

# NEWSLETTER



Newsletter October 2023

## Harvest



Thank you so much for your kind donations this harvest.

We are having a 'food bank' for our school families and anything not used, will go to our wider community.

In these trying times, we thought our families at school might benefit for others' generosity so again, thank you very much.

We hope you enjoyed coming in to school for our services to see what the children have been learning about. It is always wonderful to have parents coming in to celebrate with us.



## New School Day

As you know, we have changed the timings of our school day, which now runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm.

We open the gates at 8.40 and they are closed at 8.50 however, registers are taken promptly at 8.45a, so children can begin their learning.

## Breakfast Club and After-School Clubs

Our breakfast club runs from 8am each morning.

If you would like to book onto any of our afterschool clubs or our breakfast club for after half term and moving forward, this now needs to be booked directly through Parent Pay.

The link below shows you how to do this.

<https://parentpay.wistia.com/medias/f7e9af1mga>

## School Photographs

The school photographer be in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

They will be taking individual photos.

If you would like siblings to attend, please arrive before prior to 8.40am so you can be admitted through the front office.



## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

We have decided to do something a little different this term to try and allow a bit more time and privacy for everyone.

We are giving parents the option of having a face to face or telephone consultation and we are arranging meetings from 9.15am instead of only in the afternoon. Some of you might prefer a chat over the phone or to see your child's teacher in person in school, you are most welcome to choose either option. We are hoping this makes it easier for those parents who might normally struggle with our usual system.

With us using the whole day and offering two types of appointment, we are expecting the hall to be less full which will hopefully allow you to have a fuller picture of how your child has settled in to this new school year, and to ask any questions you might have.

Appointments are being made through our school website app. If you are experiencing any problems with this, please speak to our office staff who will be able to help.

Please note that our staff are available to speak with you before and after school throughout the school year, not just on parent consultation days so if you have anything you are concerned about or would like to ask, please contact our office, we will arrange a call back or meeting.

## Remembrance Sunday



There will be a Remembrance service

on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at St Luke's in Grimethorpe.

It would be lovely to see some of our families in attendance to mark this occasion.

Some of our older children will be visiting the cenotaph in Brierley too on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, to lay a wreath in remembrance.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School closes at 3.15pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School is closed for training day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	8.40am School reopens for second Autumn Half Term (Registration at 8.45am)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parent Consultations - book through app
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School photographs
For Christmas activity dates, please see below	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 1pm	School closes for Christmas break at 1pm and reopens on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Rewards

You may have noticed that we are no longer having Shining Stars Assemblies.

Our school council asked children in their classes whether they wanted to continue with the assemblies or do something else to celebrate achievements and the children said they would prefer a 'Fabulous Friday' certificate to take home and have the news posted on social media.

From now on then, you will be notified when your child receives a 'Fabulous Friday' certificate through our website or text service and this will also be posted on our Facebook page which can be found by searching for 'Brierley Primary School' on Facebook.

Please let the office know if you do not want your child's photograph on the internet if you haven't already done so.

### Uniform

Thank you very much for donating your unwanted uniform, it is so lovely to see how generous you are and equally lovely to see parents taking some of the clothes from the rails.

If you would like any pieces of uniform please do come along and help yourself and if your child has outgrown any uniform please feel free to donate it.

As winter approaches, if you have any warm coats, hats or gloves, I'm sure these will be really appreciated by some of our families. Thank you for your wonderful support with this.

With so much spare uniform in school, please remember our policy is red jumper or cardigan, white shirt and dark grey trousers, dresses or skirts.

Black shoes must be worn - no trainers - unless it is a PE day when child may come to school in their full PE kit. This is to ensure they have their full allocated PE time and do not lose any by taking a long time to get changed.

Please check our stock if you are struggling to ensure your child is in correct uniform.



### Christmas

Christmas is only a short time away and after the half term break we will begin preparing for our celebrations and Nativity performances.

There will be separate Nativity performances for each key stage to avoid overcrowding in the hall. We will be allocating tickets to ensure enough spaces

Dates are as follows:

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- FS2 and KS1 Nativity performance 9.15am
- KS2 Nativity performance 1.30pm

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- KS2 Nativity performance 9.15am
- FS2 and KS1 Nativity performance at 1.30pm

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Non uniform day
- Christmas parties

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas jumper day
- Christmas dinner day

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- Whole school trip to the Cast Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

- Carols around the crib in the yard
- Christmas Fayre straight after the carols

Please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves and please come along to join in with our singing. Don't forget to wrap up yourselves. We will be serving hot drinks and mince pies to keep you nice and warm.

- **We will close at 1pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

### End of Year Outcomes

We are immensely proud of our children and staff who worked so hard to have such a successful year last year.

In statutory assessments (SATs, Phonics, Multiplication tables) Brierley school was above the national average in every test. In some cases being in the top 1% of all schools in the country.

This is due to the sheer hard work and determination of both staff and children and could not be possible without the support from parents, so thank you for making Brierley such a great school.

