



Briary School Club



Briary Children's Centre



Briary Pre-School

Briary Community Campus Term 3 Newsletter

Briary Community Campus

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Welcome Back

In case anyone missed the Bulletin last week, welcome back to all of you for 2012. I hope you all had a good Christmas break and on behalf of all the staff can I thank you for our cards and presents, especially the chocolates and wine!

Reminder—if we have snow then please assume Briary is open unless our website says otherwise—www.briary.kent.sch.uk

Ben Cooper
Headteacher

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Ofsted Framework

As you may have heard, OfSTED has adopted a new framework for inspecting schools starting from January 2012. The changes mean that they will report on fewer and different areas of school life. The criteria they use to grade schools has also got significantly tougher. In many areas, what was Outstanding before will be graded Good and what was Good will be graded Satisfactory. This also affects Pre-schools too!

There is no doubt that an OfSTED report is sometimes what parents look at to decide on a school for their child but in my opinion, a proper visit in lesson time tells you much more. This is why I always spend an hour with parents who are considering bringing their children to Briary. Once again, we have had a really encouraging level of interest for Reception for next year.

Behaviour Stickers

Today some children will come home with a silver sticker as they have been awarded 15 bronze stickers. It has been fantastic to see that with the exception of some who have missed weeks due to absence, very few children have missed any stickers for poor behaviour. When they do get their sticker please tell them just how proud of them you are. This is a wonderful achievement. Another 15 bronze stickers will get them a gold, so keep up the good work.



Clubs



Once again, we have an excellent range of free clubs, before and after-school. We have tried to accommodate all the children if at all possible. We have had to split Drama Club for year 5 and 6, and Dodgeball making them 5 week clubs, details will go out to the children affected separately on Monday. Otherwise assume, if you have sent in a form then your child has a place.



School Class Photographs

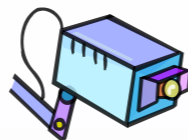
Just to remind parents that it's that time of year again when we have the School Class Photographs taken. This will take place on **MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**.

Friday Club

Just to remind you that there is a Friday Club held in the Old Hall every Friday. The cost has now risen to £1.50 and it runs from 4.30 - 6.15pm. Please come along!



CCTV



We now have CCTV on the main car park gates and it is monitored in the school office and the data is kept on record. It has been

noted that people are using the car park entrance as a drop off point, which is inconsiderate and dangerous. People have also been seen parking on the yellow lines, which restricts access not only for staff but if there was an emergency too! Thank you for your co-operation in keeping the gates clear!

My Maths

We have subscribed to My Maths, which is an online homework and Maths support website. Children and parents will be receiving a letter with their unique user name and password soon and we hope that this will encourage the children to not only do their Maths homework, but enjoy being independent learners! We are reviewing the homework that we give to get the right balance between books, paper and the internet. Watch this space!



Governor News

The Strategy Group's Meeting gave Governors an update on academic progress and progress against the School Development Plan. The Headteacher and staff are to be congratulated on the rate of progress made. The hard work that has taken place and extra intervention teaching now in place, is recognised by the Governors and both are commended.

A Parent Governor attended the School Council Meeting and gave a report back to the Strategy Meeting. Taking note of issues and concerns, the Governors have invited members of the Council (number and who to be agreed with Headteacher) to the Premises, Health & Safety Meeting. This is to ensure children's voices are heard.

The staff survey was discussed with Governors, HT pointing out areas that have improved, or needed improvement and what action has been taken. Governors accept this has been a busy year for staff and know the importance of a good work/life balance which they recognise is a problem for teachers.

The Governing Body welcomed a new Parent Governor, Mrs Annette Saunders, who will also be part of the Premises, Health & Safety Group and Pay Appeals Committee.

The Governing Body is still short of one Governor. If any Parent is willing to join them and be part of the Briary's future, to contact the Head Teacher for details.

Premises, Health & Safety Meeting and Governing Body Meetings are scheduled for January 2012. The next Strategy Meeting is in February 2012.



PE KITS

Even though we have mentioned PE Kits in our "Reminder for Parents", we have had quite a few children who have not had their PE Kits in school this week. Can we please remind you that they must be in school every day and in the cold weather children can bring in a tracksuit! PE and swimming are part of the Curriculum and so children must take part! It is the time of year when some children try to avoid it! Please make sure everything is named and if things then do go missing let us know.

