

NEWSLETTER



18.12.20

Autumn term—Week 15

What a term! It seems so long ago now when we were having those 'return to school' nerves, we were setting up bubbles and introducing one way systems and the staggered timings. These key routines will continue in January, plus some new lunchtime measures which will help hopefully reduce the number of children being sent home if we have a positive case in a bubble. The children have produced some fabulous learning and the displays in school reflect the rich wider curriculum subjects the children have been working on this term.

I hope the progress slips which were sent home yesterday have provided you with an overview of the children's learning and the teacher's comment shares with you some of your child's strengths and next steps. This more detailed report slip is in response to the parent survey where parents requested further information on curriculum and their children's assessments. In January, you will be able to find the Spring term overview on our website for your child's year group.

Behaviour has continued to improve in school this half term, with a reduction of yellow and red card sanctions across the whole school. Nearly all classes saw a reduction in the number of sanctions given out and pupils continued to gather family points towards their bronze award.

Please continue to inform us of positive cases over the break via

info@brindleyacademy.com

I will continue to check the info@brindleyacademy.com e-mail account for positive test notifications until the 23rd December to assist with Track and Trace. I will make contact with any families via Parentmail if needed.

We look forward to being able to share the children's wonderful work and curriculum developments in person with you when it is safe to do so. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support—it is appreciated by all of us here at Brindley.

Finally, we wish Mr Daley at Foley Infants luck in his new headship and we look forward to welcome Mrs Beardsley to our community as the new Head of School.

I hope you have a wonderful break and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Mr Martin

Film Night

A huge thank you for supporting our film night—I know the children enjoyed it and the turn out was excellent! An ongoing thanks to the wonderful members of the PTA who made this possible and, by continuing to raise funds for school, ensure the children have access to resources which would have otherwise be unaffordable. We have raised over £600 for school !

Lunchtimes

In January, teachers will work with children to arrange table groups for eating at lunchtime to make it easier for us to accurately identify close contacts should we have a positive case. This additional measure should help us identify precise pupils who would need to self-isolate, rather than a blanket bubble closure. It is so important that children spend their lunchtimes socialising with friends, so the table groups will be worked out carefully and sensitively. After a fortnight, we will review the system.



Family points

Congratulations to Kenny! You have gathered the most house points this half term and can wear your own clothes on the first day back in Spring term!

Key Dates—Spring term

4.1.21—Training day—school closed to pupils

5.1.21—Children return to school

15.1.21—Birthday Party! Time to celebrate our December and January Birthdays.

12.2.21 Birthday Party! Time to celebrate our February Birthdays.

Week beginning 15.2.21—Half term

22.2.21—Training day—school closed to pupils

23.2.21—Children return to school

12.3.21—Birthday Party! Time to celebrate our March birthdays

1.4.21—Final day of Spring Term

Parents Evening—TBC