

Dear families,

A huge welcome back! I hope you have had a relaxing and fun filled summer break and feel ready for the exciting term ahead. As always, there was a fantastic atmosphere in school yesterday and I hope that your child came home happy.

Drop offs in the mornings

In the morning, parents can not access the school via Cemetery Road gate and therefore this is a street drop off for those children who are able to walk up to school on their own. Whilst Y3 children get used to the start of the day, Y3 parents are welcome to come on to the Queensway playground via the Queensway entrance to drop off.

Collections at the end of the day

At the end of the day, parents can access the playgrounds from either entrance. Both gates open to parents at 3pm. To make the collection at the end of the day easier, please inform your child in the morning on where you will wait on the playground for them. This will make this easier for your child to spot you and give us more space as we dismiss them. For our new Y3 children, please initially collect from the Queensway playground whilst they are settled in.

School Car Park

Please be aware that drops off by car in the morning need to be approved by school. The Queensway entrance is extremely busy in the morning and to ensure safety we do not allow access to the car park without prior agreement. If you have a blue badge, please pop into the office so that we can record this and allow you access. If you feel that you have exceptional circumstances and need to use a car, please contact me so that we can discuss. Drops offs for breakfast club and collections from after school club are absolutely fine as this is at a much quieter time of the day.

Website <https://www.brumbyjunior.outwood.com/>

The school website is a good source of information for parents. If you want to look at what your children will be learning about this term, please visit the **curriculum** area. The **information** area includes information on school dinners, term dates, policies and much more.

Homework

Please encourage your child to complete the following daily homework. It really does make such a difference.

Please try and get into the habit of doing the following each day.

1. Reading to an adult at home. Daily reading can have such a huge impact. Please try and fit this into your day. Further letters regarding reading will be sent next week.
2. Rehearse their Multiplication Tables. TTRS (Times tables rock stars) can be accessed via the app or via <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> - five one minute games in the 'garage' is best as this aspect of the game targets what your child needs to develop.
3. Spelling homework - spellings are provided each week.

Uniform

The children looked magnificent yesterday so thank you for your support with this. They all look, act and feel smart! I'm sure you are all very proud of them as they start their next year of education. Please remember to put their name in their uniform.

If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer, please remember that we are an earring free school. Earrings should be removed where possible. If you can not remove them, then something such as these [spacers](#) should be used. We do have some available in school. Alternatively, plasters can be used to cover them.

Break time snacks, water bottles and nuts.

At break times, please provide your children with a healthy snack. All we ask is that it is something that doesn't have a wrapper so that we can avoid single use plastic. This helps us make healthy choices and have better sustained energy levels throughout the morning.

Please ensure your child has a bottle filled with water ready for the start of the day. Their bottle is always with them at their desk and they have access to refill it in the classroom. Please do not send any juice for their bottle that they use in the classroom.

Please remember we are a nut free school. We have serious life threatening allergies in school. If you need support in making alternative choices please contact us so we can support. Thank you in advance for helping protect all our children and staff with this.

Sun care

Typically, the weather has vastly improved as we return to school. Please send your child to school with sun cream, a hat and the above mentioned water bottle to remain hydrated.

Celebration assemblies

Each week, on a Friday, we invite parents in for a celebration assembly. We will text you in secret on a Wednesday if your child is going to get a special mention that week. Children are not informed so that they can be surprised when they see you or another family member in the hall.

Each week, during a normal Monday assembly children will also be rewarded with certificates for completing their homework, attendance, reaching Superswirl landmarks (every 100 collected) or receiving a pen licence. We also celebrate success outside of school so if your child has something to celebrate please let me know.

PE days

Please send the correct PE Uniform for your child to change into on the following days.

Y6 Tuesday

Y4 Wednesday

Y3 Thursday

Y5 Friday

Your child may also need it on another occasion during the week which will be communicated to you by their class teacher. PE days will vary throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards, Mr S Tait