Lettings

The charge for hiring a hall is £15 per hour, but this must also include setting up and clearing up time. If you are interested, then please call the school office and ask for Mrs Sheppard, who will be happy to help!



January 2012

Monday 16th
Wednesday 18th
Wednesday 25th

February 2012

Wednesday 1st

Wednesday 8th
Monday 6th-10th
Monday 13th-17th
Monday 20th
Wednesday 29th

March 2012

Thursday 1st

Friday 16th
Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd

Thursday 29th
Friday 30th

Clubs Start (9 weeks)
Foundation Stage Healthy Eating Workshop for Parents
Foundation Stage Reading/Phonics Workshop for Parents

Foundation Stage Maths Workshop for Parents
Friends Meeting-7.30pm
Foundation Stage Behaviour Clinic & Coffee for Parents
Assessment Week

HALF TERM
Class Photos
Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening

Parent/Teacher consultation evening
PESE Schools posted to Parents
Mother's Day Shop
Last Swim
Clubs Finish
Easter Discos
Middle Years Play - 10.00am
Middle Years Play - 10.00am
Last day of term - **2.30pm Finish**

Monday 16th April

Return to School

Class Assemblies

Friday 20th January Eagles Mr Wren
Friday 27th January Penguin Miss Lloyd
Friday 3rd February Kingfisher Mrs Collier
Friday 10th February Lapwing Mr Lilley

We would ask that parents please come to the new hall at 2.25pm, NOT BEFORE! We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminders for Parents

Please can you ensure children have the correct school uniform and PE kit in school, including suitable tracksuit bottoms for the cold weather, every day and please make sure everything is clearly labelled. Whilst Upper Year children can bring trainers to change in to for playing football at playtimes, they must wear school shoes the rest of the time. The trainers should not be more expensive than the shoes, or else this defeats the point and provides something valuable which could go missing in school! Also ensure your child has a suitable coat in school, especially in this cold weather. Thank you to all parents for complying with our hair regulations of no colours, tramlines or Mohicans **and remember that long hair** must be tied back (boys too!), as it's safer at playtimes, doesn't inhibit their work and reduces the risk of catching head lice.

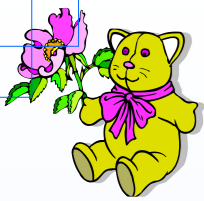
Please do not let children play before or after school in the early years learning area, on the fun run or the muddy grass. However, if it pours with rain and the doors are not open then please do use the shelters outside the Early Years classrooms.

If your child is absent please phone the school between 8.15am - 9.00am, if you have not already informed us by letter. Otherwise, the office will phone you for a reason to ensure your child is safe

Emails

Please always read the bulletin and check your child's book bag every day for letters. For example, an accident letter sent home unread could have dangerous implications. We will hopefully be transferring over to email and text communication soon, so any parent that has given us an email and mobile number will be sent letters, bulletins, messages etc. via these methods. So if you have a change in either email or mobile number you must let the office know as soon as possible.





Welcome Back

We would like to welcome you all back and wish you a Happy New Year. With Dawn's recent departure, please be reassured that all staff are committed to providing the very best care and attention for your child, as always. If you have any concerns at all, please know that you can speak to your child's key person at any time, *Ladybird Key Group - Carol,*

Briary Pre-School

Dragonfly Key Group - Diane, Butterfly Key Group - Karen and Honeybee Key Group - Nicola. You can also speak confidentially to Carol, who is currently caretaking the Manager position or to one of the preschool committee members - Nic Mogg - Chairperson, Sam Sheppard - Secretary, Sarah Watson and Ben Cooper. We are always looking to recruit new parents to join our preschool committee, if you would like to become more involved with preschool matters and support us, please speak to Carol or a committee member.



Weather Watch

With the increasing unsettled weather, you may wish to send in a pair of wellies with your child to wear during outdoor learning. We do have a rack of wellies of differing sizes for children to use and if you have any spare wellies that your child may have outgrown, please consider donating them to us to add to our rack.

