



## FARNBOROUGH MATTERS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, what an exciting half term it has been! The school has been filled with the sound of children singing, acting, rehearsing, dancing as well as continuing to learn new concepts within their classrooms. We have been delighted to receive children on a daily basis in our office who have been to show us and explain all about their fantastic work.

We have held several successful interactive parent workshops over the last few weeks. Miss Palmer led spelling and the two grammar workshops were led by Mrs Saunders. We would like to thank the parents who attended and we were very pleased to receive positive feedback from them. The PowerPoint presentations and photographs can be found on a new section on the website under 'Teaching and Learning', then 'workshops'. If any parent/carer would like further information on any of these subjects, we will be very happy to help. We look forward to our Maths and E-safety workshops which are being held in the spring term.

Our flute ensemble, led by Bromley Youth Music Trust teacher, Mrs Grayson, participated in the BYMT Junior concert on Saturday 18 November at the concert hall in Langley Park School for boys. The children played their pieces beautifully and made us all proud by the way they represented Farnborough through their outstanding behaviour. For some, it was their first time while playing for a large audience - we hope it will be the first of many!

We are very excited to announce some of our older children have been accepted to play in the Bromley Music Festival in February 2018 which will be replacing the Bromley Schools' Prom. Mr Dolovich from the BYMT will be leading a group of recorders from Year five who will play as a group; the children will then participate in the massed choir with other Bromley Primary schools.

The whole school enjoyed a visit by the Musical Image Theatre Company who performed, 'The Selfish Giant'. Some of the children became actors for the afternoon and all the children had a chance to sing along with the songs. Years five and six enjoyed a magnificent production of Macbeth, performed by the Young Shakespeare Company.

The school has taken part in many sporting events, more of which you can see in this newsletter as well as what each class has been up to. We would like to say a very big well done to those who have taken part in all the sporting events so far and have represented the school so well.

Our annual Christmas Market was another huge success. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Hayes, Chair of the PTA and all of her incredibly hard working team who put so much time and energy into making the event so successful. Thank you to all the parent and staff helpers who kindly gave up their time and to all the parents/carers and members of the community who supported the event.

It has been Miss James' first Christmas at Farnborough and she has very much enjoyed all the festivities. We have both been so proud of the way our children have risen to the challenge and performed their Nativity plays, Christmas plays and the Carol Service. Each performance has shown what talented and confident children we have here at Farnborough - well done everybody!

Thank you for all your incredible support this past term; it really does make a difference and is hugely appreciated. We would like to wish all of our families at Farnborough a very happy and festive Christmas time full of fun, laughter and good health. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 3 January 2018.

P.S. Father Christmas has asked us to remind the children to leave out the milk, carrots and mince pies!

Best Wishes

Miss James  
Head Teacher

Mrs Browne  
Head of School



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Teaching & Leadership

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON  
**WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2018**

## School News

### IPads

Our wonderful new IPads, which were bought by the PTA, are now up and running and being utilised within the classrooms to consolidate and enhance the children's learning. The children and teachers are enjoying using them. Sonny, Amelie and Oliver from Year 5 said, 'We think they are a great way to learn. They help us to use technology differently from computers. We are enjoying looking at different websites and using an interactive program to help us learn about lifecycles'.

The photos below show some of the Year three children using them to enhance their learning.



### Miss Palmer

We are so sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Palmer who has worked at Farnborough Primary School for ten years. Miss Palmer has been an integral part of our Inclusion team and has been our Inclusion manager for the past five years. She has brought a wealth of knowledge to the role and has been a true inspiration to all the staff and children she has worked with. We will miss her greatly.

Miss Palmer is looking forward to spending more time with her family and starting a new venture as an independent consultant working with children with Special Needs. We wish her all the very best.



### Foodbank

Thank you to all our families who donated such wonderful products for Christmas time for the Orpington foodbank. Miss James and Mrs Browne delivered all the goods and these were very gratefully received. The photos below show the fantastic array of items that we received with our School Council representatives.



