

CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Safety at the end of the day.

We appreciate that parents make their own arrangements for their child at the end of the day that suit their needs. We are regularly contacted by parents concerned about our pupils, often our younger ones, who are walking home alone or waiting a while on their own outside of school to be picked up. We understand there are different family circumstances but just urge all to reflect on the safety of their child after school. We tell pupils that if their parent is not on the playground to pick them up then to come and stand by a teacher until someone arrives. It becomes more difficult for us to manage and support if children are left waiting outside of school or on local roads.

On another safety matter, parents should not be dropping their child off on the zigzag lines at the crossing or by the school gate. As staff have been manning the crossing in the absence of Pat we have become very concerned for the safety of pupils who get out of cars into the traffic and others who dash across the road or the crossing without waiting. Please help us to help you keep your child safe.

OFSTED- We are still awaiting our report and as soon as we do we will share the outcomes with parents. One area we are certain will come up is school attendance. Our attendance is currently below the national average and lower for our vulnerable pupils. We will be closely monitoring attendance and working with families to ensure all pupils have an attendance of at least 95%. Good attendance is crucial to progress, developing key life skills and supporting a child's positive view of school.

School Fleeces

As the weather gets colder, this is a chance to remind parents that we have school fleeces available to buy in the school office at a cost of £10.

Communicating staff. Parents can contact staff in a variety of ways. Often the most convenient is through class DOJO. Staff can respond to parents comments and feedback at the end of the school day. If you want to speak to your child's class teacher you can arrange an appointment through email [addresses on reverse] or by contacting the school office. Appointments will be possible before 8.45 and at the end of the school day. It is very difficult to speak to parents after 8.45 am as they should be in the classroom greeting and teaching the children. Y3 parents can pass quick messages through the key teacher or assistant on the door but this door must close at 8.55am. Parents in other year groups can equally pass messages to the class teacher via the senior member of staff on duty on the playground before school.

Events and Key Dates in October

4th October – Y3 Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation

5th / 6th October - Parents' Evening [5th 6-8pm
6th 4-6pm]

18th October Y5 Harvest festival at 9.30 for Y5 parents

19th – 21st October Y6 Pioneer Visit

HALF TERM Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

31st October - INSET DAY – staff only to attend school



Absence _A reminder that parents must notify the school by telephone on the first day of absence. Failure to notify school will result in a text message being sent to your mobile asking you to contact school immediately to give a reason for your child's absence. If contact is not made your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. A note should be sent to the class teacher on his or her return.



DISCO The first CBJ friends Disco will take place on November 11th from 3.30 to 4.45pm. Tickets costing £2 will go on sale on Monday November 7th.



Asthma The message below was posted in the September news. If your child has an inhaler in school and you have not completed a consent form, please contact the school office.



From September 2016 any child who needs an inhaler in school must have a consent form completed by parents. Our asthma policy and forms to be completed are available on the letter carousel in the school office area.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Year 5 will be leading the Harvest celebrations this year. At the end of the performance we will be having a monetary collection, the proceeds of which will be sent to the local food bank to enable them to replenish foods that they are low on. If anyone would like to make a donation monies can be sent into school to the office in a clearly marked envelope
Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

