



11 July 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year has flown and I cannot believe that we are so near the end of the academic year. It is hard to believe that we started the year off in bubbles and that the school experienced so much disruption in both Autumn and Spring terms. As usual, the Britannia community spirit has shone through and we would like to thank you for all your continued support. The children have made great progress and have worked incredibly hard over the year. I am proud of each and every one of them.

Over the next week, the children will be continuing with their learning and preparing for transition to their new classes. **Friday 15th July** is move up day for the children at Britannia School. On this day the children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms getting to know each other. Children will arrive at the usual time and go straight to their new classrooms for which they will have been prepared for the day before. This will include the Year 3 class using the Junior ramp and the Reception children using the KS1 ramp on this day. Children will also be dismissed from their new exits.

Unfortunately, at the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Isherwood who will be taking up a new position as Deputy Headteacher at St John's Stonefold. I am sure that she will be an asset to her new school and she will be missed here at Britannia. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank her for her dedication and commitment to the school over the years. Mr Toddington will also be embarking on a new chapter as he takes on a secondment at Coates Lane Primary School and we wish him lots of luck in his future endeavours. I know that he will be keeping in touch with us all during his time away from us.

Mrs Seamans will be returning to a full time position in school as the EYFS lead and I know she is very excited to be starting with her new class in the next academic year. We will be welcoming two new teachers to the team in September – Mr O'Keefe and Miss Mallon who will be joining the staff in KS2. They are currently working with the school to prepare for their start in September and I am sure that you will make them feel very welcome.

### **New Class Structure for 2022/2023**

Reception	-	Mrs Seamans (Mrs Bromley and Mrs Wright)
Year 1	-	Mrs Pacey (Miss Dawson, Mrs Burthom and Mrs Greenwood)
Year 2	-	Mrs Nuttall (Mrs Taylor and Mrs Whiteley)
Year 3	-	Mr O'Keefe (Miss Maggs)
Year 4	-	Miss Holmes (Mrs Broadbelt and Mr Islam)
Year 5	-	Miss Mallon (Mrs Ennis)
Year 6	-	Miss Connolly (Miss Nestor)



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I am sure that you will continue to support all our teachers in the new academic year and that our school will continue on its journey to ensure that the children of Britannia receive the highest standards of education possible.

### **School Uniform and PE kits from September**

Over the course of the last academic year, we have noted that that some children have not been wearing the correct uniform and PE kits and this is something I am asking for your support with in September. **From September, there will be an expectation that your child wears the correct uniform to school each day.** The Policy can be found on the school webpage if you are unsure. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, you will be contacted to rectify this issue as soon as possible. Children should not be wearing trainers on days when they do not have PE and they should be in school shoes. PE kits must be worn in accordance with PE and uniform expectations. Children should wear their green PE T-shirt and green/black shorts and trainers. In cold weather, children should wear **either black or navy plain unbranded** tracksuit bottoms or leggings (please ensure these are of a thick quality and not see-through). The school jumper or fleece should be worn over the top of the PE T-Shirt. **There should be no hoodies worn on PE days.** Hair accessories should be plain and school colours. Girls with long hair should have their hair tied up for health and safety reasons. Zig zag lines in hair are not permitted and something that should be saved for the school holidays.

**Please support school by ensuring that your child attends school in the correct uniform.**

### **Reports**

**School reports will be sent out on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022** and it has been lovely to read the school reports this year and see how much the children have achieved. However, please do not be concerned if your child has not reached the expected standard in the some of their subject areas. As you are all aware, the catch up from the lockdown period may take longer for some children and rest assured that school will remain fully committed to working with the children to close any gaps that may have appeared due to the lockdown periods. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers.

Please note that attendance figures may be lower in some cases for many children due to them having COVID during the past year and we are aware of other valid reasons for absence. However, we do have to make you aware of the end of year attendance figures as absence from school can have a significant impact upon academic and social and emotional development. Children whose attendance figures are below 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and this will be closely monitored over the next year when we should hopefully see improvements. **The expected attendance target for each child on a normal year is 96.5% and we very much hope that we can return to this in the next academic year.**

### **Arrangements from September**

**Start of the day** - Doors open at 8.45am and registration at 8.55am. (Children need to aim to be in the classrooms for 8.50am to settle ready for the register). Children arriving after 8.55am will be classed as late.



**End of the day** – 3.25pm (Year 1 and 2 should be collected from the infant yard from their teacher, year 3 and 4 collected from the junior yard from their teacher, Year 5 and 6 – dismissed from the KS2 yard).

Children should **only** bring in book bags and lunch bags to school (no rucksacks please as we do not have the space to accommodate them in the cloakrooms without it becoming a health and safety risk). Children should also continue to bring a water bottle with them to school.

### **Snacks and Packed Lunch Boxes**

As a healthy school, children should only be either having fruit or toast at snack times. We have noticed a few bags of crisps sneaking in – if your child has an inappropriate snack they will be given a piece of fruit instead.

Packed lunch boxes should be healthy and should not contain chocolate bars. Guidance about packed lunches can be found on the webpage.

### **Exciting News - Baby News and Wedding Bells**



The news is finally out after weeks of speculation! We would like to say huge congratulations to Miss Rothwell who is expecting her first child. She will be leaving us in October to begin her maternity leave but up until this point she will be working with different groups of children in the school.



It is wedding bells for another member of staff! Miss Birch will be getting married this summer and will be returning to Britannia in September as Mrs Pacey. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best on her special day. I hope the sun shines for her!

Thank you to you all for supporting us and helping to make Britannia the amazing school it is. So next year, let's pull together, continue to build on our massive collective strength, look after one another, lift up one another and focus on our core responsibility towards the success of the children in this school.

Finally, I would like to wish the children and their families a lovely holiday when it comes full of fun, laughter and rest. I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for a new academic year in September. Thank you to you all for your patience, support and understanding during what has been a tricky year at times.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher