

NEWSLETTER



Autumn Second Half Term

Covid-19 Update

Who would have thought we would still be having to deal with coronavirus and all the changes it has caused after all this time?

Since the start of the autumn term, when everyone returned to school, and our new children joined us, things have been very different for us all.

We have had to put strict measures in place to try and keep everyone safe and all the staff at Brierley Primary School would like to thank you for the support you have shown during this trying and troubling time.

The children have been a huge credit to you and have coped with the changes amazingly well. They have been absolute superstars coming into school each morning and although it's been a bit chilly standing outside, it's been lovely to see their smiling faces and say hello each morning!

With the new vaccine underway, and cases of Covid dropping, we are hopeful that we will be able to get back to something like normal in a short time.

For now though, we need to keep on working hard at social distancing, washing hands and looking out for symptoms.

Thank you again, your support is vital in helping us keep the school open and safe.

YOUNGMINDS

Young Minds

Thank you for any donations you have made to the Young Minds charity in lieu of Christmas gifts or cards.

With Covid -19 affecting the mental well being of many young people in the country we felt this would be a very good cause in the current climate.

Advent Productions

This year, as you know, we have been unable to invite you into school to watch our Nativity plays or to join us in carol singing.



We have still been busy learning about the meaning of Christmas and each class bubble has been working on a little production of their own.

By the end of the week, teachers will have uploaded their videos onto each class webpage so please have a look.

Go to www.brierleyschool.com

click on 'classes' and then on your child's class page.

We hope you enjoy seeing what the children have done and that it brings a little Christmas cheer to everyone.

Be Well@Work Award

We are delighted to share our good news with you.

We have been awarded runner up in Barnsley's

Be Well@Work annual awards for the Best Educational Establishment category.

This is a great achievement for us as we were up against many other schools and academies.

The award recognises our efforts in supporting children and staff with mental wellbeing.

In addition to this, Mrs Conway, our much loved School Support Manager, also came runner up in the awards for Best Workplace Health Champion.

This was in recognition of the hard work Mrs Conway puts in to ensuring our children parents and staff are looked after and receive any support they might require.

Mental wellness is very close to our hearts, especially in these times so we are very proud of these achievements.

Well done to all the staff, especially Mrs Conway.

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 School Jotter or download our app by searching for School Jotter and type in our school name

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th December 2020	School closes for Christmas (Staggered finish times as usual)
Monday January 4th 2021	School re-opens (Staggered starts and finishes as usual)
Friday 12th February 2021	School closes for half term
Monday 22nd February 2021	School reopens (start and finish times to be confirmed)
Thursday 18th March 2021	School photographs

After School Clubs

After Christmas we will be reviewing whether we can safely restart our breakfast and after school clubs. We will be in touch during the new term to let you know what our plans are.



Contact Numbers



We are no longer sending out paper copies of letters unless it is essential.

It is therefore really important for us to have your correct email address and telephone number.

If you have recently changed them or are doing so during the festive period, please can you let the office know so we can update them on our system?

If you have not been receiving emails or texts from us, we may have an incorrect number or address so please can you let us know?

Enterprise

We have been busy making Christmassy products for our Enterprise week.

The children have had a great time with glue, card and glitter.

We aren't so sure our cleaning staff have though!

These products are available to buy for 50p.

Thank you for your support with this.



Goodbye and Good Luck

We bid farewell to Mrs Barnes, our Year 6 Teaching Assistant, who leaves us this week.

Mrs Barnes has not been with us very long but we will miss her and wish her the very best of luck for the future.

As we prepare to close for the

holidays, we wish each one of our wonderful children and all parents and carers a very happy Christmas.

We hope you have a lovely holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you all safe and sound in the new year.