



## January Newsletter 2015.

As we are closely moving towards the middle of the school year Briar Hill Primary School has lots to report.

I would like to extend my thanks to you all parents and carers for returning the parent surveys. These have been extremely useful in order to plan for future changes in the school. I would like to take the opportunity of responding to a couple of points raised from the surveys.

1. A couple of parents commented on the field not being in use. This has been completely out of our hands due to the building work, however I am pleased to report that this has now been handed back to us and is safe to use. As soon as the weather improves the sports markings will be made and the children will have full access of this. It has been a very long process but now that we have this improved field our sports provision will benefit.
2. We had a comment about nursery and that this was not part of the main school. In order to clarify this is definitely not the case, our nursery children attend assemblies and are taught in the same ways as the rest of the school therefore any communication for the whole school will go to the parents from nursery to year 6 children.
3. We also had comments about using email to send letters etc. We are hoping to trial this and if you are interested then please could you complete the form attached with your email details.



### Playground updates.

We now have a team of play leaders who are responsible for the playground equipment. The children have really been enjoying taking on these roles and playing with the lunchtime equipment.

We are very aware that some parents, who live away from the Briar Hill area are finding it more difficult to get to school using public transport. In order to support with this we are going to offer a school bus service. School staff will be offering this service which will involve picking the children up from various collection points around the town and dropping off again in the evening. If you are interested in this service then please complete the form attached.



Thank you for working with us today to keep school running as normal even though the weather and road conditions were challenging.

If we do need to make an emergency closure you can find out about this in the following ways:

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk)

[www.briarhillprimary.co.uk](http://www.briarhillprimary.co.uk)

Heart FM

We are very aware of the congestion in the mornings outside the school gates, however it has been brought to our attention that some children are walking through the car park gates. This is very dangerous, especially with the volume of traffic and size of the car park. Therefore the car park gates are now locked from 8.30 and 2.30 to ensure that this is not used as an entrance or exit. Please use the main school entrance points near nursery or the path leading up to main school office.