



CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL

October 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Parents Evenings

A reminder that these meetings have been arranged for 8th and 9th October. If any parent has not had an appointment please contact your child's class teacher.



Medical Needs

A bump to the head - Our current system is that at the moment we call parents with any bump to the head. Parents have informed us that at times they are getting unnecessary calls for the smallest of incident –i.e. two friends accidentally bumping heads but no injury sustained and both children well. We will therefore send a text message for these small incidents but will continue to call when there is a concern that needs monitoring.

Sending children home – Like parents we are concerned about the number of children who go home poorly in the day. Parents often tell us that once their child is home they are perfectly fine. It is therefore at parent's discretion to decide whether they take their child home or they remain in school and be monitored. You can even bring them back if you feel they are fine once at home!

Care Plans – Children who have a specific medical need should have a care plan in school produced by the school nurse team. If you feel your child should have a care plan, please contact Angela in the school office. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure care plans are up to date and the medicine in school is kept in date.

Asthma – pupils who need inhalers should have their inhalers in school and kept in their class for ease of access when needed.

Photography competition

A reminder that entries for the 'Wonderful World Photo competition' must be handed into school by October 11th. Pupils were challenged to take or bring in a photo that they or their family have taken that to them represents our wonderful world. Prizes will be awarded to best entries from children in each year group. Entry forms have been emailed out and are available from the office.



Words of Wisdom

People are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln (1809 – 1865)

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A reminder that this year we are collecting food donations for a local food bank. Donations should be brought into school during the week beginning 14th October. A letter has been sent highlighting recommend food contributions but here is a reminder

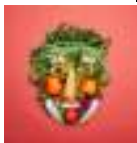
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500g)
- Fruit juice (carton)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Sponge pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereals
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- Tea Bags/instant coffee
- Instant mash potato
- Rice/pasta
- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits or snack bar



Half term Holiday Activities

Miss Davidson, our child and family worker is compiling a list of all the holiday activities open to children during the October half term. Look out for this; many of the exciting activities listed are free!

Free school meals



The government continues to give grants to school based on the numbers of free school meals. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact Sharon Palmer in the school office. Even if you do not, at this stage, want your child to have school meals it will enable us to access funding if parents register. This may enable us to provide additional support for your child if they need it.

School Fleeces

As the weather gets colder we have decided to run a special offer on fleeces. For the month of October only – the cost of a school fleece will be reduced to £10. They are available from the school office.

Events and Key Dates in October

Harvest Festival

18th October at 9.30am - Y5 parents invited

Pioneer Trip

Year 6 pupils Oct 23rd -25th

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This begins 11th November; it would be brilliant if as many children as possible could walk to school instead of travelling by car etc. For all sorts of reasons walking is the best way of travelling particularly to school. Further details to follow

Half term

28th October - 1st November

UNITY Collaborative

Parents will know from a letter sent in July that we are part of a collaborative of northern schools that work together for the mutual benefit of pupils in North Solihull.

We informed parents that from September we would be setting up a wide range of additional activities and opportunities for our pupils. To date we have set up the following opportunities for our pupils. The curriculum events are for all pupils potentially, but due to numbers the clubs are for specifically invited children. If you would like to know more about any of these opportunities please email Mrs Timms:-

s10ttimms@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk

Curriculum support

- Y3 Team building – Autumn 2013
- Y4 Habitats Autumn 2013
- Y5 Bush craft – Spring 2014
- Y5 Shelters - Spring 2014

An orienteering course is to be set up and used by all year groups.

Additional Clubs

- Multi sport clubs at lunchtime - one for each year group
- A before school multi sport club
- Hip hop music club
- An extended breakfast club



Events to come

Bush craft for lads and dads
And much more to come...