



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new term and a new academic year at Bradway Primary School. I really hope you and your family enjoyed a restful summer break and the start of term has been positive. We have loved welcoming the children back in. With this being the first newsletter of the year, I hope you will forgive it being longer than normal as I share some important updates and reminders.

Over the summer a number of improvements have been made to the school. This has included improvements to our Foundation Stage classrooms, ongoing redecoration of some of our corridors, a new hall audio-visual system and the installation of energy efficient lighting. It is imperative to me that we continue to improve the learning environment for the children so these are welcome changes.

On Monday, staff met for a training day during which, amongst other things, we received updated safeguarding training – an important topic that was then covered with our children in Wednesday's assembly.

Parental Survey

At the end of last year we carried out a parental survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond. The leadership team reviewed the responses earlier this week and the feedback will inform our improvement plan for the year ahead. Attached is a summary of the responses. This survey will be repeated each year so we can track the impact of our work.

Regarding this newsletter, it was clear that parents would value more warning for forthcoming events especially those that parents are invited to attend. It was suggested that the newsletter include a rolling calendar which is an excellent idea. Dates are being finalised for the year ahead but this will be incorporated into the weekly newsletter from next week.

Open Classroom

On Wednesday 11th September we will be holding an open classroom event after school from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Feel free to pop in with your child to see their new classroom and to ask the teacher any questions you may have.

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children so smartly dressed at the start of the year. Thank you for your support with this. There do however remain some children who are not wearing





the correct uniform, especially shoes. I appreciate how expensive shoes are and that it can be challenging to find plain shoes at times. Trainer-style shoes are absolutely fine, however they should be predominantly black with only a flash of colour / subtle logo.

Please do take note of our uniform policy which is online ([Dress Code | Bradway Primary School](#)) and refer to the photos on the same page.

Uniform for PE is:

- A plain white or black t-shirt
- Plain black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms
- In colder weather, a plain sweatshirt/hooded jumper
- Trainers (these do not need to be black)



Football shirts or other heavily branded clothing should not be worn.

For some children, sensory issues may require an adapted school uniform. If this applies to your child, please liaise with the SEND team or your child's class teacher. Finally, Age UK on Twentywell Lane are advertising used school uniform – do take a look if you need anything. We also hold a lot of lost property, so please speak to Mrs Rehman if we can support with pre-loved school uniform.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Jewellery

Please be reminded of our rules on jewellery, in particular earrings. Children in year 4 are unable to go swimming if they are wearing earrings, even if covered. We therefore recommend that earrings are not worn on any PE days. If they are worn, children will need to be able to remove their own earrings and put them back in after the PE lesson and they must take responsibility for their own valuables. Children who are unable to remove their earrings, for example when the ears have recently been pierced, will need to have them covered appropriately before school. They will then be able to take part in a non-contact version of the lesson.

Hooped, or larger earrings should not be worn as these pose a health and safety risk.





Local sports clubs

Please see attached promotional leaflets from Abbeydale Tennis Club and Yorkshire Football Coaching who meet at Silverdale School.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday and welcoming our new Foundation Stage children.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Thomas'.

Mr Chris Thomas
Headteacher

