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Briary Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome back everyone to **Key Stage 2** after the summer break. The staff are as follows-

	Teacher-	Teaching assistants-
Y3 Lowry	Miss Turner	Mrs Tiley
Y3 Picasso	Mrs Boss	Miss Burns and Mrs Hanna
Y4 Riley	Mrs Huxley	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Blight
Y4 Morris	Mrs Peverett	Mrs Harvey
Y5 Curie	Mr Stanley	Mrs Tickner
Y5 Newton	Miss McCabe	Mrs Tyler
Y6 Franklin	Mr Cooper	Mrs Doherty
Y6 Darwin	Mrs Travers	Miss Gorringe
		Mrs Stanley and Mrs Perry

There will be football trials for boys and girls, years 4-6, after school on Thursday 14th September 2017 3:15 – 4:00pm with Mr Stanley, Mr Cooper, Mr Deer and Mr Silk. Please meet on the field wearing appropriate kit including boots and shin-pads if possible.

Topics-

In **Year 3** this term, we will be settling down into the routine of KS2. We have some exciting lessons planned. In our writing lessons, we are reading Anthony Browne's Gorilla, where we are exploring how illustrations can enhance the reading experience. We have kicked off the maths lessons by looking at place value, whilst times tables remain a key priority. In topic, we are exploring physical links between humans and animals by becoming personal trainers. We will design a nutrition and fitness programme, specifically tailored for an imaginary client.

In **Year 4** our focus book in English this term is "The Frog Prince Continued" which will provide inspiration for writing descriptions of story settings and in-role diary entries. Maths will commence with number and place value, before moving onto addition and subtraction in a variety of contexts. To develop Mathematical problem solving skills, children will be exploring a variety of challenges using the SPEAR approach. In Science, we will be asking "Where does my food go?" during which we will be examining the different types of human teeth and learning about our digestive system.

In **Year 5** our topic is Living Things. We will be looking at the Life Cycles of different animals in Science, including witnessing the birth of butterflies in our classrooms! We also hope to get a visit

from Ark Animal Encounters. Our book in English is 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom'. We are sure the children will be telling you all about it!

Year 6 will be studying the '[Way Home](#)' by [Libby Hathorn](#) to write diary entries and poems. This term in Maths we will be working on number and place value, calculations involving the four operations, fractions and percentages. Our topic is 'London', which we look forward to visiting later in the year, and in Science 'Electricity', where we will be making circuits and carrying out investigations. In R.E. the topic this term is Christianity and the Bible and our unit in PSHE is 'Me and making a positive contribution'.

Homework-

As always we appreciate your role as partner in your child's education, and aim to keep you informed about your child's learning. We encourage the children to read to an adult at home as regularly as possible and would expect this to be a minimum of five times per week.

We are continuing to run our Star Readers Scheme, which will reward children who work consistently hard on their reading, so please don't forget to sign the Homework Diary each time your child reads with an adult or sibling at home.

Homework will be set on regular days so that you know when to expect your child to bring activities home. Instructions will be written in the Ocean diaries and the work should be completed in the homework journal unless otherwise stated.

Please sign the diary each week so that adults in school know that you have seen it. The diary can be used to record non-urgent messages from home and to inform about your child's behaviour in school.

Uniform/ equipment-

Children are expected to wear correct school uniform. Please do **not** allow children to bring jewellery, toys or mobile phones to school. This causes a great distraction and can be very upsetting for a child if things get lost or broken. We would also ask girls to keep hair accessories minimal and to keep long hair tied back.

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit, consisting of black or white shorts, white T-shirt or purple Briary T-shirt (not a polo shirt), a pair of plimsolls or trainers and a spare pair of socks – all of which must be clearly named. As some games takes place outside, your child may like to wear a tracksuit, particularly when the weather gets colder, however shorts are still required for indoor activities. P.E. kit must be in school at all times and only taken home for washing at the end of each term. With regard to earrings, please try to ensure they are removed for P.E. days, or supply tape to cover ears.

P.E.-

Year 3 children will have P.E. sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 4 children will have P.E. on Monday and Thursday.

Year 5 children will have P.E. on both classes Wednesday, Curie Tuesday and Newton Friday.

Year 6 children will have P.E. on Monday and Friday.

Reminders

Please always phone the office first thing if your child is going to be absent (e.g. they are too ill to come to school). This means that we know your child is safe. If you don't phone and we can't get hold of you and your child is not in school, we don't know they are safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Briary Primary School is a **Nut Free School** due to the fact that several of our pupils have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts including:- peanuts, peanut butter, Nutella and other chocolate spreads, pecans, walnuts, nut oils, nut flavourings etc., body lotions, shampoos etc. containing any nuts. Touching, smelling or eating any of these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction.

Therefore, for the safety of these pupils we have asked all our parents not to send any food containing these items to school. We do understand this can be problematic, but do thank all our parents for their understanding and co-operation in this matter.

The children all have their own named water bottle, provided by the Friends of Briary, and are able to drink water regularly throughout the day.

The children may also bring **fruit/ vegetables or cheese** to eat at snack time.

ALL dinner money must be paid in advance on Monday for any meals taken during the week. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Any money brought to school should be in a sealed envelope, **marked with the child's name, class and how much is enclosed**. Please note the cost of school dinners is £2.15 and cheques should be made payable to Chartwells.

Diary Dates:

We will be sending out a list of Diary Dates next week up to the end of the academic year. Please be reminded that dates are being added all year and to keep a look out for them on the Bulletin, Newsletters and website.

Yours sincerely

The Junior Team