

Briary Primary School



Well that sunshine is a lot better isn't it? I think we were all in need of a good dose of vitamin D! Thank you to all of you who attended parent's evening and are invested with us to support your child and see them flourish here at Briary. If, for whatever reason, you were unable to attend a meeting, please feel free to catch your child's teacher before or after school and ask for a convenient time to chat about their progress and targets.

An update on our Early Years Project; our two Reception classrooms have had an overhaul of wonderful new furniture and a calming interior – the children have really enjoyed working across the two rooms, exploring their learning environment through play. Our next phase is beginning during the Easter Holiday, where the outside classroom is having posh new screening to protect it from the elements and enable us to use it to its full potential – so make sure you keep a look out when we return on Monday 15th April.

Please remember that school finishes on Thursday of next week and we have just over a two-week holiday. Whatever you have planned, I hope you get to spend some quality time with your loved ones, enjoying the wonders of spring and maybe eating a chocolate egg or two!

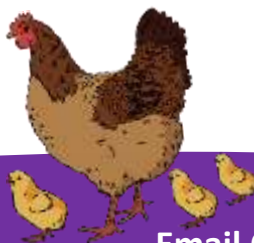
- Mrs Espley, Headteacher



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance this week has been **Curie** class and they will be rewarded next week with a treat.

We still have **38** children on 100% attendance and a superb **119** children at 97% or above who are smashing the 5-day challenge!

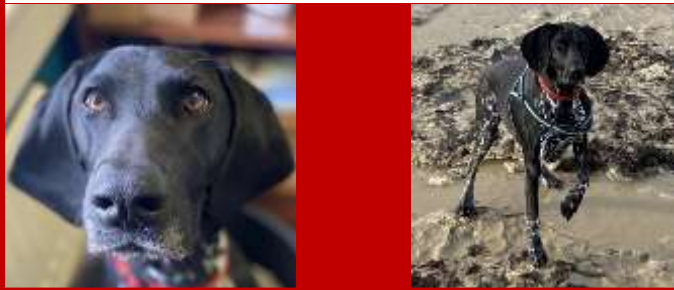


School Dog

Let me introduce you to Hannah. Hannah has been coming in to school now for a few weeks and spending time up in my office, just to familiarise herself with the new environment. She is my family dog and I have owned her from a puppy. Being brought up in a family with two small boys, Hannah is very used to children of all ages and has always shown herself to be kind, calm and trustworthy; all the qualities for a great school dog.

Hannah is three years old and her breed is a German Short-haired Pointer. I aim to slowly introduce Hannah into school life and have her working with groups of children as a therapeutic intervention, so you will all see her soon I hope.

- Mrs Espley, Headteacher



School Governor's Update

The three main roles of the School Governing Board are to set and monitor the vision, attitude and strategic direction of the school, monitor the educational performance of the school and its pupils and oversee the financial performance of the school to make sure that money is well spent. We meet four times a year and visit the school on an ad-hoc basis to carry out our monitoring role. Examples of recent monitoring include making sure that all children are safe in school, reviewing the school's financial position and overseeing Health and Safety arrangements, all of which were being well managed.

The outcome of our recent OFSTED inspection was an excellent reflection of the hard work that has been carried out by all teaching staff at the school, and naturally we were very pleased that this has been recognised so clearly by the Inspectors. We will now be working closely with Mrs Espley to further improve the school and I'm sure that you will see the results of this soon.

Finally, we have two parent governors on our Board who are there to represent views of parents. They can be contacted via the school office if needed.

Best wishes,

- Peter Goldsack, Chair of Governors



Important Dates:

Wednesday 27th March – Kusama Parent's Evening Meetings

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Chocolate Bingo

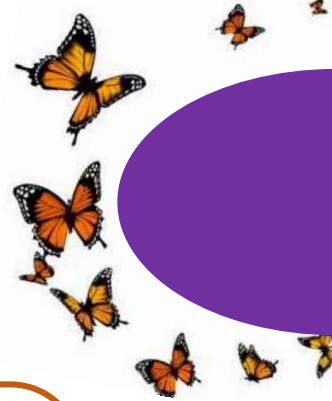
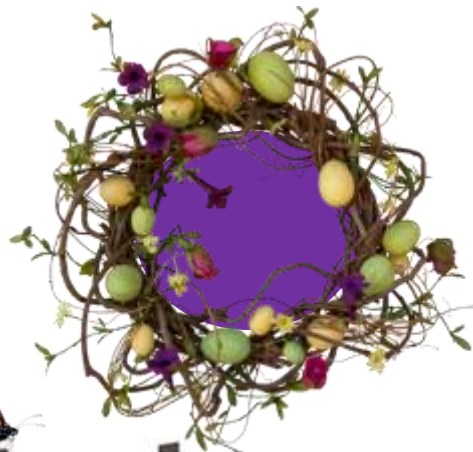
Thursday 28th March – Easter Bonnet Parade
– Last day of Term 4

Monday 15th April – First day of Term 5!

Tuesday 16th April – Friends of Briary Planning Meeting at
the Heron Pub 6.30pm.

Sunday 19th – Wednesday 22nd May – Year 6 Kingswood Trip

Saturday 22nd June – Summer Fair



Arbor



Please download the Arbor App you will need it to sign up for clubs, or swimming, book parent's evening, pay for lunches and give consent for trips. Arbor also sends emails with letters and forms so please check your emails too. Forms will be sent out using a link to Google Forms within emails. We don't want your children to miss out on any special events or opportunities so ensure you check your emails and the App regularly.



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