

# BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents,

As the final week of the academic year looms into view, please find information below relating to arrangements for the End of Term.

## 1) Transition

Transition afternoon is due to take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July for Pre-Nursery to Year 5. This is an opportunity for children to meet their new teacher and spend some time in their new class groupings. Due to the rise in Covid cases locally in recent weeks, this will be an internal event only with no new children joining us. It is also dependent on dry weather as it is an outdoor event. Teaching Assistants in current year groups will 'move up' with the children, with teaching staff maintaining adequate distance to ensure that we don't compromise our bubbles in the last week of term.

The forecast next week isn't looking too promising so we may need to be flexible and change the timing to secure a break in the weather. If your child attends Ashdown Lodge and is not in school on the transition day, please do not be concerned; Mrs Hinchliffe and the Ashdown staff will ensure that there is an opportunity on a different day.

## 2) Staff Allocation 2021/22

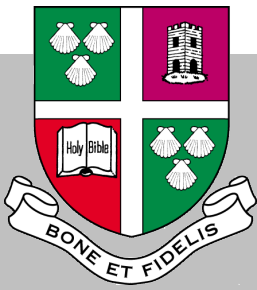
<b>Pre-Nursery</b>	Miss S Hargreaves		
<b>Nursery</b>	Teacher in Charge: Mrs A Hinchliffe Nursery Room Leader: Miss A Lee		
<b>Form</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
RB	Mrs R Potter	RH	Mrs R Hallam
1B	Mrs C Abbott/Mrs N McElhone	1H	Mrs H Defurey
2B	Miss Z Campbell	2H	Mrs V Small
3B	Mrs H Simpson	3H	Mr M Marshall
4B	Mrs H Ellershaw	4H	Mrs K Downs
5B	Mrs N Rayner	5H	Mrs A Gifford
6B	Miss F Pearson	6H	Mr M Graham

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### 3) Prize Giving

This will go ahead for Year 6 only on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 will have a 'lazy morning', if they wish, in preparation for their afternoon party celebrations. Children should attend in uniform and be in school by 10:15am. Party clothes should be brought in a clearly labelled bag and stored in classrooms.

All other year groups will enjoy a Celebration Assembly on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, which will include the award of the usual End of Year prizes and Platinum badges, which may be worn throughout the forthcoming Autumn Term 2021.

Staff are working hard to capture all of the events throughout the final few weeks of term and photograph collections may be viewed on our Flickr site at the link below:

[Woodhouse Grove's albums | Flickr](#)

### 4) Departing Staff

It is with a heavy heart that we are saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the year; some long-serving and some who have joined us more recently.

After 20 years' service, Ms Stega will be leaving us at the end of the current term. We thank her for her passion and commitment to girls' sport over the last two decades.

Mrs Ward, one of our dedicated Nursery Practitioners, is also leaving us for pastures new. Her expertise and dedication to our youngest children over the last 17 years has been very much appreciated.

Mr Moorhouse and Miss Bland, in the Year 4 teaching team, will be greatly missed next year by staff and children alike. We wish Mr Moorhouse every success in his new teaching role at Low Ash Primary School.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs La Via-Rogers, who has been outstanding in her role as Year 1 class teacher over the last 18 months.

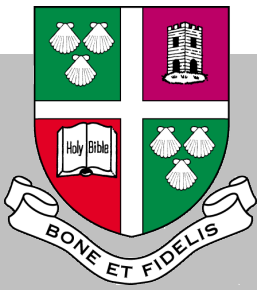
The services of Mr Boggie and Mrs Pinkney, who have assisted in Years 2 and 5 respectively throughout the Covid period, have been greatly appreciated. Mrs Pinkney will return to her Librarian role at Woodhouse Grove and Mr Boggie is pursuing his career in the fitness industry.

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## 5) The Last Day of Term – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Traditionally, school closes at lunchtime on the final day of the school year. Due to Covid concerns, this year, we feel that we must introduce a stagger to the last day to reduce the number of families on site. With this in mind, the following timetable for collecting children will be in place:

10:45am – Year 6 farewells on the tennis court. A maximum of two Year 6 family members are invited to attend. Families must take responsibility for ensuring they remain distanced from each other on the terrace. Masks should be worn at all times. Siblings of Year 6 children in Years 1-5 will also be brought onto the tennis court at this time to ease collection.

**The road through school will be closed 10:40am – 11:10am to allow our Year 6 children to say goodbye for the very last time. Year 6 parents should ensure that they arrive before this time; parents of children in other year groups are asked not to arrive on site until after 11:15am.**

11:30am – Pre-Nursery – Year 2 collection

Staff will radio for older siblings in Years 3,4 and 5 to be collected at this time.

12:00noon – Years 3, 4 and 5 collection

Due to the shorter nature of the morning, due to Covid restrictions, parents of children in year groups up to Year 5 may prefer to keep children at home. If this is the case, on this occasion, all absence on the final day will be authorised but please do let class teachers know so that goodbyes can be said.

## 6) Reports

Full academic reports will be available on the Parents' Portal on the afternoon of the final day of term. A hard copy of children's formal assessment results in Years 1-6 will also be distributed to children at this time.

Staff will undertake handover meetings to ensure that information relating to academic matters and pupil wellbeing is communicated to new class teachers prior to the start of the new term.

## 7) September 2021

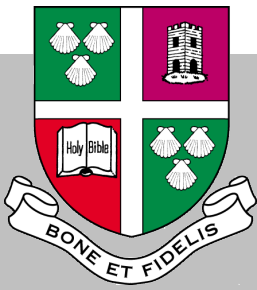
We are hoping that the majority of the restrictions we have had to endure in school this year will disappear in September. Further guidance is anticipated from the Government in the coming weeks and information will be released to parents in due course, before the start of the new term.

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We are looking forward to getting back to some semblance of normality, though parents should feel assured that September planning has been constructed flexibly to accommodate bubble restrictions, if required.

Our co-curricular programme has undergone a radical overhaul and the breadth of opportunities available to our children next term is amazing! Details are being finalised and will be released before the start of the new term.

One item to note is that we will be moving our registration time from 8:30am to **8:25am** for children in Year 1-6 from September 2021. We have re-organised our daily schedule quite considerably and moved assembly-time to later in the morning, allowing us to start Lesson 1 at 8:30am, when the children are at their most focused and receptive to learning. Further details to follow in the Pre-Term Information to Parents later in the Summer.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact Form Teachers, who will be able to advise further on arrangements in specific year groups.

With very best wishes,

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