



News at BPS

21 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



'Gardening club gold'

Yes, our school gardeners have done it again! We have been awarded gold standard from Leeds in Bloom for the third year running. The judges make it clear that the knowledge and enthusiasm of our pupils makes a huge contribution to the high standard of Bramhope's entry and we are already looking forward to a bumper crop of pumpkins!



Our club is extremely popular with upwards of 70 pupils asking to join each year. As part of our commitment to using the outside environment, we are also planning a rota which would enable children from each class to enjoy planting, harvesting, weeding, digging and generally caring for our lovely wildlife area.

Collaborative Learning Trust

Many of you will be aware of last term's consultation with staff, parents/carers and members of the local community about the possible formation of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT) with Prince Henry's Grammar School. The summary report of the consultation was published in May 2018 and as a result of the overall positive response to the consultation, the Collaborative Learning Trust officially came into existence on 1st September 2018.

Prince Henry's has already joined the new Trust and governors at Bramhope Primary School are overseeing a comprehensive investigation to decide whether Bramhope will join the MAT. If Bramhope decides to join the Trust, this will not happen until December and we will keep you updated on progress throughout the process.

Secondary school information meeting

I am sure that parents of children in Y6 are aware that they need to apply for a place at a secondary school before 31 October. A number of parents have asked me about secondary school options and admission to Prince Henry's and I thought it might be helpful to hold an information meeting to clarify the admissions process, outline the admissions proposals and answer any questions you may have. The meeting is open to parents of children of all ages and will be held at **7:30pm on 11 October**. I would encourage parents to ensure they have visited school open days before the meeting as the evening will also be an opportunity to reflect on what they might have seen in different schools. Nearer the time I will be asking parents to confirm whether they will be attending the secondary school information meeting but please do save the date for now.



School Photos

On Tuesday of next week, 25 September all children will have an individual photograph taken by Tempest Photography. As usual, you will be able to purchase your child's photograph online direct from Tempest and the photograph is also uploaded on to our management information system in school. Please could you ensure that your child looks extra smart on the day and that if your child has long hair, it is up or off their face? Many thanks.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at our Curriculum evening next Thursday, in KS2 hall. **Refreshments in aid of Macmillan will be served from 6:45pm** so please do bring some cash on the evening.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Colbourn

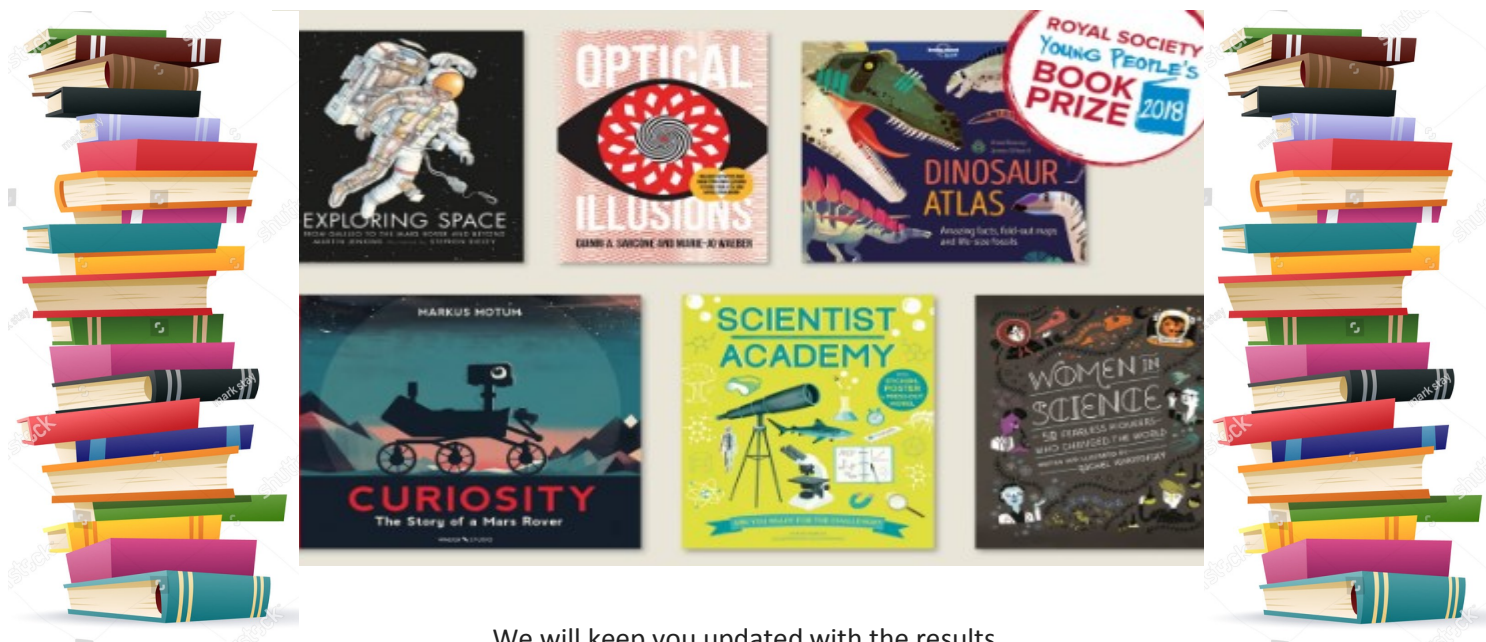
This year we have been selected to judge The Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize.

