

Welcome Back...

TO NEW ADVENTURES...

I am delighted to welcome you back to school for the start of a brand new and exciting academic year! I do hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful summer.

It has been a pleasure to see the children so happy and settled in their new classrooms today, and the late summer sunshine has been a very welcome surprise.

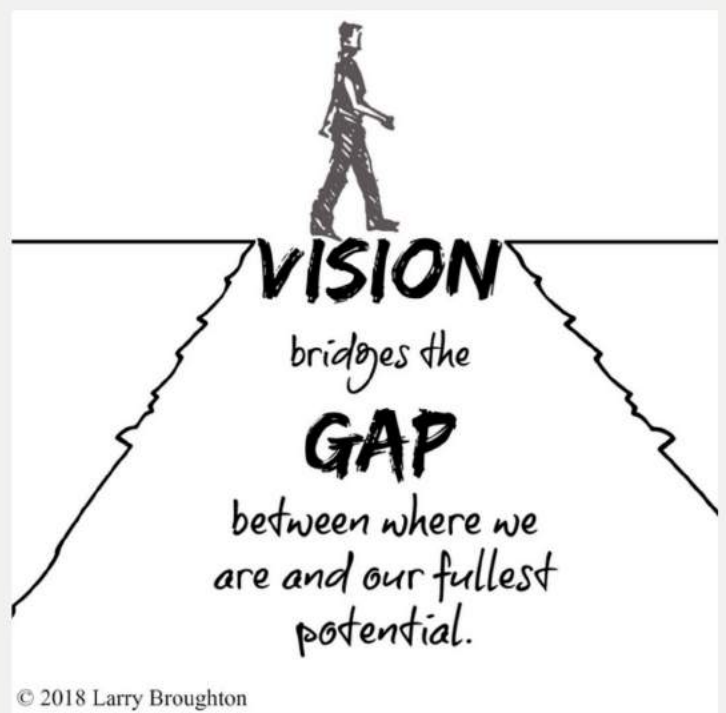
This year is going to be a very special one for Bradfield. Myself and the whole staff team begin this year with renewed enthusiasm and positivity. Our recent INSET days, both before and after the summer break, have been dedicated to developing and refining our shared vision for the school moving forward. We have worked together to reflect deeply on the context of our school community, on how we work and on our hopes and aspirations for the children.

With this in mind, we would now very much like to consult with the rest of our school community to refine our vision and values more fully. Within the next few days I will send you a 'Bradfield On a Page' document, which succinctly outlines this refreshed vision and its component parts.

I will then invite you to share your feedback and suggestions on this, should you have any, so that these can inform our final vision and approach. This vision will then underpin the development work of the school moving forward, supporting a collective purpose and helping form a practical framework and an identity that Bradfield can be proud of.

In the meantime, I hope you find this short newsletter useful and look forward to catching up with you all on the playground in the coming days.

Miss Davies



Years 1 & 2...



Years 3 & 4...



Years 5 & 6...



School Notices

HOLIDAYS

It seems strange writing about holidays at the start of the school year but now is a good time to talk about the importance of taking holidays in holiday time.

The curriculum is so full these days that even missing a week of school can put children behind.

The government takes this issue so seriously that they are now asking all schools to use Fixed Penalty Fines for holidays of 5 consecutive days or more during term time.

Please see the Attendance Policy on the school website for more detail.

There are key times of the year when the children must be in school as there are statutory assessments:

Year 1: Phonics Screening Check
(June 10th – 14th)

Year 4: Multiplication Check
(June 10th – 14th)

Year 6 SATS week
(May 13th – 17th)

Thank you for your understanding.

CHANGES TO DROP OFF AND PICK OFF

In order to bring our parent community together and to make life a little easier for those with more than one child in school, from Monday 11th September, pick off and drop off will take place on the front playground for ALL pupils.

For drop off, Years 1 and 2 will line up with their teachers on the bell, while Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue to make their own way into the building, via the double doors, as they arrive.

Pick up will operate as before, but with collection also taking place on the main front playground for ALL pupils.

Entry to the Mighty All Stars breakfast club will still be via the back gate as usual.

School Development

NEW BEHAVIOUR FRAMEWORK

In order to ensure consistency in our approach to pupil behaviour in school, and to form an effective home/school partnership, we have developed a 'Behaviour Steps' document for 2023/24. This is a practical framework which very clearly sets out how we will respond to anti-social behaviours in school, and how we will support children to improve these behaviours.

You will notice that this framework now includes an increased level of communication with parents, including a formal escalation of meetings, letters and behaviour support plans. We hope that you will see this system as something that allows you to work more closely with us to support your child's behaviour, should they ever need it.

This document will be emailed out to you tomorrow and I encourage you to keep it on file in case you ever wish to refer to it. It will also be uploaded to our website this week to be read in conjunction with our behaviour policy. Should you have any questions about this, or any other aspect of behaviour support in school, please do not hesitate to discuss with a member of the leadership team.



Behaviour Steps Guidance

This document is to be used as a guide and is not an exhaustive list of behaviours therefore, professional judgement needs to be used and advice sought where necessary. When supporting children with SEND reasonable adjustment maybe needed to ensure the consequence is developmentally appropriate and is in line with other Social, Emotional, Mental, Health, and Educational targets they may have.

Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER

This term, each class will be holding an informal 'Meet The Teacher' session after school during the first few weeks back. This is an opportunity to get to know your child's new teacher, learn about the routines of the class and ask any general questions you may have.

Monday 18th September

'Meet The Teacher' Yr 1 and Yr 6
3:10-3:30

Tuesday 19th September

'Meet The Teacher' Yr 2
3:10-3:30

Wednesday 20th September

'Meet The Teacher' Yr 3
3:10-3:30

Thursday 21st September

'Meet The Teacher' Yr 4
3:10-3:30

Friday 22nd September

'Meet The Teacher' Yr 5
3:10-3:30