## School News

### Elf Day

Elf day was brilliant! We all dressed up and rotated around each Key stage two class to do a different activity. In Year three, we decorated Christmas wreaths which we could hang somewhere at home. In Year four, we made pop-up cards, in Year five we decorated Christmas trees and in Year six, we created our own Christmas song. All of the activities were so much fun and we wished it could be Elf day every day! We loved visiting other classes and now feel very festive.



These are some quotes from Year three children:

Somayina - Elf day was fun because we got to learn how to make new things.

Max - I really liked Elf day, especially making our own Christmas music.

Freya - Elf day was great fun because we worked with different teachers who created fun activities for us.

### Mrs Cheeseman

Our Schools Direct teacher, Mrs Cheeseman, is off to Highfield Infants for half a term. We welcome Miss McCormack who will be working in Year five for half a term as our exchange Schools Direct teacher. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Cheeseman back after February half term.

## School News

### Reception

It has been another busy half term for the Reception children. Every Monday afternoon they now go to Forest School which everyone seems to really enjoy - particularly the hot chocolate in Base Camp which is very welcome after lots of healthy outside exploration! There have also been visits from the Lollipop lady, a fire engine, the police and a nurse as part of our People Who Help Us topic.

In addition to this the children have visited the Life Bus for the first time where they learnt lots about how their bodies work.

They have also bravely sung and danced in front of the whole school, and then for lots of mums, dads and grandparents as part of the Reception and Year 1 Christmas performance of 'The Nativity'. Finally they have enjoyed their first school Christmas lunch and a class party with a visit from a very special guest - Father Christmas! Now we are looking forward to our first class trip - to the Planetarium in Greenwich for our next topic - Space.



### Year 1

Year One had a fantastic day at Bore Place. We learned all about the different stages of recycling and planted watercress. Our favourite part was making our own bread from scratch, we even ground our own flour! We ate our bread the next day in class, it was very tasty!



"My favourite part was when we were seeing the cows" Mohit



"I loved it when Sandi showed us how to make compost." George



## School News

### Year 2

#### Children of the World

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Year 2 performed our Christmas play to our parents and families. We really enjoyed singing and dancing. It was also really interesting learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Thank you to Mums and Dads for all the costumes, we hope you enjoyed watching our play.

Merry Christmas from all the Year 2 team!



### Year 3

#### Stone Age day!

Stone Age day was awesome! We started our day by planning and designing our shelters, before moving on to make them. We worked really well as a team and made superb shelters. We had the chance to look at the shelters, made by the other groups. We enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and completed a scavenger hunt of foods that the people in the Stone Age would have eaten. After lunch we cooked bread sticks on the fire. The day gave us a great insight into what life was like in the Stone Age. We all had so much fun and can't wait to learn more about the Stone Age.

"We loved completing the scavenger hunt because we were able to find the foods the Stone Age people used to eat. Plus we went through the magic tunnel!" Ellis & Henry



"We loved making our shelters as a team because we worked hard to collect the sticks and logs." Spencer & Billy

"We loved having hot chocolate and making the bread, this tasted yummy!" Xavier



## School News

### Year 4

#### Bravo Babushka!

Year 4 had a fantastic time rehearsing and then performing their Christmas play, Babushka. We worked really hard learning lines, practising singing and dancing and acting on stage. We loved working with the Year 3 class and had lots of fun together.

We were all very nervous at first but we loved entertaining the school and parents. It was lovely to hear that the audiences appreciated all our hard work and that the singing, dancing and costumes were admired by all. A big thank you to the parents for the costumes and Mrs Brett for her choreography. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it.



### Year 5

On Wednesday 29th November, Year 5 and Year 6 saw the Shakespeare play "Macbeth" performed by the Young Shakespeare Company. It started by introducing the characters including: Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Banquo, King Duncan, Malcolm, Donalbain, Macduff, the three witches and Fleance.

My favourite part was when the witches came out and whispered peculiar things to Macbeth when he was on a heath in Scotland with his friend Banquo. The witches were very mean because they played tricks on Macbeth's mind and told him that he would one day be King of Scotland. The witches began to circle Macbeth and started to control his thoughts.

Lady Macbeth, who was very ambitious, believed these prophecies just like her husband. As a result, they made a plan to kill King Duncan so that Macbeth could be King and Lady Macbeth could be Queen of Scotland. They killed King Duncan with the daggers of the guards, who were then blamed for this terrible act.

