



# Bronington V.A. Primary School



## Newsletter

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Welcome Everyone

A special welcome goes out to all of our newest pupils, whether in nursery or reception classes, or across the other years. We hope you will find Bronington School a happy and welcoming 'family'. Welcome back to all the rest of our families, and especially the pupils, let this be your most enjoyable and productive year yet!

Mrs Birkinshaw will not be available for the next couple of weeks. Mr Austin Bowers, Headteacher at St. Mary's Brymbo will be supporting the school along with Wrexham Local Authority. Mr Bowers will be on site Tuesday and Friday of the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> September, should you wish to meet him.

### Updates:

This document provides a reminder to those who have been at the school for a while, and a guide for those who are new.

- Uniform /P.E. & Jewellery guidelines
- New School dinner arrangements
- New phone & entry arrangements
- Breakfast Club Changes
- Snack & Drinks
- After-School Club
- Latest News
- School Governors
- Diary Dates

### School Uniform

Our uniform policy has not changed. We are happy for parents to buy clothing from any uniform provider – with or without a school logo. Please look out for days when FoBs hold a Used Uniform sale after school.

Trousers/ Skirt or pinafore – Mid or dark Grey,  
**not black**

Plain tights/ socks - preferably grey

Shoes – Black

V necked jumper or cardigan – Royal Blue

Years 1-3 – Polo shirt in pale blue

Years 4- 6 – Short or Long-sleeved white shirt,  
with traditional collar and school tie.

Summer dresses with ankle socks and grey shorts will still be allowed until Half Term.

## **P.E kit**

Shorts – dark/navy blue or black (plain)

Joggers/ leggings – dark/navy blue or black

T-shirt - Royal Blue, with or without the logo.

Trainers (black pumps may be worn for inside activities)

## **Nail Polish**

Nail polish should not be worn in school on fingers or toes.

## **Hair**

All hair, if long enough to do so, should be tied back every day, or held out of the face by hairbands or clips.

## **Jewellery**

No jewellery, such as necklaces, bracelets and rings, should be worn in school unless for medical reasons.

The only earrings we allow are small studs which your child must be able to take out themselves for PE activities. Otherwise please remove them before coming to school, on PE days.

## **New School Dinner Arrangements**

Previously Bronington have, against Wrexham's guidelines, taken school dinner orders each day, allowing for those who have forgotten to order dinners. We are no longer able to offer this. Dinners must be ordered and paid in advance on ParentPay. If you do not order, your child will have to wait for all dinners to be served and have whatever is left over. This is not School's decision. We can only urge you to ensure meals are ordered the night before (or by 7.30am latest on the day) so that your child is not left to eat something they may not be keen on.

Over the next 12 months, Welsh Government and Wrexham Local Authority are rolling out free school meals to all pupils upto Year 2 hopefully by April 2023 (updates in due course). It is starting with pupils in the Reception year group. From September 5<sup>th</sup> no reception child will need to pay for their lunches.

**Whether your child is in receipt of free school meals under the new or old systems, they can always choose to bring packed lunches (if perhaps they are fussy eaters) if they prefer.**



# ClassDojo

This will continue to be used by teachers to communicate directly with parents and vice versa.

## **New Phone & Entry Arrangements**

We are doing everything possible to improve communication between us, and yourselves. There are a couple of changes to be aware of:

Our phone system is in the process of going digital, meaning it can be answered by admin or whoever, wherever the internet can be received. We have been having some issues which we are trying very hard to rectify, so please be patient.

Please also be aware that there may be times when the phones are not answered due to all of the staff being occupied, working with the children. We will endeavour to minimise these times as much as possible.

We are currently looking into an intercom system at the front door, so that should you need to collect your child during the school day, you will not have to ring the bell, instead the intercom will be heard in the staff room as well as in the office, so we can respond to you through the intercom. Further update to follow.

**School Absence** - Please make sure you notify school at the start of the day, if your child will be absent. Please telephone and leave a message, or email 'mailbox', do not use Class Dojo to notify absences.

## **Breakfast Club is running as usual.**

The door to breakfast club will be kept closed from now on and we ask all parents, or children coming into school to use the door bell for entry. Please allow staff time to respond as they will be in the hall.

As always please pay and book **in advance** for Breakfast Club using ParentPay.

No-one would eat in a restaurant, collect their groceries, or visit a hairdressers and expect to be able to pay tomorrow, or next week 'when I've been paid'. You need to book in advance so that we can ensure we have the correct LEGAL number of adults to children, for the safety of your children.

## **Snacks and Drinks**

A snack can be brought to school every day. Snack should be fresh fruit or vegetable based. The Welsh Government does not recommend dairy based products such as cheese strings or yoghurts, nor does it approve of dried fruit.

Research suggests that water is the best way to hydrate. It is the only liquid permitted in the classroom, in order to protect books, i-pads, chromebooks, etc. Bottles will be stored around the edges of the classroom on windowsills, and only if they contain water. Bottles also need to be transparent.

There is no evidence that cordials, flavoured waters, fresh fruit juices or even milk have the same health benefits as water.

If your child refuses water try adding ice to make it really cold, or add flavour by adding a strawberry, or slice of lemon.

## **After-School Club**

Mrs Joy Parker will continue to run this facility. Please contact Mrs Parker to book your sessions in advance. Only in the case of emergencies is it possible to book and pay on the day. Payments to be made as usual to Bronington School TSB account.

We follow the regulations laid down by 'Care Inspectorate Wales' (CIW) which cover ratios of staff to pupils, qualifications of staff and we are expected to adhere to their policies.

After-school Club and Holiday Club are non-profit making organisations. The money parents pay cover staff wages and bills, there is very little left over and some months they work at a loss. If you have any toys, craft things, dressing up outfits, jigsaws or outdoor toys, in good condition, that you no longer need, we would be very grateful.

## **Latest School News**

We would also like to say a big friendly 'Welcome' to the newest member of the Bronington Staff - Mr Jack Jones - our new caretaker. Mr Jones will also be helping as lunchtime supervisor/catering assistant.

Over the next few weeks we are hoping that the most up to date touch screen TVs will be installed in each classroom, to replace our now antiquated interactive whiteboards.

We are also looking forward to the laying of new carpet in the porch and in classroom 3.

**From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Bumblebees and After School Club will be using the same mobile phone number. 07761 025995. Please be aware this will only be used during opening times.**

## **School Governors**

We would also like to welcome 2 new Foundation Governors, who are also parents of children in the school.

They are – Kim Adams – mum to Tommy & Chloe and  
Hannah Mullaney – mum to Charlotte.

We would also like to say thank you for taking up these very important, voluntary positions and we look forward to working with you.

## *Diary Dates*



SCHOOL TRAINING DAYS:  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils start back to school

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Chemistry with Cabbages - Whole school science workshop

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 3.15pm Friends of Bronington AGM – all welcome!

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Full Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Whole School visit to Maelor Nurseries

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Bronington, time tbc

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Family Pimms and Puddings Quiz Night

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – All Pupils - Flu Vaccination

*Ethical, informed citizens*  
*Ambitious, capable learners*

*Healthy, confident individuals*  
*Enterprising, creative contributors*