



Thursday 20th December 2018

This week at Braunstone Community Primary School...

We would like to thank some of our amazing members of staff that will be moving on to pastures new and welcome some new staff to our team!...

Miss Illidge- Nursery teacher and Phase Leader will be leaving at the end of this term as she will be starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the best with her new baby.

Miss Porter- Nursery teacher and Phase Leader will be leaving at the end of this term as she will be taking a two-term sabbatical to travel around the world. We can't wait to hear all of her exciting stories when she returns.

Miss Evans (RBE)- will be leaving us at Christmas to work in another of our schools in the Trust. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Evans for all of her hard work and wish her well at her new school.

Miss Williams will be taking over as the class teacher. She has lots of experience working in Early Years and is looking forward to meeting you all. Pop in and say hello, as she has already started with us!

Mrs McAtee will be taking over as the new Early Years Practitioner. She has 27 years' experience of working in pre-schools and primary schools in the County and Leicester City. We know that you will all make her feel welcome. Pop in and say hello, as she has already started with us!

**Thank
You**

Breakfast Club 2019

Breakfast club is for all BCPS children and their families. We open at 8am, every school morning and children will be taken to their class rooms at 8:40am.

Everyone will now enter breakfast club through the main reception and in through the first set of hall doors, where all families and children will be signed in.

There will now be a designated family area, within the hall, where you can enjoy breakfast and activities with your children.

There will be new activities for the children, both indoor and outdoor, such as the daily mile, multi skills and circuits and art activities on Wednesdays. Board games, card games and table tennis are available for all to play.

Toast, cereal and a drink are FREE. Jam, cheese spread and hot chocolate can be purchased.

Can we ask all adults not to use mobile phones while attending breakfast club. This is for the safeguarding of all children attending.





There was a fantastic buzz in the room at our EYFS/KS1 Math Workshop!

Thank you to all of our wonderful families that came along. Also to our team of volunteers and to Glee Club, who sang their carols beautifully!



Our school is on a roll! We have not only been awarded the 'Artsmark Silver award', but the 'Routes to Resilience Award' too!



Thank you all of our parents/ Carers that came to our Christmas morning on decoration morning Monday! Our classrooms look very festive!

Foundation two visited Winter Wonderland at Conkers this week! They had a magical time exploring, going on a train ride and visiting Santa and his Reindeer!



Follow us on Twitter to find out more about our school! [@braunstone_cps](https://twitter.com/braunstone_cps)





This year we have raised an outstanding £249.49 for the Poppy Appeal!



Our Primary Stars love their pencil tins... A huge thank you to everyone at Leicester City Football Club!



To all of our wonderful children at BCPS, As a Christmas treat from us all in the office and from all at Trendy School Wear (our uniform suppliers) we hope you enjoy your selection boxes! (not to be opened before Christmas Day of course!)



Festive fun at our Christmas lunch!



Nursery children moving into Reception/ Foundation 2

You need to apply for your child's full time school place. The deadline to do this by is **14th January 2018.**

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/school-s-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school/>



Wishing all of our pupils and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
School will close at 3pm on Friday 21st December after carols in the playground at 2.30pm
School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 8th January 2019.



Attendance

Whole school attendance should be 96.4% or above as set by the Government. We have high expectations for all our pupils and have set a school and individual target of 97%. Our current attendance year-to-date is 95.29%. We are delighted to see that it is improving, with improved punctuality and attendance this will continue to increase and help us to continue to reach our target. We know that the more children come to school, the more they learn and the more successful they will be at school.

Looking at our data for this academic year so far we can see that a significant number of absences are due to unauthorised leave (i.e. holidays being taken during term time) - please be advised that any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised and you could be issued with a Penalty Notice of £120 per parent per child (discounted to £60 if paid within 21 days), or, your case could be referred by the Local Authority directly to the Magistrates' Court.

Winners of the Best Class Trophy

Phase	W/E 13/12
EYFS	NPM - 95.56%
Yr 1 and 2	1CE - 100%
Yr 3 and 4	4RA - 97.32%
Yr 5 and 6	6SW - 96.6%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance By Form between 27/08/2018 and 19/12/2018



Well done to 1CE for achieving 100% attendance. As a celebration the children enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate.

Look out in the next newsletter for the Best Class Attendance for Autumn Term 2.

We realise that from time to time it may be necessary for you to keep your child off from school. In order to record your child's absence correctly, we would ask that you advise the school by:

Ringing the school office on the first day of absence on 0116 2858130 or inform the class teacher if you bring other siblings to school. If it is necessary to keep your child off for more than one day please continue to keep us informed.

If we receive no communication from you, we are legally required to record a mark of unauthorised absence; this could result in the Education Welfare Office being contacted.

Medical appointments

Please, where possible, avoid routine medical appointments within school time. Every second of learning counts!

If your child is absent for a medical reason you will need to provide medical evidence e.g. appointment card/clinic letter or appointment confirmation text sent by the NHS.