Forthcoming Planning



Later in the month we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. This year the festival begins on Monday 23rd January and celebrates the most important event in the traditional Chinese calendar, the first lunar month - The Year of the Dragon! The festival is colourfully celebrated and we would like to invite the children to **wear something red or gold** on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th January. Please note wearing red or gold on these days is optional, and we have done it over 3 days to allow all children to feel part of the celebration. Red symbolises luck and gold is a dominant colour to symbolise the wish for prosperity. We will be exploring some of the Chinese customs, making fun creations and sampling Chinese food. If you would like any further information, please feel free to ask.

Snack Time



As a charity preschool we are dependent on the continuing generosity of our parents and carers to provide small donations of snack items for our daily snack bar such as fruit or vegetables, Dried fruits, such as raisins, dried apricots, etc. We are also grateful for bread, crumpets, crackers, rice cakes, breadsticks, butter/margarine spread, and cheese. **Please note** that we are unable to serve snack items that contain nuts and we are unable to serve foodstuffs (not including fruit/vegetables) that are open and not in their original wrapping/box. We also avoid sugary, sweet snacks. Thank you again.

Sickness

Please note that we follow the infection control guidelines outlined by the Kent Health Protection Unit. Children recovering from diarrhoea or vomiting may return to school when they have been symptom free for **48 hours**.



We need:

- We still need more empty tissue boxes for an art activity; so, if you have any, please bring them in.
- Does anyone have any dressing up shoes they no longer need? They would be great for our role play room.
- We are also in need of toy cash registers/tills.

Pre-School Places

If you would like to register a child or sibling for September 2012 and beyond, please speak to a member of staff and ask for a registration form and prospectus.

Briary Pre-School, Briary Community Campus, Greenhill Road West, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7RS
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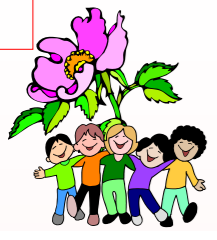
Briary Children's Centre Programme January 2012

JANUARY 2012

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
HEALTH TRAINER 10am - 12 noon Just drop in!	MIDWIFE CLINIC Speak to your midwife to book an appointment	HERNE BAY CHILDMINDERS 9:30am - 11:30am Come and chat to your local childminders	HEALTH VISITORS CLINIC 9:15am - 12 noon No need to book, just drop in!	MIDWIFE CLINIC Speak to your midwife to book an appointment	DADS GROUP Dad's Group dates for 2012: 18th Feb & 17th March 10am - 12 noon Just drop in
PLAY AND STAY 10am - 12 noon TOY LIBRARY Come along and take a look at our free Toy Library during the Play & Stay sessions 10:30am-11:00am	INCREDIBLE YEARS 17th Jan - 24th April 9:30am-11:30am (12 week course) Explores praise, improving family relationships through play, and effective use of time out. Free crèche provided Booking Essential Please contact reception (term-time only)	CAN Group 13:00pm-14:30pm A drop-in for children with additional needs and their parents/carers. Additional needs can mean different things to different people. If you feel you might benefit then please come along! LUNCH PROVIDED	Activity Train Little Rhyme Time 0-5 years 12/1/12 - 9/2/12 10:00a.m-11:00a.m Singing, Rhymes & Musical Instruments A chance for your child (and you!) to have fun making music with instruments and singing DROP IN - No need to book	BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP 10am - 12 noon Snacks, support and friendship for breastfeeding and mixed feeding parents (and parents to be) Get support from breastfeeding peer supporters. (Advice on introducing solids and mixed feeding is also available). Children with additional needs welcome! No need to book, just drop in!	
"TWENTY SOMETHINGS" 12:30 pm—2.45 pm A new group for mums between 20 and 25 Just drop in, no need to book! LUNCH PROVIDED	TUMS to ONES 12:15pm-13:40pm For 6 weeks A fun and informative group For new mums & their babies Booking essential - Please contact reception	Next dates: 1st Feb 12 & 7th March 12 Kent Parent Partnership Service 13:30pm-15:00pm Advice & Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities DROP IN—no need to book	BABY MASSAGE 1pm - 2:30pm For 4 weeks Booking essential - Please contact reception	COOKERY PROGRAMME Starts 27th Jan 10-12 noon (term-time only) Come & join in at our free 5 week Community cooking club. Create some yummy recipes on a budget & have fun too! Booking essential	
HEARING IMPAIRMENT GROUP 12.30 pm—2.30 pm By referral	Baby Signtime 20th Sept-6th Dec Songs & Rhymes 13:00-13:45 Little Signtime 20th Sept-6th Dec Songs & Rhymes 14:00-14:45 Booking essential (term-time only)	PREPARING FOR BIRTH 18:00 - 20:00 (3 week Course) Booking essential - Please contact reception	LITTLE ONES 2pm - 3:30pm For parents and baby (Under 1yr) No need to book, just drop in!	CLOTHES SWAP JANUARY 20th 2012 13:30pm Are your clothes outgrown but not outworn? Then come and exchange them at our clothes swap. For more details please contact reception on 01227 742 132	

