



6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all back to Britannia Community Primary School for the start of the new academic year.

I trust that you have all had a lovely summer and that your children have returned to school feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead. I am delighted to inform you that both our pupils and staff have settled into their new classrooms seamlessly, and the energy and enthusiasm throughout the school has been lovely to see.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new parents and pupils. We are thrilled to have you join our Britannia family, and we look forward to working in close partnership with you to support your child's educational journey.

At Britannia, we firmly believe that the collaboration between home and school is crucial in ensuring the success and well-being of our pupils. We maintain an open-door policy, and you are always welcome to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have. However, please do be mindful that during the school day, our teachers may not be able to respond to emails immediately, as they will be focused on preparing lessons and teaching your children. We will aim to respond to emails within 3-5 working days, but you may receive a response sooner. For any more urgent matters, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

This year, I am delighted to welcome Coach Zack to our team as our new sports coach and I am sure you will join us in making him feel like a valued member of our Britannia family. He will be working with the classes at lunchtime, providing additional extra-curricular sports and delivering PE sessions in the afternoon.

The children have been very excited that our school hall has been freshly painted, and we are eagerly awaiting the installation of our new artwork, which will help launch our new vision and values. This exciting project has been a collaborative effort, with input from our entire school community.

Attendance at school is extremely important and this is closely monitored throughout the year. We expect that children will attend school every day and arrive on time unless they are too unwell. A child whose attendance is below 90% is classed as persistently absent and school endeavours to work with families to improve these figures. This data is monitored by school, the local authority and the DFE. Our target for each child's attendance at Britannia is 96%. Should school have any concerns about your child's attendance, we will get in touch with you. Throughout the year, you will receive regular updates through use of a traffic light letter to keep you informed of your child's attendance. Regularly missing school can result in your child developing gaps in learning and difficulties with social interaction as friendships can move on.



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Holidays will not be authorised except in special circumstances which must be discussed with the Headteacher as our Governing Body have taken the decision to fine for holidays during term time. The Government have released new guidelines for fines which have already been shared with you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday 3.25pm – 4.25pm	Choir – 3.25-4.20pm Football Years 2 & 3
Tuesday 3.25pm-4.25pm	Mult-skills Year 1/2
Wednesday	
Thursday 3.25-4.25pm	Girls only football -Years 4,5 and 6
Friday 3.25pm -4.25pm	Dodgeball KS2

Further details about additional clubs will follow and Newspaper club will re-start for Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 26th September.

Your child's class teacher will be sending out newsletters shortly with valuable information about PE days and classroom arrangements. Please keep an eye out for these communications, as they will help you stay informed and engaged with your child's educational experience.

Welcome Meetings

Welcome meetings for Years 1-6 will take place over the next few weeks and this gives you an opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have about the new class. It also gives your child the opportunity to show you around their new classroom.

Year 1	-	Wednesday 11 th September
Year 2	-	Tuesday 10 th September
Year 3	-	Tuesday 10 th September
Year 4	-	Monday 9 th September
Year 5	-	Wednesday 11 th September
Year 6	-	Monday 9 th September

Reading

Reading remains a key focus for the children at Britannia and we will continue to be developing and enhancing our reading material for the children throughout the year. Please support your child with their reading throughout the school – it is a vital skill they need for the future. Reading regularly with your child enhances life chances and supports academic success. Children should aim to be reading each day and this should be recorded in their reading records. The library will be up and running shortly and you will be notified of further details in due course.

PTFA

Our PTFA are always looking for ways to raise much needed funds for the school so if you are interested in supporting the school we welcome new members and volunteers. The first meeting will take place soon so come along and get involved!



Key Reminders

Reminders for Parents

- Doors open at 8.45am and the register will be taken at 8.55am. After this time, children will be marked late and must enter school through the office.
- Children in Years 1-6 will finish school at 3.25pm and Reception at 3.20pm.
- Children should be in appropriate uniform/PE kit and school shoes (not trainers).
- Children should have either fruit or toast at morning playtime. Toast can be purchased through ParentPay.
- Please ensure that contact details and email addresses at school have been updated.
- Ensure you have downloaded the SchoolSpider App for communication.
- No rucksacks – only a school book bag is required.
- All stationary to use in school is provided by school.
- Children may bring a water bottle containing water (not juice) into school to drink throughout the day.
- PE days – Children should come to school in their trainers, black plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings, school PE T-Shirt and school jumper on these days.

I look forward to working closely in partnership with you this coming year to ensure that our children all achieve their potential and continue to shine at Britannia.

Together we can inspire and raise the future.

Yours sincerely

N Longstaff

Headteacher

