



OCTOBER 2018

# Headteacher's Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy start to the school year and I thought it was time to catch our breath and send out a newsletter! Our two new teachers, Miss Cambridge and Miss Fitzpatrick have made a great start to life at Bransgore and all of our pupils have settled brilliantly into their new classes. Overall, pupils' behaviour since the beginning of the school year has been fantastic. Attendance since September is currently 98.7%. This is brilliant and I would ask that you help us to reach 99% attendance over the next few weeks. I will send out a Tweet every Monday to give you our attendance figure so you are updated. Follow us on Twitter @bransgoreschool

## Vision and Mission of our School Event - Thursday 11th October 6.30pm

I should like to invite as many parents as possible to attend a very special meeting where I will set out our school vision and values. We have made some significant moves forward in this area recently and have developed a vision, mission statement and values that are based upon the most recent thinking, research and what skills and attributes we want our pupils to display by the time they leave us for secondary school. We really need your support to reinforce our vision and values at home and the messages your children are receiving from school can be used at home to help you manage behaviour positively, give your little one positive feedback and build their resilience and attitude to school. Please come along for a coffee, a biscuit and listen to what we have to share before we open up the floor to questions from you about the approach we have adopted. The event will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 11th October. I really hope that we get a great turn-out for this meeting because it will really help clarify what our school is all about. If you don't usually attend school events, please come to this one. It really matters. Thanks.



### Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Our clubs are proving highly popular and successful. As a result we may need to look for additional staff to help us cover pupil ratios, particularly in the morning between 7.15 and 8.40am. If

you might be interested in joining our staff team as a breakfast/after school leader please let the office know and we will contact you to come for interview if we reach a situation where we need more adults. This post would be subject to a clear DBS and enhanced disclosure. Thanks.

**Home Learning** - Thanks to everyone who came along to our settling in meetings. Part of the meeting would have concerned home learning. If you were unable to attend the meetings, the power points are available on our school website. May I ask that you support school by insisting that pupils complete all home learning at the right time and return it to school or complete it online on the correct day. Thankyou.

**Friday 21st  
December!!!  
School finishes  
at 1.30pm!!**



**Forest Schools & PE** - Please can I remind you that as the weather cools down pupils will be expected to have dark coloured tracksuits for outdoor PE. Children will also need trainers, not plimsolls for PE. Outdoor PE takes place throughout the year and appropriate kit should be available every day. Could I also ask that pupils come suitably clothed with a coat and the right footwear for forest school sessions. Thanks for your help with this.

**School Trips and Voluntary Contributions** - We have had an improvement in the percentage of parents willing to contribute to school trips, thank-you. We are still running the risk of cancelling some trips due to a lack of financial support so please do help make our trips and visits affordable, these experiences really do stick with children. You are only ever paying for your own child and it is illegal for school to profit from or over charge for a school trip to even out costs. This never happens. Voluntary contributions for trips never subsidise others to attend trips, the school covers any shortfall but we do not have the funds to do so, so please contribute if you possibly can. Thankyou.

*A reminder, if you say you will pay online, please ensure you do so as several payments are still outstanding.*



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**Sensory Garden Path** - Many thanks to Mandy Preece and our very small group of volunteers who helped establish our sensory garden last year. We are now reaping the rewards with lots of insects such as moths, butterflies and bees visiting. We would really like to create a simple shingle path through the garden. Are there any parents who could spend a few hours helping us to make this path? We will provide all materials but if you have some tools you could bring along, that would be brilliant. If we have a good number of helpers it really wouldn't take long. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help with this project. Thanks.

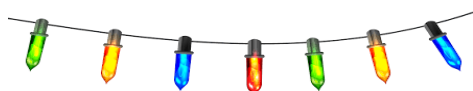


**RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS**



**Rights Respecting School  
and Eco-Schools** - As you can see, we have now been awarded our Eco-Schools green flag! We are really

proud of this achievement and we aim to keep it by improving our green activities over the coming years. We have decided to put our rights respecting schools gold award on hold for the time being as the assessment is very expensive and we feel we can still do the work around rights without the cost of the assessment. We hope that you agree with this decision and can support it.



**Office Poster Competition -**  
We're looking forward to brightening up the office once again with some fantastic festive themed posters! Don't forget to hand your entries in!

**Guardian Angels** - We would like to introduce a scheme called "Guardian Angels". The innovative scheme will be for volunteers to support pupils or small groups of pupils through playing games, simple support of learning, teaching about taking it in turns etc. You would be supported by teachers and our Learning Support Assistants to give our children the best chance of success at school. This would be a voluntary post and if we get enough interest we would like to interview to make sure we give you activities and experiences that you will enjoy and feel comfortable to deliver. Please only volunteer if you are able to commit to a regular time on a regular day. Anything from 1 hour upwards could make all the difference to some of our pupils. Please let the office know if you have an interest in training to become a Guardian Angel at our school. This post would be subject to a clear DBS and enhanced disclosure. Thanks!

**Uniform Donations** - if you have any good condition used uniform no longer needed, please donate to the school as we will be having a second hand uniform sale at the Christmas Fair, many thanks.

**Snack Trolley** - As part of the healthy schools initiative we are reviewing the snacks that can be purchased at break times. As of Monday 8th October KS2 can purchase fruit pots, yoghurts, raisons, apple/orange juice, this will only be offered to KS2 as KS1 already have a healthy snack provided free of charge.



## Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 10th October— Harvest Festival St Mary's Church children only**

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**Thursday 11th October—Vision Event 6.30pm**

**Friday 12th October—BSA Quiz Night**

**Thursday 18th October—BIG PAINT Foundation 2pm**

**Friday 19th October—Exit Point Yrs 1 & 2, 2.30pm**

**Friday 19th October—BSA Discos**

**Friday 2nd November—BSA Fireworks Night**

**Monday 19th—Friday 23rd November—Book Fair**



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