Lady Macbeth was delighted that her husband was now King of Scotland and she was Queen; she had achieved her ultimate ambition. However, as the weeks went by, Macbeth and his wife felt more and more guilty about what they had done. This resulted in even more deaths!

The moral of the story was: what is done cannot be undone. Everyone enjoyed the play and the actors were really convincing.

Anisah M



## School News

### Year 6

"On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Year 6, along with Year 5, performed their carol service at St. Giles' Church to a large congregation of friends and family. They sang many favourite songs: Once in Royal David's City, O Come all ye Faithful, Ding-Dong Merrily on High, Carol of the Bells and many more. Preparation started a number of weeks before this, however. Many Year 6 children wrote their own readings and poems to help re-tell the Christmas story. These were then read out in the church; some were very good and truly amazing! Other children performed outstanding musical solos or duets. Practices, which started in mid-November, were held regularly in school before the big day itself at the church.

We are very thankful for all the staff who gave up their time to help us put on such an amazing performance. We hope everybody enjoyed it as much as we did". Ben F

*Image from the Order of Service: Amy R*



### Sport

Mr Atkinson and children across key stage two have competed in many sporting events this term. The children have represented the school in such a positive manner, we are very proud of them all.



On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Bromley Primary Schools swimming gala at The Eric Liddell sports centre



On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, children from years 5 and 6 took part in the Bromley Primary Schools Cross Country race at Crystal Palace.



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in the 6 aside football tournament at Bromley Town FC.



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, boys from Year 5 took part in the 6 aside football tournament at Bromley Town FC.



On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, children from Year 4 took part in the 6 aside football tournament at Goals Beckenham.



The girls' football team have won both their league games this season. They played against Perry Hall and Warren Road.



The boys' football team have beaten Poverest and drawn with Manor Oak.

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Update December 2017

#### Christmas Market

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Christmas Market. We raised a wonderful **£4,100** - a huge achievement. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Market preparations, volunteered on a stall, donated a raffle prize, baked a cake, participated in donation days, offered to have an estate agent board, wrapped prizes, prepared crafts or supported in a myriad of other ways. Year Six also raised £180 in their Enterprise Room. Well done to the pupils, parents and Mr Smith. The Y6 pupils will decide how they would like to spend their profit.



We still have a few **raffle prizes** to be claimed:

Explore Learning voucher: Erica Muller (ticket number 02346)

Village Dry Cleaner voucher: M Lyons (ticket number 002373)

Maxims Voucher: Matt (Wine and Dine ticket 65)

Please let us know if you are the winner- or if you know them! We will hold prizes until 15 Jan, and then look to use them as prizes at another event.

If you have feedback about any aspect of the Christmas Market- or ideas to help us to improve on this event in 2018- please let us know.



#### January Donations

We will very gratefully receive any donations of the following in January:

Unwanted gifts (toiletries, books, DVDs, CDs, mugs, giftsets, accessories)

Nativity outfits and Christmas clothing

Christmas decorations

#### Woodman Pub Quiz

Tickets will be on sale for The Woodman Pub Quiz in the new term. Tickets are £5 per person, please enter as a team of up to six adults. This popular event is on Friday 19 January, from 8pm- all tickets sold out last year!

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, from the PTA Team!*

Email: [farnboroughpta@gmail.com](mailto:farnboroughpta@gmail.com)

Facebook: Farnborough Primary School PTA page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475239946047075/>

#### Dates for your diary

PTA Committee Meeting: Wed 10 Jan, 7pm at School

Woodman Pub Quiz: Fri 19 Jan

Secret Gift Room: 5 March

## FARNBOROUGH KIDS CLUB NEWS



# Merry Christmas from Farnborough Kids Club!!!

Where did that term go?! We have had another busy term which as you can see from the following montage we tried to squeeze in a whole load of fun! From visits by the local fire crew; World record challenges; Designing and making our own Gingerbread Men & Scottish Shortbread; Weaving; Designing toys; Celebrating Hanukkah & Tossing Cabers!



A BIG THANK YOU to all our club members and their families who bring energy and enthusiasm which make our clubs so much fun! We hope you all have a very merry (yet restful) festive season and we look forward to seeing you for loads more fun in the New Year!!

