

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. There has been a fantastic atmosphere in school as always and we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming them back.

### **Drop offs in the mornings**

All children are welcome to access school via the Queensway or Cemetery Road gates. 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.

### **Collections at the end of the day**

At the end of the day, parents can access the playgrounds from either gate. For our new Y3 children, if you feel like they are ready, they can walk down to the Cemetery Road playground to meet you. Both gates open to parents at 3pm.

### **Parking**

Please be mindful when parking in the residential areas. Unfortunately, we have had residents contact school this week from Marlborough Drive (opposite the Queensway entrance) who have not been able to access their driveways. Please try and walk where possible. If you require access to the school car park, please contact us so that we can support you.

### **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.

### **Breakfast and After School Childcare**

Our new childcare provision is up and running. A google form will be sent out ready for the start of each half term for you to book. If you do not know in advance which days you require this provision, please contact the school office each week to let us know. Please do this no later than Friday lunchtime so we can prepare registers for the following Monday. If you haven't already accessed this provision and you would like to before the next half term, please contact the school office.

### **Uniform**

The children have looked magnificent this week 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. 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.

### **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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards, Mr S Tait