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Every Child Every Day

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Bramley Vale Primary,

Welcome Back or Welcome to BVPS

What a great first two weeks and it is lovely to see the children looking brilliant in our school uniform. There are lots of new faces in early years, which is wonderful; a warm welcome to our new families. This is the first Headteacher's Newsletter and I try and update you all every two weeks with all that has happened in school and events and opportunities coming up.

Summer Events Recap!

I was asked recently by a parent (thanks Frahaan) as to which School House (Bolsover Castle, Hardwick Hall, Crooked Spire & Ault Hucknall) had won the sports day. In the busyness of the end of the summer term last school year, I had not been able to share this with families. So here is a rundown:



From left to right: EYFS Sports Day – Hardwick Hall Winners! Intra-house Football Competition – Overall winners were Hardwick Hall! The BIG Quiz Winners were Bolsover Castle; Key Stage 1 & 2 Sports Day – Ault Hucknall Winners!

Swimming – taking the plunge

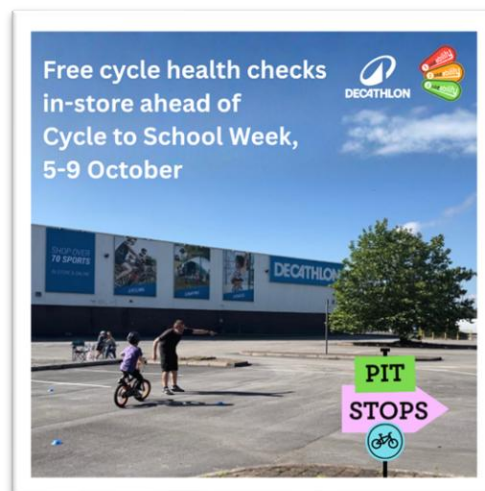
63 children were back to school swimming, and this is the most we have ever taken. All have made good start. We are aiming to get all children to swim 25m confidently by the end of Year 5. I would encourage our BVPS families to take the plunge and if possible, take your children swimming. There are lots of swimming pools locally and all offer lessons or fun sessions! We have an ever-increasing number of non-swimmers which makes the training pool groups very large. Going swimming as a family will help with water confidence as for some children just getting in the water is a big step.

Cycle to School Week

We will be promoting active travel all year and Bikeability is already booked in for Year 3 & 6 children. It has been great to see bikes parked up in the racks and scooters.

Decathlon is offering free checks of children's bikes ahead of the Bike to School week:

From 1–9 October, Decathlon stores across the UK will become official Cycle to School Week Pit Stops, offering free cycle health checks to help families make sure their children's cycles are ready for the journey to school.



Find your nearest Decathlon store and give your child's cycle a quick pit stop ahead of Cycle to School Week. Any child coming on a bike in 'Bike to School' week will get a raffle ticket to enter a raffle. Balance bikes are welcome!

Bramley Vale Stars!

Certificates and BADGES have been handed out in assemblies as we recognise this half-term's value 'PRIDE'.

This week:

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| • Class 6 – Rae | EYFS – Jenson |
| • Class 5 – Isabelle | Lunchtime Award – James |
| • Class 4 – Carlos | Kindness Award – Elliott P |
| • Class 3 – Eesa | |

Last Week:

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| • Class 6 – Jacob | EYFS – Elliot |
| • Class 5 – Toby | Lunchtime Award – Miles S |
| • Class 4 – Finley | Kindness Award – Olly |
| • Class 3 – Reef | |

We're in, we're on! Every Child, Every Day!

Our unofficial motto is 'We're in, we're on' and 'Every Child, Every Day' is our credo to emphasize we put your children first. We have a busy school year ahead and lots is planned to make sure your children are engaged, challenged and entertained. We have a strong tradition of being active and promote sporting excellence. We are also becoming increasingly well known as a creative school in all areas of the arts. You can watch the children on stage on the school website. both in school and at the Winding Wheel Theatre!

I have sent all families, by email, the current guidance on pupil absence and holidays in term time. Please complete our Leave of Absence request form. **Pupil absence is carefully monitored and our school target is 95+% whole school attendance.** If your child's attendance becomes a concern I will write to you.



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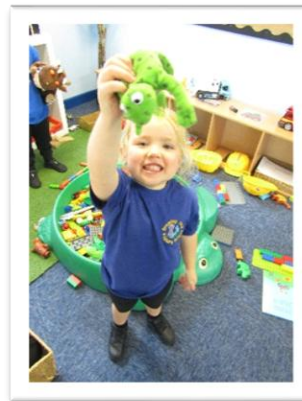
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Key Dates for your family diary

- 21-24/9 – London Residential, Eco-Work & Creative days for junior age children
- 28/9 – Baking for MacMillian all week
- 29/9 – iVengers E-Safety Group Launch
- 30/9 – School Photographer in for individual, siblings and School House group photos



- 1/10 – School Census Day – please order a school dinner (more funding for school).

- 2/10 – MacMillian Coffee Morning (9 until 10am) children and



families enjoying a slice of cake for this important charity. Tickets are on sale now (via Arbor) with all money raised going to MacMillian.

- 5/10 – Cycle to school week starts
- 5/10 – Class 5 Trip to Bosworth (Roman Villa)
- Inter School Cross Country Competition at Hardwick Hall



- 8/10 – Girl's Football Competition Clowne Leisure Centre
- 9/10 – Class 4 Trip to Nottingham Law Courts
- 13/10 – Talent Show Try outs
- 21/10 – Talent Show and NO SWIMMING
- 22/10 – Halloween Disco
- 23/10 – Class 6 Trip to Eyam



- PARENTS EVENING IS TUESDAY 10TH AND WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER