



Welcome

A very warm welcome back to school and I hope that you all had a fantastic summer. We are very excited to be back and looking forward to another successful year. Our results were once again the best ever last year and I'm sure they will be better again come July! We've also been listening to parents' views about enriching the curriculum and I hope you will be pleased to see more opportunities for music, arts and educational visits this year. We will also do everything we can to keep you informed about what's happening in school and give you plenty of notice about events! Please don't hesitate to catch me if there's anything you'd like to discuss. I look forward to seeing everyone in the playground and to seeing your children doing brilliant things! Mr Smith

Lunchtime changes

One of our strategic priorities this academic year is to enrich the school's core offer. We have invested much effort in making sure that our pupils are up to standards in English and Maths over the last few years and would like to improve our provision in other areas. We are working towards making our playtimes as positive as possible, with stimulating activities that keep children happy, healthy and active and promote healthy lifestyles. With this in mind, we have appointed three new staff to the playground each day to lead children's play in a variety of activities from which we are sure the children will benefit.

Attendance

As you know, this has been a focus of our attention for some time. We have been encouraged by the support of many parents who also want to see the school excelling in all areas. We have had a promising start to term with attendance notably improved from last year. We need to maintain this improvement. Children need to be in school regularly to benefit from a full range of experiences. Data shows us that children with poor absence are at a disadvantage. We will be meeting parents whose children have attendance below 90% to discuss ways to rapidly improve attendance. Please support us by making sure your child is in school on time every day.

Class names

You may know that we have changed our class names for this year. University names have been replaced by the surnames of British people who had a major effect upon society in the past. Ask your child who his/her class is named after and why they have a place in British history.

Safeguarding

On the recent INSET day, staff underwent training on safeguarding in order to be up-to-date with latest guidance and advice. You can reacquaint yourselves with school policy on safeguarding (including FGM) on our website under 'Policies'. <http://arkbrunelprimary.org/policies/safeguarding>

Parents' Views

Parents' views are hugely important to us and help us evaluate how we are doing as a school and what we need to improve to do even better. Why not also give your views to Ofsted at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> ?