Explore the dinosaurs that roamed lost prehistoric lands and measure yourself against their life-size bones, teeth and claws; head off with NASA's Mars rover Curiosity on a journey from the laboratory to the Red Planet; and discover 50 fearless female scientists who changed the world.



A panel of KS2 children will read the shortlisted books covering the topics above and give their opinions on the layout of the book, the appeal to the reader and the content. We will then submit our results so that a national winner can be decided. The panel is being chosen at the moment, so if your child is in KS2 and wants to take part they need to tell their class teacher.

Here are the shortlisted books:



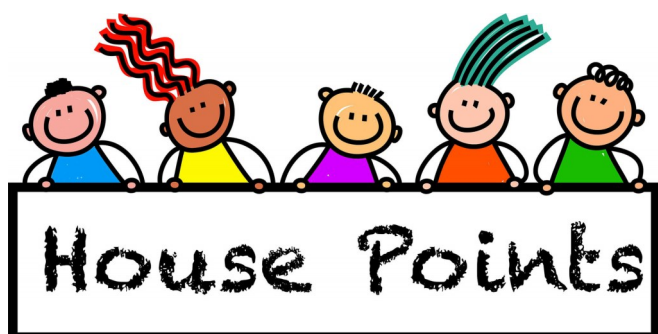
We will keep you updated with the results.

Reception parent donations request!




Do you have any super hero dressing up clothes that are no longer needed at home and we can have in school.



Also any old children's magazines that we could have (ie) Cbeebies magazines and similar would be most welcome, thank you!



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Flu Vaccine

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.



Please complete the online form (one for each child) by the 5th October. Please ensure you read and understand all the information before you complete the online form. Please visit <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/> for more information about the flu vaccination.



Please enter the year group which your child is in, as of September 2018.

If you do not know the class or teacher name please leave blank.

You will be asked to enter a secure school code: 18350

<https://onlineformsflul.hdft.nhs.uk/flu vaccinationsleeds>

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please go to the website shown above which includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. Please ensure you read and understand the information before completing the online form. If you have any queries please contact the childhood Immunisation team.



Each of our £1 donations will help to buy practical day-to-day support as well as special equipment for children with difficulties, like a wheelchair or frame to help them walk or it might allow children who are not normally able to play with others the chance to have fun and make friends.

Thank you for your support, help to raise awareness and fundraising donations!

Dates for your diaries

Whole school photographs—25th September

Shakespeare - Workshop: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Monday 24th September 2018.

Tech and dress rehearsal: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Monday 15th October.

Performance: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Monday 15th October

Curriculum information evening - Thursday 27 September

PTA Pizza party for parents – 6th October at 7:00pm

Halloween Party—26th October (tbc)

Parent Forum Meetings - Thursday 17 October at 9:00am
Wednesday 20 March at 2:00pm
Friday 28 June at 9:00am.

Individual parents' meetings will take place on 23rd and 24th October

Christmas Shopping Evening—29th November (adults only)

