

BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Half term is upon us already; the first 6 weeks of the new year have flown by! We have slowly made our way back to a more normal school routine, with the re-introduction of specialist teaching, sports fixtures and a full programme of co-curricular opportunities. Judging by the numbers attending after-school activities each week, the children are thoroughly enjoying the breadth of opportunities available.

Whilst we have kept Covid at bay for the majority of the first half of term, the last few days have proven challenging, with a marked increase in cases, and one Year Group returning to the bubble precautions of the previous year. Speaking to other Junior School Heads, this increase appears to be a trend reflected in many other schools, who are also reporting a swell in Covid cases in Primary-aged children. Please be assured that parents will always be informed if Covid cases in a particular section of the school rise above accepted levels and we will take no hesitation in increasing our control measures to ensure that our children and staff remain safe. The half-term break will afford an opportunity to break chains of transmission within school and start the second part of the term afresh.

We would ask for your continued support in collecting children from school who present as symptomatic and following NHS testing guidance. Whilst we appreciate that this may not be convenient, it is vital in ensuring that Covid cases are kept to a minimum. It is also imperative that the School Office is made aware of test results before children are returned to school.

Please find below some key dates for diaries following the half-term holiday:

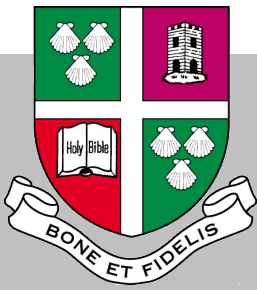
- Wednesday 3rd November – Years 1-6 House Cross Country
1:30-2:30pm – Years 1-3
2:30-3:30pm – Years 4-6
Parents are welcome to attend at the specified times.
All children in Years 1-6 should attend school in PE kits and tracksuit.
Refreshments available on the sports field for a small donation to the ABA.
- Wednesday 3rd November 7.00pm – ABA Meeting, Dining Room
New parents welcome
- Thursday 4th November – Individual and sibling photographs
- Wednesday 10th November – Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school

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- Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th November – ABA Pyjama Parties
(Further information to follow on the return to school.)

We will also be welcoming parents back to Awards Assembly on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Initially, this will be limited to the families of children who are receiving awards, though we hope to be able to increase numbers in due course. The first week of the half term, Friday 5th November, will be an assembly for Upper School (Years 4-6) and we will be inviting families of children in Year 6, who have been awarded a position of responsibility, into assembly to see children receive their badges.

Families of award winners will be informed that their child is to receive a certificate by 4:30pm on a Wednesday afternoon and an email will be sent to parents requesting confirmation of how many seats may be required in the Assembly on the Friday. Keeping the secret may prove difficult due to morning logistics but please do try!

Planning for Christmas is already underway, and we hope to be able to offer our full complement of Nativities and concerts, with parents in attendance. Further dates and details to follow shortly.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st November.

With very best wishes,

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