



JULY 2017

# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,



Well, I cannot believe that is another year of learning completed at Bransgore. Our school year has been full of fun, drama, excitement and a few sad events to take the shine off things a little but we ended the year on a real high with superb results for the children in their statutory tests, wonderful sports days, great performances by our Year 6 and Foundation pupils and some great events staged by our Year 6 leaders and the wonderful BSA. Thanks to everyone for their effort and hard work to bring about a wonderful and very successful end to our school year.

## Goodbyes.....

Mrs Steele is leaving us after a year of teaching in Key Stage Two. Mrs Steele has brought lots of fun and laughter to our school and she is always flexible, helpful and understanding. She is off to work at Poulner Junior School where I am sure she will have a really positive impact as a great team player. Thanks so much Mrs Steele, we will miss you. Mrs Green is also leaving us. She has got an exciting new job working as the Senior Administrator at the Ancient Technology Centre. Mrs Green is a wonderful person and super organised and always prepared for the next thing coming along to test us. She has been doing a lot of our back office work as well as looking after Mr Brown so if you see me wandering about looking lost in September, point me back in the direction of my office! Seriously, Mrs Green is a highly respected and valued member of our school team and she is one of those people who has come to represent the positive values our school stands for. Mrs Green, we will not find it easy to replace you, but we wish you love and best wishes in your new post.

## Welcome!

To Miss Thompson who will be joining Lions and Tigers with Mr Richards while Mr De-Lancy Green moves to Year 1/2 to ensure a smooth transition for the Lions and Tigers. Miss Thompson is already familiar to many of you as a SCITT trainee and as a supply teacher for Mrs Cobb who is on maternity leave. We very much hope that Mrs Robertson will be back with us too which will be lovely. Ms Cornish is joining us to work as a lunchtime supervisor and will also work at both Breakfast and After School Clubs.

## Medicines...

Please can any medicines that are held in the school office be collected over the course of this week, many thanks.

## Dogs

As you know, I am a dog lover and it is great to see pupils walking to school with their four legged friends but not everyone is comfortable around dogs and it has been reported that some people are tying dogs up in the pathways and gateways of the school so children and parents must get close to them and we have had a couple of minor incidents of dogs giving pupils a fright. Please could I ask that all dogs be tied well away from school entrances and remind you all that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Thanks for your co-operation.



We have loads of lost property which is available to view all week in the office before and after school. Please collect if any of it belongs to you. Please, please label your child's clothes. If you do, we can return it to them or pop it in their lockers or on their pegs! We must have hundreds of pounds worth of lost uniform at the moment. Almost all is not labelled.

## Thankyou!

Thank you so much to the BSA who have again worked tirelessly all year to raise much needed funds for our school. Without them we would have no library and the outdoor areas would remain in the slightly sad state they are in at present. The library has made an incredible difference to the quality of education that we can offer our pupils and it is already having an impact on results. The BSA is a tiny proportion of our parents and the number is dwindling. Please support our BSA in September by joining them as a committee member or signing up as a "helping hand". Any help will be much appreciated. Thanks!

## SCITT..

If you or someone you know has ever thought of becoming a primary school teacher, we still have spaces available on our SCITT course beginning in September 2017. Please go online at [www.scscitt.co.uk](http://www.scscitt.co.uk) to find out more or apply. Alternatively give Angela, Sue or Helen a call on: 01425 674 625 and they will be happy to help and advise you. Come and take up the best job in the world.



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## Breakfast and After School Club: I am delighted to say

that we are all set to go with our new Breakfast and After School provision. Bransgore Breakfast and After School Club will open its doors on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30am. Breakfast will be provided by Mrs Payne in the school kitchen and a snack and drink will be provided to all pupils who attend the After School Club. We can accept Childcare Vouchers but this will almost certainly come with some teething problems so please bear with us and we will do the same with you until all is running smoothly. Invoices will be issued half termly to begin with. In the first few weeks the children will be helping us to choose new resources for the clubs so that we can provide toys, games and activities that they will enjoy. There will also be craft, art and physical opportunities for the children and a quiet space provided if they wish to complete home learning. I hope that you support our new Breakfast and After School provision and I hope that you find it convenient and fun for the children.

**Home Learning:** Over the Summer we do not like to give too much homework but each phase will give out a home learning project to keep you busy over the holiday and we would ask that pupils keep up with using Bug Club and My Maths to keep vital reading and number skills sharp. Little and often is best. If pupils are looking for things to do, a diary is always good or an old fashioned scrap book of their summer holiday adventures!

We want every child to make a flying start from roughly the same place in September. Some pupils did not quite reach the end of year age related expectation and so these children will be given some specific home learning focused on the areas on which they need to concentrate if they are to reach age related expectations. If your child receives a pack please complete this learning with them as it will guarantee the best possible start for them in their new class. Thank you.

**SATs & Year 6** I have been saving the best until last. Our Year 6 pupils have produced outstandingly good SATs results this year and we couldn't be more proud of them. Even those children who missed the age related expectation got incredibly close. Very well done to you all. The results were as follows.

**Reading:** 88% of pupils made or exceeded the age related expectation.

**Writing:** 78% of pupils reached the age related expectation.

**Grammar, spelling and punctuation:** 84% of pupils reached the age related expectation.

**Mathematics:** 82% pupils reached the age related expectation

We are delighted with these results which compare very favourably both nationally and locally. It is a reflection of the superb effort made by the staff and pupils and a well-deserved reward. Well done everyone. We could not be more proud of our Year 6 pupils and I hope that these excellent results help all the children to feel excited and well-prepared for the exciting new adventure of secondary school in September.

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" (Dr. Seuss)

## GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

All that remains for me to say now is that I wish you all a safe and happy summer break. If you are going on holiday I hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing time as a family. If you are staying here, well there are far worse parts of the world to take a "staycation" and I hope the sun shines for us all.

Kids, if you are playing out—stay safe and make sure someone knows where you are at all times. Ride safe, play safe, swim safe. Have the best and longest and sunniest summer ever; you are all amazing and we love you! See you all back here for the next instalment of our learning adventure on 5<sup>th</sup> September!

**Gifts...** although it is always a lovely and kind gesture to give end of year gifts it really isn't necessary, a homemade card, hand written note or picture is equally gratefully received and appreciated.

