



Branston Church of England Infant Academy

Newsletter



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September Diary Dates

Please check out the calendar on our website for all the dates for this term

Monday 7th September: Phonics Workshops for Parents 9.15am and 2.30pm

Friday 18th September: Little Explorers for 0-4 year olds 1.45-2.45pm

Friday 18th September: Village Scarecrow Trail (look out for our entry!)

Monday 21st September: New EYFS Open Morning for 2027 places

Wednesday 23rd September: Burland Court for Y1 Squirrels

Friday 25th September: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon/Open Afternoon from 2pm...all invited!

Wednesday 30th September & 7th October: Family Learning



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year. We have been really impressed with how well our new Little Owls have started school and how well our Year 1 and 2 children have settled back into familiar routines. The year ahead is set to be an exciting one. We look forward to sharing it with you all.

For those of you joining us for the first time, this newsletter comes out each Friday and aims to keep you updated with all the things we have been doing in school, ways in which you can get involved and upcoming dates for the diary.

Training Days: Earlier this week the staff returned to school to complete their own learning. In addition to making sure our Safeguarding training has been completed, we welcomed Kristie from Fish Makaton Training to train our entire team. We plan on introducing Makaton to all our children to make sure everyone in our school is included and can communicate in their own way. We made sure we are fully up to speed with the new Benedict's Law (more on this next week!).



WOW Walk to School Challenge: We are very excited to be continuing our WOW challenge award scheme. For those of you new to our school, this is a challenge aimed at encouraging active travel to school in one of the following ways:

- Walk
- Bike/Scoot
- Park and Stride (park a little further from school and walk the remainder of the way)
- Join the walking bus on a Wednesday (see below)



Each morning your child will log their mode of travel on the board. If they complete a minimum of one active journey to school each week they will earn the new badge for that month. Badges are popular and there are some amazing designs coming up! Here is a sneak peek at the September badge! Children are encouraged to wear their badges on their jumpers or on their school bags. How many will you collect this year?

Walking Bus Wednesday: During Term One we are keeping the walking bus rolling! Each Wednesday you can drop your child off at Branston Village Hall play park between 8.35am-8.45am. They will be met by staff and provided with a hi-vis jacket. They will then walk to school with the designated staff. This will allow them to select an active mode of travel for the week. Do this each week and your child will earn their badge. This is perfect for those who live too far from school to walk or those of you that want a slightly early drop off to get to work...while helping your child earn a badge!

News From Around the Classes In School:

Little Owls: We are delighted to welcome our new class of 'Little Owls' to school for the very first time. They have spent the week exploring their new classroom and outdoor spaces and making new friends.



Fox Class: have been exploring the work of the artist Frida Kahlo, creating some super research pages in their sketch books!



Squirrel Class: have really impressed Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Andrew with their talking partner work. They have also created their Squirrel Class promises.

Hedgehog Class: have also enjoyed learning all about Frida Kahlo in their art lesson. They asked some amazing questions, which blew Mrs Savage's socks off! They have also started learning about time in their maths lessons.

Safeguarding

At Branston C of E Infant Academy safeguarding your children is our priority. The new year is a good time to remind you about key information. At our school Mrs Cook is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Savage is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Should you ever have any concerns

of a safeguarding nature these are the people in our school that you can contact. More information about safeguarding, including our latest policy, can be found on our website.



PHONICS WORKSHOP



Little Owls families are invited to join us on **Monday 7th September at 9.15am/2.30pm** for a short workshop to learn more about how we teach phonics and reading at school and how you can support your child at home. We hope you can join us.

Travelling Together To Be The Best We Can Be Within The Love of God