Join our the PTA mailing list and find out all about our latest news and upcoming events. Please email: [friends@branfil.com](mailto:friends@branfil.com) and provide the following details:

NAME  
PHONE NUMBER  
EMAIL ADDRESS  
YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL

### **School car parks**

Please remember that the school car parks are for staff only unless parents have been given a parking permit. Permits can only be issued to parents/carers in receipt of a blue badge which must be presented to the office in order to get a permit. Unauthorised parking by parents/carers mean that staff and those parents/pupils with disabilities are unable to park safely.

### **Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and grant towards uniform**

Where parents are entitled to pupil premium the school receives extra funding. If your child is in R or KS1, you do not currently pay for school meals, but the school would still be able to get funding if you apply for free school meals. If your child is in KS2, you would save a significant amount of money if your child is entitled to free school meals.

As a thank you to any parents/carers who apply for, and are awarded, pupil premium, they will also get a grant of £50 towards school uniform to be used at the school suppliers. To apply is very simple:

<https://my.havering.gov.uk/pages/onlineforms/free-school-meals.aspx#details>

## Havering Veggie Run



KS2 pupils who eat a healthy catered school lunch until Friday 18 October will be in with a chance of winning a new bike from our friends at Halfords.

Winning pupils will each receive a £160 Halfords gift voucher after the half term break which can be redeemed against:

- A new Apollo Gridlock/Kinx bike (ideal for 7-11 year olds)
- Bike helmet
- Bike lock
- Cycle Care

## Stubbers – class activity days to be won

The top six schools to show the highest school meal uptake during the autumn school term will also win a class activity day for 30 pupils to Stubbers Adventure Centre plus free transport for the trip.

The activity days will be a great opportunity for children to develop their independence, confidence and problem solving skills outside of the classroom.

## Vacancies at Branfil

We currently have vacancies for Mid Day Assistants and Reading Intervention TAs. If you are interested in either post please apply via the Havering Jobs website.



**SCHOOLS SOCCABILITY FESTIVALS**

For Special Educational Needs (SEN) Schools who have pupils with any disability, including:

- Behavioural
- Learning Difficulty
- Hearing/Visual Impairment
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Physical Disability

West Ham United Foundation  
Training Ground,  
60A Albatross Close  
(off Woolwich  
Manor Way),  
London  
E6 5NQ

Tuesdays  
12th November 2019  
17th March 2020  
28th April 2020  
23rd June 2020

11:00am-1:00pm

For more information, contact  
**Cindi Chatha** on (01245) 393090,  
E-Mail [cindi.chatha@essexfa.com](mailto:cindi.chatha@essexfa.com) or visit  
<http://bit.ly/GP4SchoolSoccability>  
to register for the event

@EssexCountyFA EssexFootball EssexFA [www.essexfa.com](http://www.essexfa.com)

**13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Pupil of the week**

**Harry J, Bella D, Michael P, Elise D, Bella C, Bethany R, Chloe E, Tommy W, Daisy B, Faith F, Noah L, Quadell S, Lara G, Oliver E, Grace P, Ava R, Kingsley C, Lilly-Anne B.**

Monday 16 September	Y4, Y5, Y6 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.00-9.30am
Wednesday 18 September	Healthcare plan parent/carer signing session 2 at 9.00am
Wednesday 18 September	PTA AGM – 7.00pm - Main Hall
Thursday 19 September	Y1, Y2, Y3 Meet the Teacher meeting 9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 24 September	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day
Wednesday 25 September	Year 6 height & weight measurement
Wednesday 25 September	PTA Inflatable afternoon – 3.15pm over at the school field
Friday 27 September	2020 Intake information meeting 9.15am

**INSET Days for 2019/20 Term (agreed by Governors): 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**FOR INFORMATION – The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please be aware when booking any long weekend away.**