

# News at BPS

# **28 September 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at yesterday's Curriculum information meeting. The evening gave us the opportunity to celebrate our many successes, share aspects of our school improvement plan and consider our aims for this year. If you were unable to attend, key messages included:

**Website** Thank you for bearing with us as we transition from one website to another. We will be going live with our new website on 8 October and ask that you direct any urgent emails to our admin team in the meantime

**Curriculum** We remain committed to developing a broad curriculum built upon solid foundations. Reading remains at the heart of our home learning policy and we are building upon the progress we have made with science, sport and music

**New teaching and Learning policy** We have clarified the learning behaviours we expect to see in every classroom and are working hard to achieve consistency across each year group

**Results** Another great year! Our official KS2 SATs results won't be published until November but we are extremely proud that initial indicates we have outcomes significantly above national in reading, writing and mathematics combined

**Extra** –curricular activities Our new extended programme is proving really popular and we are working hard to avoid waiting lists in some clubs

**Outdoor area** We are seeking to further utilise our wonderful space and are planning a mud kitchen and opening up our wildlife area for all the classes to visit and enjoy

**PTA** Our current team have worked wonders raising funds for our new libraries and are ready to pass the baton on! We need to recruit three people to take on formal roles and a group of events leaders to oversee one of our six yearly events. We are currently fund raising for a 'mile a day' running track for the school field so please get involved and help us raise the remaining money needed to see the track installed over Easter

**Multi Academy Trust** Following initial consultation, the Collaborative learning trust has now been formed and we have had our first Board meeting. PHGS are the only school in the Trust at present and we continue to investigate the merits of Bramhope joining the trust. No decisions have been made at present.

**Site development** We continue to develop our school site and will be redesigning our office area and creating a more welcoming entrance over half term

I hope you also found the classroom sessions useful and felt you were able to ask any questions you may have about routines and expectations within the year group. As ever, we value your feedback and would encourage you to come and speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions prior to next month's parents' evenings.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Colboun

#### **PHGS Online Safety Evening**



#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The internet today offers great scope for learning, creating and connecting with friends and family. Many people think teenagers are light-years ahead of most adults when it comes to using technology. Young people use their phones and tablets so quickly and naturally that it is easy to believe they know all there is to know about the online world. However, teenagers often have a lot to learn when it comes to staying safe online and knowing what to do if problems arise.

Prince Henry's will be running an online safety evening for their parents and carers on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

During the evening we will provide some guidance and very practical tips about how to protect your child when they are accessing online content. Amongst other things the evening will include:

- Home internet/ISP content filters
- YouTube, Google, iPad, XBOX 360 and social media filter settings
- Safe browser apps



If you plan to attend the evening please would you make direct contact with Prince Henrys and make them aware either through <a href="mailto:info@princehenrys.co.uk">info@princehenrys.co.uk</a> or on 01943 463524.

This week Honey the reading dog has been visiting every class to meet the children. We have enjoyed reading a good book together and Honey impressed everyone with her tricks! We will be beginning our 1:1 reading sessions within the next few weeks so remember to return your permission slip to school. Keep reading at home and ask your grown up to sign your Reading Record for your chance to read with Honey!



Last week to purchase tickets for the Parents only event on Saturday October 6th at West Park Rugby club. 7.30pm-12pm. Pizza, drink and disco included in ticket price. See Facebook PTA page or

https://www.ptaevents.co.uk/bpspta/index.cfm?event=event







We would kindly like to ask if Reception parents have an any Newspapers we could have to cover the art tables with. Many thanks!

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### **Dates for your diaries**

Shakespeare - Tech and dress rehearsal: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Monday 15 October Performance: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Monday 15 October

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

Halloween Party - 26 October

Parent Forum Meetings - Wednesday 17 October at 9:00am

Wednesday 20 March at 2:00pm

Friday 28 June at 9:00am.

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

Christmas Shopping Evening - 29 November (adults only)

