

Briary Primary School

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Message from
Mrs Murrell



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas Festivities have started in style this week. Our Year 5 and 6 children entertained us on Wednesday with their Carol Concert where we were able to enjoy a mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas carols and songs as well as being reminded of the Christmas story.

On Thursday, the children looked a picture arriving in their Christmas Jumpers and then tucking in to their Christmas Lunch. Good fun was had by all! Many thanks to the Friends who organised a pop-up swap shop on Wednesday for those who found themselves without a suitable jumper.

Years 3 and 4 had their turn to share their musical ability with us singing a selection of songs outside in the courtyard - a truly lovely way to end the week.

On behalf of the children and staff, we would like to say a big, big thank you to all those of you who were able to support these events. We know not everyone who would like to is able to attend but can promise you the children were fabulous.

Next week is the turn of the Infants - Oh, yes it is!! Until then have a good weekend.

Mrs Murrell, Headteacher



We Need Your Help!

Every year, one of our Year 6 children, Kaitlyn P, makes a special effort to support the Demelza House charity. Demelza help care for children who are facing serious or life-limiting conditions across the South East of England; they also provide support for families. Kaitlyn supports the charity by collecting donations of selection boxes which she in turn gives to the charity. Last year she collected an amazing 96 boxes but would like to exceed that this year.

We know that 'family' is really important to our Briary community so hope that you will be able to support Kaitlyn in her efforts. If you can, please bring your donation to the School Office marked **#ForKaitlyn** before the end of term.

Poppy Appeal

Well done everyone, we raised more than £165 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.



Infant Nativity

Please send your child in with a named plain white T-shirt (large if possible) on Monday. When you attend the Infant performances remember to bring your tickets, space in the hall is tight and we need to check these on entry.

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Take Care

We have noticed an increased number of cars stopping on the double yellow lines and zig-zags outside school.
Is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools?

Yes, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere (Rule 243 of the Highway Code). It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services or near a bus stop. Again, the rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.



Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus **highly dangerous**.



When yellow zig-zags are accompanied by a sign indicating the hours of operation, it means that between those hours parking wardens or local authority civil enforcement officers have to the power to issue motorists with penalty charges for parking in the area.

Parking on a yellow zig-zag without a sign or outside the indicated hours of operation doesn't mean that it's legal to do so; it just means that it's a matter for the police rather than the local authority to enforce.



Can you park opposite zig-zag lines?

Yes, but be sure to use both your own good judgement and to ensure that the place you park doesn't run foul of the Highway Code in other ways, such as parking too close to a junction, next to a dropped kerb, or causing an obstruction.

Do white and yellow zig-zag lines have different meanings?

Slightly. While yellow zig-zag lines indicate no parking in certain areas such as near schools or fire stations at certain times, white ones are found near pedestrian crossings.



White zig-zags indicate that both parking and overtaking in the area are strictly prohibited.

Parking in the area near a pedestrian crossing could obstruct visibility for those on foot.

What is the penalty for parking on zig-zag lines?

It depends on which body issues the penalty. If caught by the police, although it's a non-endorsable offence, drivers could face a fine of between £50 and £100. A local authority issuing a penalty charge notice may fine the driver either £50 or £70, though the charge is usually halved if paid within 14 days.



Important Dates:

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December – Infant Christmas Performances – Please bring your tickets.

Friday 15th December – Year R, 1 and 2 Christmas Party (afternoon) – children can wear school appropriate party clothes and shoes to school. Please remember your large white T-shirt for the Nativity.

Monday 18th December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party (afternoon) – children can bring school appropriate party clothes and shoes in a named bag to change into.

Monday 18th December – Christmas Discos

Tuesday 19th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party (afternoon) – children can bring school appropriate party clothes and shoes in a named bag to change into.

Tuesday 19th December – Last Day of Term 2!

Thursday 4th January – First Day of Term 3



CALENDAR



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.