



Brixton St. Mary's C.of E. Primary School

Newsletter

January

This month has flown by and everyone has settled into the new term brilliantly.

ICC Sporting Events

The children have loved taking part in the sporting events at ICC over the last few months. They made an excellent start to 2018 at the Indoor Athletics last week where they competed against many other schools from the area. Thank you for your support with this.

New staff

We have welcomed three new staff this term. Sue Wall, as the new Kitchen Manager, Helen Hampton as a 1:1 LSA and Miss Roberts as the maternity cover for Mrs Hext in Year 3 & 4. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them into the Brixton team and please say hello if you see them about in the forthcoming weeks. Alongside this I have a new Leadership Team in school. Miss Kinning and Mrs Clarke are both middle leaders within the school now. Please feel free to see either of them if you can't find me. Mrs Clarke will be the main link for FS & KS1 and Miss Kinning for KS2.

As I announced in the last newsletter I will be going on maternity leave in March. I am excited to announce the new Head of School will be Mr Jon Arnold. He is a very experienced member of the Federation and I know he will be a great asset to the whole school community. He will be visiting the school over the next few Friday afternoons and will be working alongside the children. He will be part of our Celebration assembly and will be in the playground to meet parents and carers on Friday evening. After February half-term he will be at the school fulltime alongside me for two weeks before I leave. This will ensure a full transition and lots of opportunities for you to get to know him over forthcoming weeks.

Morning Routine

Please can I remind you that in the morning there is always a duty teacher outside from 8.50am. Please give them your messages for other teachers, or head to the school office to leave a message with Mrs Rundle or write it in your child's reading diary. The teachers are busy setting up for the day in the morning, so it is not possible for every teacher to be out every morning, however we are always happy to have a meeting or a chat in the playground after school.

Christian Values Tiles

Hopefully over the last week your children have shown you our new Christian Value tile mosaics on the school wall. All the children across the school have worked so hard to

create them and it is a lovely way to share our values on the walk in and out of school. These values (friendship, perseverance, justice, compassion and courage) embed all of school life within the lessons and around the whole day. We focus on a different value each half term and this Spring term it is 'JUSTICE'. The children understand this as treating others as you want to be treated, doing the right thing and making good and fair choices. If you have any questions about this or anything else linked to our values please don't hesitate to ask me or your child's class teacher.

New jumpers

Our school jumper has a new logo on the back to include Kingsteignton School so it has 6 stars. It also says US for United Schools now. You don't need to buy a new one but any jumpers you order from now will have this different logo.

School Dinners

From 16.4.18 (after Easter) our school dinners will increase in price to £2.25. This is still very good value for money based on the quality and quantity of meals the children receive and I hope you will continue to support the school by enjoying our freshly cooked, delicious meals.

Warm clothes

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with a jumper, coat, hat and gloves during the cold weather. This is particularly relevant to Rosen class who are often out using their outdoor area whatever the forecast!

PE KIT

PE Kit **MUST** be in school from Monday to Friday without fail. PE kit comes home on a Friday for washing but must come back on Monday morning. We have too many children in school without their PE kit and it essential they are able to **safely** take part in our fantastic PE lessons.

Trip Contributions

Please ensure you pay for your child's upcoming trips on ParentPay. Although it is stated as a voluntary contribution if we don't receive enough payments, the trips will now be cancelled. Thank you for your continued support with this.

DATES for your Diary

January	
23.1.18	Young Spirit visiting Year 5's
25.1.18	Virtual Reality Workshop Y6
29.1.18	Sing Cinema Trip Yr 1 &2
February	
2.2.18	Explorer Dome Yr 3&4
9.2.18	School finishes for half-term holiday at 3.15pm
Half term 12.2.18	
19.2.18	School term begins
21.2.18	Work showing 3.15-4.15pm
28.2.18	Explorer Dome Yr 5&6

Kind regards
Claire Webb
Head of School