

Brackensdale Infant School

Newsletter, Spring 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

We are well into the spring term now and thoughts start to turn to the summer, so it is important that I share with you information about changes which will occur over the next few months.

Firstly, I have informed governors and staff that it is my intention to retire at the end of the summer term. I have had 23 very happy years as head teacher at Brackensdale Infant School, but it is now time to give someone else the opportunity to lead the school. I have assured governors that I will work with them to ensure that the school will be handed over in good order to whoever is to follow me.

Mrs. McMahon is also retiring at the end of the summer term and Mrs. Hawksworth is to retire at the end of this term. We have appointed a new teacher for Koalas class, and Mrs. Chapman will be the nursery teacher in September. So already some changes, and I will keep you informed as further decisions are made.

DATES



Friday 24 March Red Nose Day We will provide more information nearer the time

Friday 7 April School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 24 April School reopens for the summer term

Monday 5 June and Wednesday 26 July are INSET days, there remains 1 day to be arranged

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Following a number of "near misses" in both our playground and the junior playground, please can I remind you that bikes and scooters MUST NOT be ridden on either playground at the beginning or the end of the school day.

We have had a number of children affected by headlice recently. The school policy is that ALL families should check hair regularly for the presence of lice and eggs. We do have a supply of combs in school if anyone requires one. The procedure is to apply conditioner to affected hair and then comb through with a fine-toothed comb. Although there are a number of commercial products available for the treatment of headlice, the school health team recommend the conditioner method as the cheapest and most effective.

OTHER NEWS

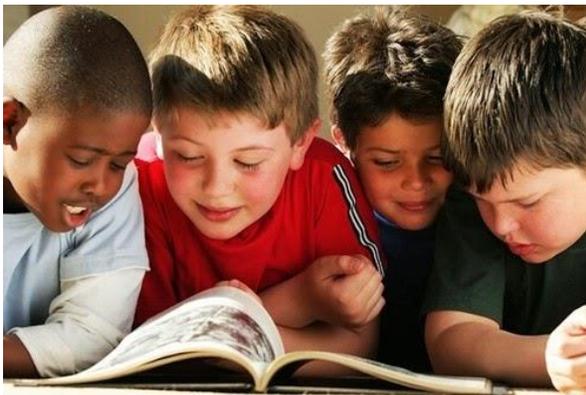
We are collecting Sainsburys' Active Vouchers again this year. Please ask friends, neighbours, relatives to collect them for us as well. We are able to provide a range of lunchtime play equipment through this scheme.



We have a vacancy for a cleaner to begin as soon as possible, working for 10 hours per week, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm daily. If you are interested, please collect a job description and application form from the school office. Please note you would be required to provide 2 referees and would be subject to a criminal clearance check.

We also require a midday supervisor on a temporary basis as one supervisor is to have an operation at the end of March. This is for 7 hours 5 minutes per week, and again would require references and a criminal clearance check. If you are interested in the post, please collect an application form and job description from the school office.

The spring term always has a focus on learning. I know many of you are working hard to help your children learn their spellings, practice writing their names and ensure that you read with them on a regular basis. We are very pleased with the progress that the children are making in school, supporting the children at home does make a difference, please keep it up!!



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