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Dear families,

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter break.

### **Online monitoring**

We have had a number of issues reported to us both before the holidays and subsequently after too. Please support your child with the difficulty of social media and the use of the internet. We have had numerous parents contacting us regarding unkind messages, inappropriate content shared and suspicious activity.

I'm sure we all agree that using a device can be great fun but it can also be extremely addictive and difficult to regulate usage especially for children. Please support your child by monitoring what they are accessing, checking their chats/messages and having open and honest discussions as they learn.

The NSPCC has some excellent guides and advice for parents which covers numerous topics. Here is a link <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</a>

#### **JEFFY** (YouTube cartoon with inappropriate content)

Please see this information sheet from oursaferschools.co.uk about JEFFY. Jeffy.pdf

#### Homework

As always, please try and get back into the routine after the break of completing the short daily homework tasks. Children who read at home with an adult, practise their spellings and practise their Multiplication tables perform better in school. If you have any concerns in supporting your child at home please contact school so we can help.

## Y6 SATS - KS2 tests information leaflet for parents

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eafa583649a255a7ed6355/2024\_Information\_for\_parents \_tests\_at\_the\_end\_of\_key\_stage\_2.pdf

#### Car Park

Please can I remind you that the main school car park is for approved use only. Please request access if you feel you need to drop off or collect from here.

## **Our Family Hub Community Pantry**

Our Community food pantry is fully open and established with regular deliveries of fresh bread, baked goods and groceries from local supermarkets. Through our partners: Neighbourly and Fareshare, prices are kept low at either 25p or 50p an item so check out what we have on offer! Monday is bakery day in the Pantry with fresh bread, delicious fresh pastries, cakes and other baked goods. Thursday is our main grocery day offering fresh fruit, vegetables and other canned and dried products. The Pantry Summerhouse is situated within the school grounds just on the pathway to our main entrance. It has already become popular with so many of our families and children and the Year 5 children even chose to report on the launch as their breaking news story for OPA News Day! The Pantry is open to everyone in our academy community, we look forward to seeing you! Click on the following link to read 5AM's News day report: :https://docs.google.com/document/d/10104zp4omtosn20R7mDhFbBxLBTN38s-IIY2sjVS72c/edit#heading=h.uwtpzkmp9874

# **OJAB** news

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Smith in becoming Mrs Watson over the Easter holidays. 6MS will now become 6MW.

Also, a quick update about our sports teams that have been very busy recently.

Children across the academy took part in a local dance showcase at the Baths Hall. They had worked closely with our dance coach (Miss Layton) and were simply fantastic. Well done to all of the children who participated!



The Boys and Girls Y5/6 Football teams were invited to the Hymer Football tournament in Hull last term. They both did exceptionally well finishing 3rd place in both of their competitions.

This past week, the Y5/6 Boys Football team secured their place in the quarter finals of the Humberside FA Cup after beating Epworth Primary Academy 7-1. They now play at Messingham Primary School in May.

## **Brumby Forest Schools Launch!**

We are so excited to launch our very own Forest School here at Brumby! Thanks to Miss Snow and her expertise, our Forest teams have already cleared a campsite in our nature reserve enclosed area and are now designing and building their own Forest base to engage with nature and enjoy a range of outdoor activities. The mud kitchen and shelter building have been particular favourites already - check out our weekly progress on our Twitter X page: @OJA\_Brumby

## **Return Reading Books**

We have recently purchased some lovely new reading books for the school and class libraries. These have been flying off the shelves with children eager to read them. Please can you help remind your child to return any school reading books to once they have finished reading them. We have seen a significant drop in books being returned to school so return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

## El reward

Congratulations to all those children who achieved EI during their Praising Stars 4 report. The children have decided that they would like to have a picnic lunch and some time at Central Park as their EI treat. If your child achieved this we will contact you with further details once the weather is looking more promising.

## Curriculum for this term

Here is a link to our school website which explains our curriculum. https://www.brumbyjunior.outwood.com/curriculum

The 'Context for Learning Overview' shows what your child will be studying this term.

The 'Primary Learning Library' expands on the information for each topic covered.

### **Electric scooters**

Please can I remind you that electric scooters are illegal and that they are not allowed to be used on school site.

### Dogs

Please can I also remind you that dogs are not allowed on school site.

### **Parent Survey**

Please spare a few minutes to give us some invaluable feedback. https://forms.gle/xC5Unsojsi7HadCF8

#### Attendance

As always, children who have higher levels of attendance have more success academically and socially and feel part of the school community. Please support your child in encouraging them to attend school every day. Of course, illnesses will naturally occur, but the time absent from school should be restricted to the minimum. If you have concerns around your child's attendance, then please work alongside their class teacher/school.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Tait, Principal



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