We are very busy at Farnborough Kids Club with some days now fully booked! However some sessions are still available! If you would like to register or for more information please contact **Penny Turpin 01689 852637 or 07963345480**.

ps Farnborough Kids Club welcome any old toy/ games donations - particularly action figures/dolls...so if you are having a tidy out over Christmas why not think of recycling your old toys to us? Thank you!!

## School News

### Dates for the diary...

Weds 3 Jan	<b>Children return to school</b>
Tues 9 Jan	Reception trip to the Planetarium
Weds 10 Jan	PTA meeting 7pm
Fri 19 Jan	PTA Pub Quiz at The Woodman, 7.30pm
Thurs 25 Jan	E-safety parent workshop 7pm
Thurs 1 Feb	Jack and the Beanstalk - whole school
Tues 6 Feb	First Aid for parents 7pm
Thurs 8 Feb	Year 1 Chinese New Year workshop

#### Mon 12 Feb –Fri 15 Feb      Half Term

Mon 19 Feb	<b>Children return to school</b>
Tues 20 Feb	Book Quiz Week
Weds 21 Feb	Year 5 Recorders @ Bromley Music Festival
Mon 5 March	PTA meeting 7pm
Weds 7 March	PTA Mother's Day Secret Gift Room
Thurs 8 March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Mon 12 March	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Thurs 22 March	Year 4 trip to British Museum
Thurs 29 March	Class Photos
	End of term

#### Fri 30 March—Fri 13 April      Easter Holidays

Mon 16 April	<b>Children return to school</b>
Weds 18 April	PTA meeting 7pm
Tues 24 April	Junior Spring Concert 6pm
Weds 2 May	PTA Scoot & Skate 3.15pm
Tues 15 May	Reception trip to Frankie & Benny's
Weds 16 May	PTA Teddy Bear's Picnic 3.15pm – 4.30pm
Fri 18 May	PTA sponsored event

#### Mon 28 May –Fri 1 June      Half Term

#### Mon 4 June      INSET DAY

Tues 5 June	<b>Children return to school</b>
Tues 5 Jun – Fri 8 Jun	Phil The Bag donation week
Weds 6 June	PTA meeting
Tues 12 June	Reception trip to Godstone Farm
Weds 13 June	PTA Scoot & Skate
Thurs 14 June	Junior Sports Day 9am – 11.30am
Fri 15 June	Infant Sports Day 1pm – 3pm
Weds 20 June	PTA Disco
	Infants Disco 4.30pm – 5.45pm
	Junior Disco 6pm – 7.15pm
Mon 2 July – Weds 4 July	Year 5 to Sayers Croft
Fri 6 July	PTA Summer Event
Mon 9 July –Fri 13 July	Year 6 to Isle of Wight
Mon 16 July	Parents open afternoon 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 19 July	<b>Last day of term</b>

# Reminders

## School Hours

May we please remind you how important it is that children arrive on time for school. The school day begins at 8.45am. The doors open at 8.40am. Children arriving after morning registration will need to sign in via the school office and will receive a late mark. It is important for children to arrive on time so that the day can begin smoothly and they can participate in the learning planned as part of early morning work.

Parents are reminded **not** to drop their children off early to school, leaving them outside the school gate before it opens. If you need help with childcare before school, Mrs Turpin runs our before school club. Once you have registered with Mrs Turpin parents can use the Breakfast Club as and when they need to. Please see Mrs Turpin's article for contact details.

## Absence

Parents are reminded that if their child has sickness and/or diarrhoea during the night the school policy is that the child should be kept at home for **48 hours** following the last time they were poorly. We would ask parents to be thoughtful and adhere to this as it will help to ensure that sickness bugs are kept at bay.

We do, however, understand that children may be unwell for other reasons. Parents are asked to assess this situation and discuss with the school prior to returning.

## School Uniform

We would like to remind you all that children need to be dressed appropriately for the school day, in particular with regard to footwear. We would kindly ask you to ensure that all clothing and personal possessions are named.

Children need to bring in their PE kit every Monday morning. The kit can be taken home to wash on a Friday.

## School Fund

We would like to thank all those parents who have made a contribution to school funds this term. Contributions from families to the School Fund is very important as it pays for a variety of activities which benefit all the children.

We would ask families to contribute £25.00 per academic year which can be paid in termly or half termly instalments, however any contribution is always most welcome. Parents can either send in contributions via the school office or make payments via AGORA, our online payment system.

## School News

# Attendance

### 100% Attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term 2017

We would like to congratulate the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term, from **31 October 2017 up to and including Tuesday 19 December 2017**, for the academic year 2017/18.

Eva, Teddy, Emmy, Edward, William, Lucas, Noah, Samuel, Matthew, Daisy, Ambrose, Madison, Samuel, Amy, Freya, Lewis, Saffy, George, Rowan, Zackary, Lucas, Lacey, James, Harriet, Darcy, Daniel, Eva, Annabella, Sonny, Brody, Yasmin, Evie, Albert-Beau, Max, Isabelle, Lucas, Ella, Tilly, Alana, Daisy, Daisy-Anais, Varsha, Megan, Sam, Ayaan, Anselm, Anna-Sophia, Jude, Daniel, Fillippa, Ethan, Eva, Freddie, Lauren, Ella, Fenton, Varun, Oluwatoni, Chloe, Evie, Henry, Ellis, Olivia, Elishka, Katia, Dannii, Florence, Somayina, Vincent, Charlotte, Erina, Harry, Megan, Annelise, Xavier, Isabelle, Leah, Helena, Amelie, Max, Joshua, Sophie, Jacob, Oscar, Katie, Michael, Enrico, Abriana, Astrid, Harry, Olivia, Molly, Michael, Scarlett, Simone, Alexander, Libby, Rebecca, Eden, Conner, Johnathan, Francesca, Sonny, Isla, Felicity, Joseph, Heidi, Niamh, Amelie, Gracie, Georgina, Antonio, Lauren, Zach, Alyssa, Lucy, Fahad, Ava, Connor, Adam, Redmond, Ruby, Tegan, Hana, MacKenzie & Luke.

### 100% Attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term 2017



A special congratulations to those children who have obtained

**100% attendance for this academic term to date.**

Eva, Emmy, Edward, William, Lucas, Noah, Daisy, Ambrose, Samuel, Amy, Freya, Lewis, George, Lacey, James, Harriet, Darcy, Daniel, Annabella, Sonny, Brody, Albert-Beau, Lucas, Ella, Daisy, Daisy-Anais, Varsha, Megan, Sam, Ayaan, Anselm, Jude, Daniel, Ethan, Eva, Lauren, Ella, Fenton, Varun, Oluwatoni, Chloe, Evie, Ellis, Elishka, Katia, Dannii, Florence, Somayina, Charlotte, Harry, Megan, Annelise, Xavier, Isabelle, Leah, Helena, Amelie, Joshua, Sophie, Jacob, Katie, Michael, Enrico, Abriana, Astrid, Olivia, Scarlett, Simone, Alexander, Rebecca, Eden, Conner, Johnathan, Francesca, Sonny, Isla, Felicity, Joseph, Heidi, Niamh, Amelie, Gracie, Georgina, Lauren, Lucy, Connor, Adam, Redmond, Mackenzie & Luke.



## School News

# Attendance

At Farnborough, it is very important to us that our children achieve their full potential and make the most of the learning opportunities that they are given. For this to happen, we need your support to ensure they are in school every day and on time. Both attendance and punctuality are checked by the Bromley EWO (Educational Welfare Office) and Ofsted and feature as part of a school's report.

Historically, Farnborough's attendance has been the highest out of all the seventy primary schools in Bromley. Over recent years, this percentage has started to decline and we ended last year with a whole school percentage of 96.9%. We are introducing a new table to our newsletters that will show each class's attendance for the half term. By the end of the academic year, the national expectation for whole school attendance should be at **a minimum of 97%.**

The table below shows each class's attendance for the whole of the autumn term.

**Unfortunately, as you can see, each class's attendance has fallen since the October half term.**

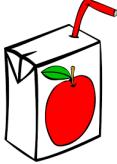
Our aim for attendance this academic year is to average 98%. We understand that children are genuinely ill at times, however, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is at school as much as possible.

