

BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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14th February 2022

Dear Parents,

With half term fast approaching, I am writing with some information items, as well as to confirm next half term's Co-curricular programme. This will go live at **6:30pm on Tuesday 15th February**. Parents will be emailed a booking link at the appointed time and should choose activities with their child so that they are aware and in agreement of choices made.

Please be mindful of the following when booking:

- Swim Squad training for Years 4, 5 and 6 on Mondays is by invitation only and no booking is required. If your child currently attends the session but you DO NOT wish to continue, please contact Mrs Bedford in the Office and she will remove your child's name from the list.
- Swimming Development on Wednesdays is bookable on a 'first come, first served' basis.
- Clubs will commence from Tuesday 1st March. Monday 28th February is our half termly Continuing Professional Development evening for staff, focusing on improved use of data to inform target setting and academic progress. After school care will be available but Clubs will not commence until the following day.

Please find below the activity programme for the forthcoming half term.

ABA News

We are extremely excited that Phase 1 of the new adventure playground, funded by the ABA, is due to be installed over the half term break. This is due to be completed during the first week of the new half term and there may be some disruption to parking for several days. We will update, as necessary, before the children return to school to make parents aware of any changes to normal routines.

On Friday 18th February, the ABA will be running a tuck shop after school from the tennis court area. Parents MUST be in attendance before children can purchase any treats in order to supervise children with allergies or dietary needs. This will be cash payment only.

A DISCO is also planned for Wednesday 16th March. Further details to follow after half term.

The next ABA meeting will be Monday 28th February at 7pm in the Dining Room. All parents are welcome to join.

Covid Restrictions

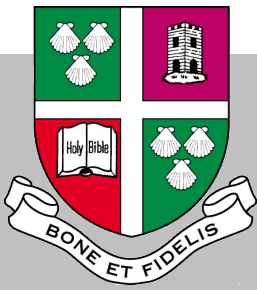
As Covid rates, both nationally and within school, have continued to fall in recent weeks, the wearing of masks on and around the school site is no longer required. A full review of the School risk assessment will take place during the half term holidays and we are hopeful to be able to invite parents in to Awards Assembly on Friday 4th March. Confirmation of this will follow in due course.

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Car-Parking

Can I please remind parents that the Staff Carpark must not be used by parents in the morning and is only available for parents to access after 5.00pm, when the volume of parked cars has decreased. Similarly, the disabled spaces at the front of school should only be used by those with a blue disabled badge or those with a short-term ailment, with permission from the School.

May I also remind parents that the site speed limit is 5mph. Can we all please be mindful of this for the safety of everyone's children.

World Book Day

This will take place on Thursday 3rd March, and we will be asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character. Further information regarding activities will follow later this week from Mrs Simpson.

Announcement - Mrs Kristy Downs

It is with regret that I must inform parents that Mrs Kristy Downs, who has been a much-valued member of the Brontë House team for 17 years, is leaving us at the end of the current academic year, in pursuit of a career that will see her fully embrace her artistic talents.

Mrs Downs' 'no-nonsense' approach and passion for practical, hands-on learning; coupled with a boundless desire to see children succeed; has meant hundreds of Brontë pupils have benefitted from her teaching since she joined us in 2007. Whether she is designing sets for theatrical productions, organising whole-school events or planning magical classroom experiences, Mrs Downs meets every challenge with customary good humour and a real sense of fun. On one particular occasion, I remember finding Mrs Downs and a class of Year 4 children on their hands and knees on the path between the tennis court and the car park, constructing their own river, complete with ox-bow lakes and tributaries – because why would we read about it in a book when we can build one for ourselves?! The support that Mrs Downs' has provided in her role as Director of Activities, particularly in the last few years during the Covid period, has been immeasurable. Such a talented and creative thinker, she will be a huge loss to Brontë, and School will certainly be a quieter place in September without her presence. No doubt, she will be back to help us with any periods of staff absence in the future and we thank for her contributions throughout the last 17 years.

We are currently recruiting for an Assistant Head (Operations) to replace aspects of Mrs Downs' role and further information is available on the School website.

Wishing everyone a restful holiday, after a long seven-week half term.

With best wishes,

S. Chatterton

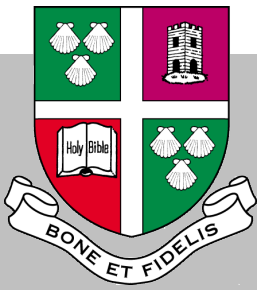
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| RECEPTION | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| CLUB | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| REC 3.30-4.00 | SPORT | | | | | Multisports |
| | EXTERNAL | Dance Club (Nursery children may attend) | Yoga (Nursery children may attend) | Smarty Pants Spanish (Nursery children may attend) | Ninja Club | |
| | CREATIVE/ ACADEMIC | STEM | Junior Artist | Book Club | Jigsaw Club | Problem Solving |
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| YEARS 1&2 | | | | | | |
| CLUB | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| Y1 & 2 3.30-4.00 | SPORT | Multisports | | Body and Balance | | |
| | EXTERNAL | | Yoga | Smarty Pants Spanish | Ninja Club | |
| | CREATIVE | Drawing Club | Story Club | | Gardening Club | Film Club |
| | ACADEMIC | STEM | Domino Club | Mathemagicians | Computer Club | Languages Club |
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| YEARS 3&4 | | | | | | |
| CLUB | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| Y3 & 4 3.45-4.30 | SPORT | Swim Squad Training (Invite Only) | | | Rugby Club (until 4.45) | |
| | SPORT | Racket Sports | Girls Football | Swimming Development | Netball Squad training (until 4.45) | Cross Country |
| | CREATIVE | Brontë Knitwits | Gardening Club | Art Club | Chess Club | Railway Club |
| | ACADEMIC | Singing Club | Creative Writing | Calligraphy for the Poets | Touch Typing | Coding |
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| YEARS 5&6 | | | | | | |
| CLUB | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | |
| Y5 & 6 3.45-4.30 | SPORT | Swim Squad Training (Invite Only) | | Swimming Development | | |
| | SPORT | Rugby Club (until 4.45) | Girls Football | Netball Squad Training | Cross Country | Boxfit |
| | CREATIVE | Singing Club | Art Club | Cross stich | Chess Club | Film Club |
| | ACADEMIC | Mandarin | Creative Writing | Drama | Touch Typing | Coding |
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