



## Summertime at BGJS

We are now in the final half-term of the year and we have held our parent meeting about our RSE policy and RSE curriculum and we would like to thank all parents who attended. Mrs van der Wolf will be uploading her powerpoint to our website for all to view.

Mr Hawkins will soon be delivering his meeting to parents about our new coloured book banding for reading books and information about our daily reading lessons.

Years 3 and 4 will soon be enjoying trips to Colchester Zoo and Hasty's Farm in Clacton and Year 6 are currently rehearsing for their end of year production.

So, it's still "all go!" Finally, as soon as we receive our report from our recent Ofsted Inspection, we will be sharing it with you all.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year:

Class 1	93.5%
Class 2	92.7%
Class 3	95.9%
Class 4	93.4%
Class 5	92.7%
Class 6	93.9%
Class 7	95.2%
Class 8	93.2%
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>93.8%</b>

## KEY DATES

- \* Tues 18th June - Reading meeting for parents
- \* Thurs 20th June - Year 4 trip to Colchester Zoo
- \* Thurs 27th June - Transition Day /moving up morning
- \* Thurs 4th July - school closed (Polling station)
- \* Fri 12th July - Year 3 trip to Hasty's Farm
- \* Fri 12th July - End of year reports to parents
- \* Mon 15th July - Rock Steady Concert (pm)
- \* Tues 16th July - Year 6 performance
- \* Thurs 18th July - Year 6 performance
- \* Fri 19th July - BSA Summer Fayre
- \* Tues 23rd July - Non Pupil Day
- \* Wed 24th July - 2nd September - **Summer Holidays!**

## Staffing in September

After spending a year as part of our team, we are sad to be informing you that Miss Thorne will be leaving our school in July as she is moving to another school. However, Mrs Freeman will be a full time teacher with us in September and Mrs Leathers will be job sharing with Mrs Euson.

I am also really pleased to inform you that we have recruited Mrs Stephenson to replace Mrs Guild in the front office in September. I hope you will join us in welcoming the newest additions to our team.

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## Polite Reminders

Although we are nearing the end of the school year, we would like to remind you that children still need to have appropriate uniform and resources in school:

- All children should bring in a water bottle each day
  - Our uniform policy states that children should wear black shoes, and not trainers
  - Long hair must be tied back (health and safety and to reduce the risk of headlice)
  - Only small, discrete hair accessories are allowed - in school colours
  - All children should have wet weather gear in school at all times (for outdoor learning, wet playtimes and Forest School) as stated in our uniform policy.
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## Sports Day

We feel that this year's Sports Day was a resounding success and we would like to thank Mr Owen and his students from Colchester Institute, Miss Chapman for her planning and organisation, Mr Jenkins from the Infant School in helping us set up and all of our staff, and especially our amazing pupils.

The results were: 4th place: Venture; 3rd place: Cap Pilar; 2nd place: Nelson and 1st place: Niagara.

## Nadia Shireen - Virtual Author Event

I am excited to share with you an opportunity that we have been given to participate in an event run virtually by the Author Nadia Shireen. All of the classes have the opportunity to engage with the author in various activities centred around the characters and locations in her Grimwood series of books. I know that the children will gain a lot of valuable skills for writing and reading through this experience. This amazing opportunity has been provided by the Tring Book Festival, more details can be found on their website: <https://www.tringbookfestival.co.uk/> or if you would like to purchase any of her books they can also be found there. Mr Hawkins.

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. The NHS has provided this guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20has%20mild,they%20can%20go%20to%20school>

## Holiday Requests

The school has been receiving an increasing number of holiday requests in term time. I have included the term dates for the academic year for your information within this school newsletter.

Holidays in term time are always taken as an unauthorised leave of absence. Parents who take these periods of absence do so with the full knowledge that the school may issue a penalty notice. There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday.

**At** Broomgrove Junior School 'exceptional circumstances' **will be interpreted as:** ... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are **"rare, significant, unavoidable and short"**. By **'unavoidable'** we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Examples of 'exceptional' events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short" may include but are not limited to: a parent or carer being a member of the armed forces and has been on active duty so could not reasonably schedule the absence for another time, the death of a close family member, the attendance at the funeral and the attendance at the wedding of a close family member.

Furthermore, we will not consider applications for leave during term time:

- at any time in September. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new class at the start of the academic year as quickly as possible.
- during assessment and test periods in the school's calendar affecting your child.
- when a pupil's attendance record already includes any level of unauthorised absence or they have already been granted authorised leave within that academic year.