

Many thanks for the kind messages about my recovery from COVID. It is lovely to be back and I wanted to say a special thank you to all staff who stepped up while I was away. As you know we are having a significant spike of COVID cases in school and this is having a real impact on staffing capacity. Some staff are also off with winter colds and flu. The team are working really hard, but please bear with us as we try to manage cover issues. Please see attached the flowchart 'when do you need to keep your child off school or nursery'.

Good luck to the children who are competing in the Cross Country Festival at Great Hollands Recreation Ground today.

Please see diary dates for a few events coming up including, School Photos, Community Dig for our Edible Garden, Friends' Christmas Fair. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Parent Workshops for this term and will rearrange them for Spring term.

Finally, the DfE have sent an [open letter](#) to all parents and carers of children with Special Education needs and disabilities (SEND) regarding their commitment to make reforms to the SEND system.

Year 5 Topic - Ancient Greeks

Year 5 have had a great start to the new half term! We started our Ancient Greeks topic with a mini Olympic Games - we had a go at different sports that they held during the first Olympic Games including running with weights (the Greeks wore heavy armour), long jump, javelin and tug of war. As part of our topic, we have explored some Greek myths and started planning our own.

As a year group, we are looking forward to our trip to Ufton Court later this month.



School Photographs

School photos will take place on Thursday 18th November. These will happen in the studio in the morning. Mrs. Nicholson will coordinate each year group and will also arrange sibling photos.

Bikeability

Below are the confirmed dates for those children who have booked a place on the Bikeability course.

Monday 29th:

Year 4

Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st and Friday 2nd :

Year 5

Monday to Friday 6th to 10th December

Year 6

SEND Local Offer

Please click on the link below to see the guide to services available for children and young people in Bracknell Forest with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

<https://bracknellforest.fsd.org.uk/kb5/bracknell/directory/localoffer.page?familychannel=6>

Christmas!!



Please donate your unwanted, good condition Christmas jumpers to Reception.

Any wine or gift sets donations warmly welcomed too.

Don't forget our Christmas Fair
Sat 4th Dec
11am-3pm



Parent Workshops

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions and several cases in school the Reception Family Learning Workshop and the Parent Workshop for Anxiety have been cancelled. We are hoping to rearrange dates for next term.

Dates for the Diary

School Photographs	Thursday 18th November
Year 4 Oxford Castle Trip	Tuesday 23rd November
Year 5 Ufton Court Trip	Thursday 25th November
Community Dig (Edible Gardens)	Saturday 27th November—
Bikeability for Year 4	See confirmed dates above
Bikeability for Year 5 & 6	See confirmed dates above
Friends' Christmas Fair	Saturday 4th December - 11am—3pm
End of Term	Friday 17th December

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

- Xmas Fair 21c
- Xmas Fair 21b
- Xmas Fair 21a
- Frimley schools flowchart
- FIS LO Flyer 2017

We are delighted to announce that after a recent environmental services visit, our kitchen was awarded 5 stars! Well done to Kelly and the team!