We would like to remind all parents/carers that children will not be authorised for any holiday time if their attendance is under 97%.

	Up to Oct 2017	Up to Dec 2017		Up to Oct 2017	Up to Dec 2017
<b>Reception</b>	98.04	<b>96.2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	98.38	<b>97.8</b>
<b>1F</b>	97.47	<b>96.5</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	97.85	<b>97.3</b>
<b>1P</b>	97.26	<b>96.2</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	98.29	<b>97.5</b>
<b>2F</b>	97.61	<b>97.1</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	96.87	<b>96.2</b>
<b>2P</b>	97.88	<b>97.0</b>			

## School News

### Juice Payments for the First Half of Spring Term 2018



Wednesday 3 January 2018 will be the first day the children will be having their drinks of fruit juice for the first half of the Spring Term 2018:

**Juice: £10.64**



THERE IS A STRICT DEADLINE FOR ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY 9AM ON

**WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY 2018 AS PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.**

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY PAYMENT MADE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS PUGH WITH THE CHILD'S NAME,

CLASS AND CHOICE OF JUICE (APPLE OR ORANGE).

Parents are encouraged to pay via our online parent system 'AGORA'.

If your log in for 'AGORA' has expired please contact Mrs Pugh who will be happy to arrange a new one.

Cheques are to be made payable to 'FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL'.

### Dinner Monies for Junior Children for the First Half of Spring Term 2018

The dinner monies due for the first half of the Spring Term 2018 are as follows:

#### Juniors

**£2.20 per day**

**£11.00 per week**

**£61.60 for the half term**

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are reminded that their child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals. You do not have to register or fill in any forms, all your child needs to do is say 'school lunch' at morning registration.

Parents are encouraged to pay using our online payment system 'AGORA', alternatively payment can be made by cash/cheque (cheques made payable to 'FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL') in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and class on the front and marked for Mrs Pugh's attention. By using 'AGORA' parents will have the facility to see their child's dinner money balance and will receive reminders when it needs topping up.

Children may change from school lunch to pack lunch or vice versa by letting the class teacher know when the dinner register is called each morning.

Parents are reminded that if they would like their child to have milk they are required to register with Cool Milk and payment is to be made directly to them via their website. If you need further details please collect a leaflet from the School Office.

## School News

### Application for Free School Meals 2017/18

We would like to remind all parents who are eligible for free school meals that it is very important that applications are completed as soon as possible. Parents are reminded that a new application has to be made for the start of each new academic year.

Although all infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a universal free school meal, it is still important for parents who are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits listed below to complete a Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Payment Application on line at [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk).

- Equal Based JSA / ESA
- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Apply online at [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk). Type 'Free School Meals' in the search engine and follow the links. By using the online system Bromley Pupil Benefits are able to check the entitlement automatically using the Eligibility Check Service (provided by the Department of Education) and the application is dealt with efficiently.

Any parent who would like to complete the online application but does not have the means to do so, please do not hesitate to give me call and I will be pleased assist.

An information sheet giving full details is available to download from the [www.bromley.gov.uk](http://www.bromley.gov.uk) website or is available from the School Office.

## School News

### SCHOOL TERM DATES

#### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January—Friday 9 February

**Half Term Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb**

Monday 19 February—Thursday 29 March

**Easter break Fri 30 March—Fri 13 April**

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April—Friday 25 May

**Half Term Mon 28 May—Fri 1 June**

**INSET DAY Mon 4 June**

Tuesday 5 June—Thursday 19 July

#### \*Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 September—Friday 19 October

**Half Term Mon 22 Oct—Fri 26 Oct**

Monday 29 October—Friday 21 December

#### \*Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January—Friday 15 February

**Half Term Mon 18 Feb—Fri 22 Feb**

Monday 25 February—Friday 5 April

#### \*Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April—Friday 24 May

**Half Term Mon 27 May—Fri 31 May**

Monday 3 June—Tuesday 23 July

**\*NB There will be five staff training days added to the term dates above.**

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

We would like to remind you that the school office hours are from **8.30am until 4pm**.

The answerphone system will accept messages outside of these times.

