

BRIAR HILL BULLETIN 9 – 8.1.18

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th January – All clubs will start

Tuesday 30th January 2.00-3.15 – World Class Education Information Event.

Monday 5th February and Tuesday 6th February 3.30-6.00– Parent Evening.

Wednesday 7th February - Valentine Disco (details to follow).

Thursday 8th February 9.00-10.00 - Open Morning Learning Showcase – all invited.

Friday 9th February - Last day of term.

Monday 15th February - DEADLINE for Applying for school Places.

19th February – INSET day.

Tuesday 20th February - Children return to school.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:

Welcome Back

A very Happy New Year and welcome back to school after the holidays. I hope you all had a lovely break.

Thank you to all the parents who have ensured that their children are ready to learn by being at school, on time, and in their full school uniform.

Gateway to the Globe

We have had a brilliant start back to term; all the children were involved in a 'Big Wow' To kick start the term of learning. Ask your child what destination on the globe they are going to.

Proud Performance Tables

We are delighted to share with you all some amazing news. Briar Hill really is brilliant as shown in the NATIONAL SCHOOL PERFORMANCE LEAGUE TABLES. We are WELL ABOVE AVERAGE for all AREAS. This is a milestone for our school. We are officially one of the best schools in Northampton and Northamptonshire.

WORLD CLASS

We are hosting; Briar Hill to Delivering a world-class education together at Briar Hill on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

You will hear all about school life, being part of the David Ross Education Trust and what plans we have for the future.

Time: **2.00-3.15pm.** Venue: **The School Hall.**

Refreshments and a **raffle** for all who attend will be provided

Thank you all for your continued support – Miss Cooksley



Attendance Matters

Our **Target** is **97%** attendance.

Our attendance **last week** **93.5%**

Our attendance **year to date** is **96.1%**

The class with the best attendance will win a prize at the end of term.

We thank you all for supporting us on the journey so far with this and we want to work in partnership with you to meet the target. This target is a national expectation.

Did you know?

- Lost minutes equal lost learning. 15 minutes late per day equates to two weeks of school missed per year
- A 90% attendance equates to a 50% chance of achieving academic expectations.

How can you get involved in School Life and find out what is going on?

Family Learning Course

Would you like to learn to English as an additional language? Do you like meeting new people? Do you want to get involved in school life? This will run from Thursday 11th January from 9.15-11.15 and will run for 5 weeks. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Keep in Touch with School Life

Please, if you have not already, go into your app store and download our new school app, MyED!

If you do not access DOJO, please ask your child's class teacher for the information as this is a 1:1 direct messaging service which we offer you all. This works brilliantly and has lots of success.

Also, follow us on Twitter to find our news stories @BriarHillSch

Events for Parents this term

Pop along and attend all or one of our events this half term. We are hosting: the Open morning, parent evenings, a reading session, weekly reading in class sessions and the World Class Education Event.

Reading Rocks

This Wednesday 10th January, we are hosting a Reading Workshop for Parents, please come along. It is at 3.30 in the hall.

We use Read, Write, Inc to teach the children to read throughout school and then use quality texts to teach them the skills of comprehension. There are reading opportunities every day in school.

Thank you to you all for reading at home with your children and for sending the logs in. It would be brilliant to have a full school bringing these in daily! We expect children to read at home five times a week.

We are tracking the children who read at home and all children who have read at least 5 times a week, as per our expectation, will receive a raffle ticket at the end of term for a chance to win a KINDLE!

