

Dates for the Diary

Yearly dates:

	First Day	Last day
		15.12.23
Term 3	02.01.24	9.02.24
Term 4	19.02.24	28.03.24
Term 5	15.04.24	24.05.24
Term 6	03.06.24	23.07.24

Inset dates:

Friday 7th June

Upcoming events:

December

13.12.23 Whole school theatre trip

14.12.23 PTA disco

15.12.23 End of term 2

January

2.1.24 Start of term 3

3.1.24 and 4.1.24 Whole school Explorer Dome experience

5.1.24 Y4 swimming begins

9.1.24 Parent workshop—grammar skills
5pm—details have been emailed separately

15.01.24 Deer class assembly (2.45pm in the school hall—Deer parents welcome)

26.1.24 Y6 Road safety workshops

29.1.24 Newt class assembly (2.45pm in the school hall— Newt parents welcome)

February

7.2.24 Enrichment morning

9.2.24 End of term

19.2.24 Start of term 4

26.2.24 Fox class assembly (2.45pm in the school hall— Fox parents welcome)

March

1.3.24 Year 5 trip to SS Great Britain



What an amazing term we've all had! The Christmas season always brings a variety of exciting events and opportunities, but we have also been very busy throughout the term with many fun and exciting experiences to enrich our children's daily learning. Here are just a few of the fabulous experiences our children have had across the term ...

We had a blast in PE across the school learning a mixture of Jive, street dance, Bollywood and the Charleston. Year 5 had great fun learning Djembe drumming. We raised money for some very worthy charities during our 'Wear it pink' and 'Pudsey day' The whole school conducted a study on aerodynamics through our termly science investigation. BHJS have represented the school in a range of sporting events We strengthened our swimming in Years 5 and 6. We were able to reflected on our school value of respect with our visitors from Christchurch. Many of our children performed in our amazing Christmas production of 'When Sasha was swept up the chimney' which was watched and enjoyed by all. Everyone threw themselves into our excellent Enrichment activities. We enjoyed the opportunity to come together and pull a Christmas cracker during our fabulous Christmas meal. Our marvellous musicians have been able to demonstrate their musical talents and progress to families this week. And, to top it all off, we are all looking forward to our whole school trip to the theatre today to watch Rapunzel!

This is an extremely busy time of the year for our PTA and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved, once again, for organising and running the events. This not only helps to raise money for the school, but also makes the Christmas period even more special for our children. As the term comes to an end, we thank you all for your ongoing and continued support and involvement in the school community.



BHJS truly is a fabulous community and we wish you all a very Happy and restful Christmas holiday and a superb New Year!

Artists' Corner...



Alongside the fantastic examples of Art and DT that the children have produced in class this term, children from across the school have also been enjoying weekly art sessions by attending an after-school club run by local artist Catherine Williams.

Catherine is an excellent artist and has really engaged and inspired the children. They have experimented with a wide range of medium and enjoyed creating their own art work focussed on a variety of topics from firework paintings, to creating sun and moon patterns and exploring a range of Christmas crafts!

"It's fun for all ages!" Tamsin B

"It's really interesting how you create your art." George A

"A fun and enjoyable group, recommended for arty and crafty people," Daniella M

Fond Farewells and New Beginnings...

Mrs Calvey has been a great addition to our team over the last couple of years. As you will know, Mrs Calvey is stepping away from teaching in order to spend a little more time with her family and take on new adventures so we wish her every happiness in this in the future. **Miss Scott** will be joining us fully as the new Fox class teacher in January. We have been lucky enough to have Miss Scott with us, working alongside Mrs Calvey, over the last couple of weeks and is really looking forward to being with them fully in the new year.

We are very sad to say that we are also saying goodbye to **Mrs Hague** at the end of his week. Mrs Hague has worked with so many of our children over the last few years, supporting in classes, covering classes while teachers have their planning time and working with individuals and small groups to support their reading. Mrs Hague will now be exploring a new vocation with in the Local Authority supporting families with education healthcare plans. We are excited for this new opportunity for Mrs Hague but will miss her terribly. In the new year, we will be joined by **Mrs Williams** who is an experienced HLTA working with children both in primary schools and, more recently, one of our local secondary schools. I know that you will all make her feel welcome to the community.

Finally, we are also sad to be saying **goodbye to Miss Chard**—a great addition to our LBS team and our breakfast club leader—as she has been given the opportunity to further her work as a nursery practitioner in the new year. We are going to miss having her on the team but would like to thank her for her support for our community over the last few years.



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Join us for a
coffee & a chat

10TH JANUARY 2024 9:30AM
BROMLEY HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

Just a few of our favourite moments from the term captured on camera...



The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.



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