

JANUARY DIARY DATES...

Growing Pains—Breakfast and Afterschool club meeting

Friday 6th (3.30pm in Main Hall)

Governors—Leadership and Management (all governors)

Wednesday 11th (6pm)

Governors Drop-in for all parents

Friday 13th (2.30pm in Main Hall)

FOB—New Year disco (details to follow)

Wednesday 25th

Theatre in Education—cycle and pedestrian safety (for pupils)

Friday 27th (PM)

ADVANCE:

Safer Internet Day, 7th February // End of half term, 10th February // Parents Evening, 15th & 16th March



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT since January 2015

List the school improvements you have witnessed in the past 2 years:

Outline the impact these have had on the school development:

Please detach and return to the school office.



RESOLUTIONS and NEW BEGINNINGS

Welcome back to a brand new term at Brady and the start of 2017. I do hope you managed to have a peaceful and enjoyable break over the past 2 weeks.

The beginning of a new year provides an ideal opportunity to reflect and learn from the past, at the same time as making resolutions for change in the future. During the training day on Tuesday 3rd January, the staff have been highlighting the significant changes that have taken place since our last Ofsted inspection 2 years ago. Changes in staffing, leadership, teaching and learning, premises, and website to name a few! We would be interested to hear from the wider community your thoughts on any changes you've seen and their impact since January 2015. The questionnaire on the headteachers blog on the website, or the tear off slip on the back of this bulletin, provides an opportunity to give your thoughts and comments. A summary of the results will be included in the next bulletin out in February.

The pupils and staff alike work extremely hard to make Brady a place to be proud of. As we start 2017 let's make sure we reflect this years vision of Carpe Diem - Seize the Day, and make the most out of every opportunity that lies before us..

GROWING PAINS

Next half term we are pleased to be welcoming Growing Pains as our provider of Before and After school care. Currently working alongside La Salette and Scotts in the borough, Growing Pains have a proven track record of providing excellent care for pupils. We are extremely excited to be able to partner with this childcare provider as it meets a growing demand within our community of extending the school day.

An information session, and chance to meet the team is being held on Friday 6th January at 3.30pm in the main school hall. An opportunity to raise questions, listen to the structure of these sessions and register interest following the meeting will be provided.

Further details will be communicated later in the month, however please make every effort to attend on Friday 6th if this provision is of potential interest to you.

WHATS 'APP'ening?

The school is proud of the new website and platform that has now entered it's third year since implementation. Lots of innovations and developments have been taking place over the past 12 months to ensure it remains fit for purpose and is useful for the wider community to engage in the learning conversation.

In 2016: 6,000 users visited 20,000 times, for an average of 3 minutes and 45 seconds. 100,000 pages were viewed. 202 active pupils are now registered on it, with parents as registered users.

Due to it's popularity, we are pleased to announce a new and exciting development due for release this term. Brady is getting it's first APP (both iOS and Android). This will enable a transition to push notifications and alerts for users and allow greater flexibility for the user in navigating key headlines, events and media. A separate letter will be sent highlighting the changes and how to download the APP when it's released.

With over 245 followers on Twitter, this also remains a good means of communication, and way to keep informed about latest developments at Brady. If you are not already following the school, or unsure of how twitter works, can I encourage you to attend our parent workshop on 7th February (Safer Internet Day—details to follow), when we have an advisor visiting the school to talk about online presence and ways to keep safe.

FRIENDS OF BRADY EVENTS

On 25th January 2017 we have our annual NEW YEAR Disco, organised by the FOB. Please ensure you put this date in your diary. Further details will be coming out in the next week, with details published on the FOB notice board. Please remember you are all invited to the FOB meetings, as these provide an ideal space to enable the wider community to have a greater involvement in Brady. Please speak to the office if you want any further information.

GOVERNORS CORNER

The Governing body have been very busy over the past term ensuring that the school is improving rapidly. Over the next few weeks, they embark on the process of recruiting a new headteacher and new Governors to strengthen the Governing body.

They have organised an informal drop-in session on Friday 13th January, 2.30-3.30pm, to allow an opportunity for parents to visit and hear about the developments in the school and pose any questions you may have. This session will be held in the main hall, and depending upon it's success, may be repeated later in the year.

OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Some of you may have received a new mobile phone for Christmas, so now's probably a good time to remind you that if any of your contact details have changed, please ensure that the office has up-to-date details, and you update your details on your school website login.

Apologies for the recent problem with our 01708 telephone number; it's still being investigated, so in the meantime please dial 02031080361 if you need to call us.

Many Thanks.