



Breachwood Green Newsletter

Friday 5th January

Believe and Achieve

Happy New Year!

It was lovely to see the children back at school yesterday, many of them had exciting things to tell us about their holidays. We are looking forward to another great term ahead.

As always, the children are looking lovely and smart in their school uniforms but I have noticed that some rules are not being followed. Please can I remind you that nail varnish is not allowed at school so please ensure your child does not wear it. Please can I also ask that we leave fancy hair accessories at home and stick to either school colours or brown/black for hairbands and slides.

Parking on a Monday

For this term, Class 3 will be going swimming every Monday morning. They will be leaving at 8:55am which means the coach will be parked outside school first thing and may affect parking during the school drop-off time. Please can I ask you to be supportive with this and ensure you continue to park in a safe manner and don't block the road whilst dropping children off. Please remember the one-way system we try to operate. Thank you.

Morning Drop-Off

During the bad weather, the children came straight into school rather than waiting on the playground to line up. The feedback from the teachers is that this worked really well as the children were ready and settled for learning earlier on these days. As this is the case, we are going to continue with the children coming into school in this way so from 8:50am the children will be able to walk straight to classes – myself, or another staff member, will be on the playground to let the children know when they can go straight to class and Mrs Camp will supervise the children around the back of the school building. Please can we ask parents to let the children walk around, from the small gates by class 2, on their own as they have all developed their independence to do so and we would like this to continue. Sorry for any confusion caused by starting this today before I'd informed you.

Dates for your diary

8th Jan	Class 3 swimming starts
8th Jan	Performing arts club
9th Jan	Boxercise club starts
11th Jan	Reception children Sept-Mar birthday s Screening
12-16Feb	Half term
16th Mar	Reception children Apr-Aug birthdays screening
29th Mar	End of Spring term

Little Gymnastics –

Wednesday 10th January

Unfortunately Little Gymnastics will not be running on Wednesday 10th January due to staff training at another school. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. It will resume again on Wednesday 17th January.

Clubs

All other clubs will resume as normal from Monday 8th January. If your child attended an afterschool club last term they will automatically be on the list for this term. Tech club is the exception to this, as you need to sign your child up online.

Issue 9: Spring

Can you help the school receive more funding?

As you will be aware the government now provide Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) for **all** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Prior to this, the only entitlement for Free School Meals (FSM) was based on parental income and benefits received within a family. For each child receiving this FSM entitlement, schools are given additional pupil premium funding. This money is invaluable to schools as it helps enhance the curriculum. Following the introduction of UFSM, the number of pupils receiving FSM has dropped which in turn has had negative impact on the additional Pupil Premium funding received by the school.

In order to try and overcome this as a school, we would appreciate if you would take the time to complete the online form to identify whether your child is entitled to FSM throughout their time at Breachwood Green JMI. If they are entitled to FSM it also means the school can receive the additional Pupil Premium funding, therefore even if your child does not want the school dinners the school can still benefit from the funding if you meet the requirements. The form takes less than 5 minutes to complete and requires just your child's details, your details and either your National Insurance number or Home Officer number. To access the online form or find out more information, please follow the link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Safeguarding

As you know safeguarding is always at the forefront of our minds in school so I would like to ask for your support in this too. There have been occasions where parents have entered the school around the back of the building meaning they have not informed a staff member they are there. To avoid this happening, please could I ask that you always enter school via the main reception, unless directed otherwise by a staff member. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please inform Mrs Fox and she will find out if they are available. If they are not immediately available, Mrs Fox will arrange a mutually agreeable time for a meeting or phone call. Thank you in advance.

Dogs at the gate

Thank you for keeping the dogs off the school playground.

We have been approached by a couple of parents who are concerned that some dogs are left unattended at times. In order to safeguard everybody, please can we ask that dogs are not left unaccompanied at the gate. Please can we also ask that we teach our children not to approach dogs unless they have spoken to the owner to ensure it is safe to do so.

Big Bad Ben DVDs

Great news! We have just heard that the DVDs of our school performance of Big Bad Ben will be ready soon. We will be selling them for £7.50 per DVD.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Barnwell School. Firstly, to their students who have taken time out of their studies to film the performance and develop the DVDs and secondly to Jackie Johnson for organising this.