



Briercliffe Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the first PTFA meeting of the year last night. It was certainly the largest gathering since I joined Briercliffe and it was great to hear some new ideas and book a few events in for the year. The first event will be the Halloween Disco on Thursday 17th October. If parents are happy to help with this event, either before or during please let us know. The fb page is probably the best way initially, just search **PFA Fundraising Page for Briercliffe Primary School**. The PTFA also has a page on our school website that will be updated with events very soon. The money raised by the PFTA really does go back to the children, and makes such a difference. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Miss Ramsbottom 😊

PUPIL NEWS

Unfortunately, as often happens, many children have experienced headlice already this term. Therefore, can we ask that all children who have shoulder length hair or longer wear it in a pony tail in school to reduce the spread of headlice. Thank you!

Thank you to all those children who have put themselves forward to be considered as School Council representatives for their class. The results of the elections will be shared next week!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from next Thursday 26th – Tuesday 1st October. Children will visit the book fair during the school day and will bring home a 'wish list' of titles they might like. If you would like to purchase these titles, you are welcome to attend the book fair in the new hall after school along with your child or you can pay for the titles online (details will be on the wish list leaflet) and then return the wish list form to school for the books to be ordered on your behalf! Every time you buy a book from the Book Fair, school receives a donation to purchase books so thank you in advance for all your support!

Merit Awards

Congratulations to all our children who were awarded a merit award this week!

Class R1

Kaeson Evans & Elijah-Rai Hirst

Class R2

Jack Campbell & Isobel Gray

Class 1SP

Harmony Blezard & Seth Wilcox

Class 1S

Harry Elmes & Florence Ashworth

Class 2O

Teddy Brennan & Lyla Preston

Class 2H

Alexander Ingham & Saffie Gibbon

Class 3I

Ameerah Iqbal & Harris Toothill-Tabassum

Class 3C

Oakley Preston & Lilly-Rose Gabriel

Class 4G

Emmie Parkinson & Zahra Ncube

Class 4L

Jilaan Ali & Alfie Kilbride

Class 5S

Betsy Townsend & Kian Bebb

Class 5W

Rayan Khan & Rosalia Radostinova

Class 6B

Ruby Harrison & Freddie Leah

Class 6S

Lyla McGowan & Sophia Sharman

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 25th September

School Photographer – individual and sibling photos (from 8.30am for pre school siblings)

26.09.24 for a week

Scholastic Book Fair in school – more information to follow

Thursday 17th October

Halloween Disco – more info to follow

Friday 18th October

School closes at 3.30pm

Tuesday 29th October

School reopens at 8.45am

Thursday 7th November

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th November

Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm



More dates can be found on the website calendar

School Value Award - Caring

Congratulations to all our children who were awarded a school value certificate and badge.

Class R1 – Leo Williams

Class R2 – Elle Horne

Class 1SP – Poppy Graham

Class 1S – Jessica Smith

Class 2O – Indiana Rattigan

Class 2H – Thea Lord

Class 3I – Danyal John-Brookes

Class 3C – Ethan Lockey

Class 4G – Ida Green

Class 4L – Evelyn Slater

Class 5S – Jack Scrimshaw

Class 5W – Minsa Uppal

Class 6B – Isla Richardson

Class 6S – Leo Garnett



Attendance Matters



Whole School Attendance is **95.6%** - Below National Attendance



mostly due to leave of absence/unauthorised holidays

Year group attendance this year is as follows:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.6%	98.8%	96.3%	94.1%	93.2%	96.4%	92%



Dojo Team Points



The winning team with week, with 400 points are Scott Park.

Well done!

Running total this half term

1st - Scott

2nd - Queens

3rd - Thompson

4th - Towneley

Club Information

Year 2 Multi-skills

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm

Year 3 Dance

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm

Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm

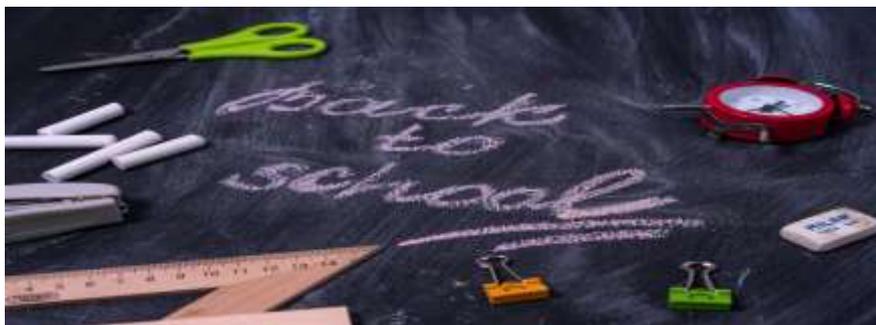
Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football

Fridays 3.30-4.30pm



Trouble sleeping?

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>



PARKING AGAIN!

In my mission to make things safer for the children by improving parking around school, I have approached Briercliffe Social Club about parking on their car park when dropping off and collecting children. They have kindly agreed that we can use their car park on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but **NOT** a Tuesday. Parents may feel they don't want to walk from there, but I am sure it will actually be quicker, and safer, than battling to find somewhere to park around school.

Mrs Fawcett has also kindly agreed that parents can park on the car park at Briercliffe Bed Centre, on Burnley Road.

Finally, if anyone has any random traffic cones at home that they would be willing to donate to school, please just drop them off at the bottom of the main path. Thank you again to all those parents who park safely and consider the safety of the children on a daily basis.

Attendance



Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

The Government, School and the Local Authorities Pupil Welfare Service are working together to improve attendance. Parents and Carers must also work together with schools to promote high attendance.

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes came into effect on 19th August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

A lovely tan and an abroad ring tone really are giveaways that you have been/are on holiday. Please do not put your children in a position where they have to lie to the adults in school.



In work and play, only our best!