All groups are free to attend. For more information on any of the above please pick up a flyer at Briary Reception or call 01227 742132. Also, if you would like to register with us, please ask at reception for a registration form.

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Briary School Club

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to you all and a big thank you for all our lovely cards and presents.

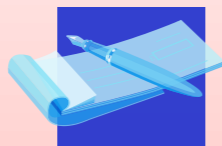


Big News - New Club Opening

We are very excited to announce that our second club will be opening on Monday 16th January and all our children on the waiting list have now been given a place. We actually have a few spaces left, so please pop in for a form.

Confirmation Letters

We are now full for both days in the Holiday Club, confirmation letters will be sent out on Monday.



Cheques

After much consideration the Club has now been officially taken over by the school, which really only means a change in Ofsted number and less paperwork for Carol!! As such cheques now need to be payable to Briary Primary School.

Spring Fair

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, toiletries, unused mugs or baskets, could we please have them, as all proceeds from our stall go back into the clubs. Thank you.

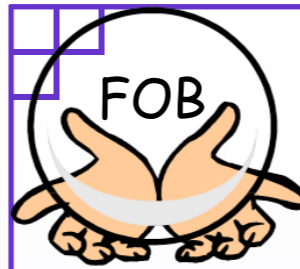
Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property and a scooter left over from Christmas and previous holiday clubs! Please pop in and have a look as the pile is getting bigger and bigger.



Concerns or Queries

If you have any concerns, worries or questions please do pop in or telephone: 07743 328270 and ask for Carol Antink, Supervisor or if Carol's not available Mandy Brookes, Deputy.

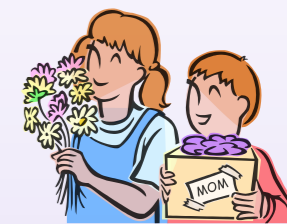


Happy New Year

Happy New Year to you all from the Friends Of Briary! We have had a great start to the school year with events to raise funds for the Pre school, School and After School Club. The Christmas Bazaar went well raising £1200! A very big thank you to all of the parents, who came in to help in the run up to the bazaar, during the day itself and those who stayed to tidy up afterwards. It is always a huge operation and I would like to give my thanks to Louise Gunning who volunteered to organise this event and gave her time very generously. As usual the Christmas Discos were well attended and many parents helped on the night.

Our Events

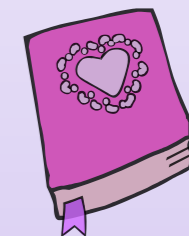
We have more events organised over the next few months- please see dates below. Our main events will be our Mothers' day shop and Easter discos. If you think you could help with either of these then please let me know nearer the time.



Friends Meeting

We are always happy for parents to join us at the friends meeting; it is open to all parents of Preschool, School and After school Club. Come along and find out more about what we do, make suggestions about events we could run or simply offer to help with one event. Many hands make light work!

Fundraising Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 1st February—Friends of Briary Meeting—7.30pm
Friday 16th March—Mother's Day Shop
Friday 23rd March—Easter Discos
Thursday 19th April—Friends of Briary Meeting—7.30pm
Sunday 27th May—Spring Fair—12 Noon—4.00pm
Thursday 14th June—Friends of Briary Meeting—7.30pm
Friday 6th July—Pamper Evening—7.00pm—10.00pm
Friday 13th July—Summer (Leavers) Discos