



# Weekly Newsletter

16 September 2022

## Welcome

It's been a lovely and busy week and great to see all the children getting back into a routine. I know some children have found the full week a struggle. Please make sure you talk to your child's teacher if you need anything.

Please check the diary dates below, we have changed the Y5/6 Information Meeting as we know it clashed with secondary school open evening and added flu immunisations.

As you know we are closed on Monday, in respect of the Queen's Funeral, so we can all be part of this historical moment.

**Michael Dillon—Headteacher**

## SENDCo Support

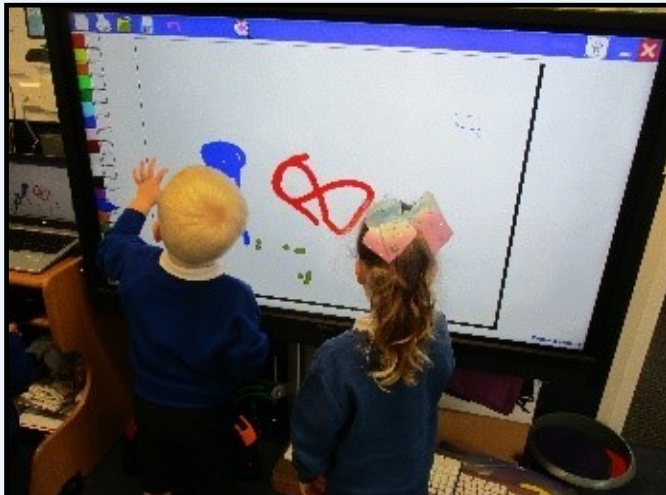
As you know, Mrs Churchill left us at the end of the summer. We are advertising for a replacement and hope to have a new SENDCO in place for January. In the meantime, we have a team covering; this includes myself, Mrs Moore, Mrs Blackford. We have an external SENDCo supporting us 1 day a week – Mrs Helen McAllister. If you have any questions regarding SEND, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance, or come into the office and ask for advice.

## Nursery

It has been a really good start to the year in Nursery. Everyone is coming in so well and beginning to learn the rules of the class and how to play with so many new friends. The children have been settling in well and exploring all the different areas of the room.

We are all learning each other's names and who the adults are who help us. The adults in Nursery are Mrs Giles, Mrs Hartley and Mrs Fincham. Mrs Mitchell helps us at lunchtime and Mrs Keane helps us on a Thursday morning.

We can't wait to start this amazing journey together that will only get more exciting as the year goes on!



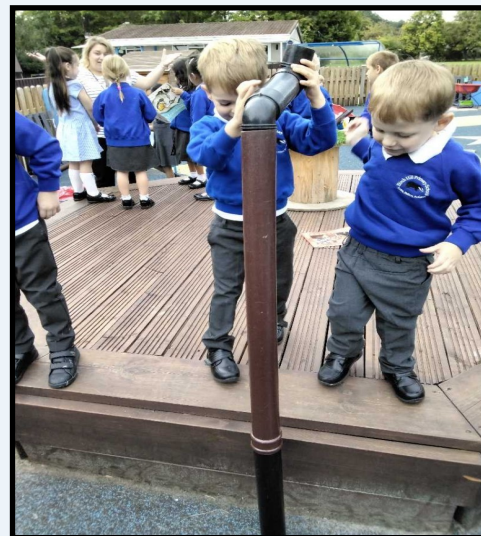
## Reception

The children in Reception have settled into school well and are enjoying the opportunity to explore the new environment.

This half term the Literacy focus will be based upon the story 'Owl Babies'. The children are already retelling the story using actions and the story map cues.

This week the creative area has been very popular with the children decorating their own owls.

Over the next week parents will begin to receive Tapestry observations so please return your consent form and look out for observation updates.



## Sapphire Class

We have had a wonderful time engaging in our new story, 'The Enormous Turnip'.

It's been a very busy classroom this week where we have been learning and acting out our story text, and actions. We have loved taking on the role of the 'Story Expert', leading the storytelling sessions ourselves, with the class adults as our 'audience'. The confidence we have already is mind-blowing!

Some of us have been using an online thesaurus to explore exciting alternative word choices to describe the size of the turnip, and we particularly loved the idea of a 'Tremendous Turnip!' Others of us have been creating an Enormous collage, and using our communication boards brilliantly to form sentences and request items we would like politely.

We have all created some fantastic character masks, and spent time as our chosen story character – asking and answering some brilliant questions.

All of the adults in Sapphire Class have been impressed at how well the children have welcomed new members to our class, and settled back into our routine following the Summer break.



## Secondary School Applications

The application process is open from 12 September 2022 – 31 October 2022. Parents can apply online [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforsecondary)

The online site will close at midday on 31 October 2022.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Welcome & Information Meeting (face to face)	Wednesday 21st September - 6.30pm
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b> Welcome & Information Meeting (face to face)	Monday 3rd October - 6.30pm
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b> Welcome & Information Meeting (face to face)	Tuesday 27th September - 6.30pm
Flu Immunisations for Reception—Year 6	Wednesday 5th October
Year 1 Family Learning Workshop	Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th October - 9am
<b>Reception</b> Welcome & Information Meeting (face to face)	Wednesday 12th October - 6.30pm
Parent Consultation Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th October - 4-7pm
School Photographs	Friday 21st October
HALF TERM	MONDAY 24TH—FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER</b>
End of Term	Friday 16th December