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Successful Learners



Confident Individuals



Responsible Citizens

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Welcome to our newsletter for the month of December. I cannot believe that we are already nearly upon the end of our first term for the year. We have achieved some great things over this time and I am very pleased with the progress the children have made. We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us and I am looking forward to see the steps forward that the children continue to take in 2018. Thank you for all your support and hard work and have a wonderful time with you family and friends during this festive time.

December 2017



Our Mission: For all our children to be the best that they can be.

Successful Learners

As we move towards the end of this term, the teaching staff have been meeting to review the progress that each child has made in Maths, Writing and Reading. Time has been spent after school and during staff meetings to explore how our children are progressing, in order to then ensure that successes are celebrated and that areas for development are focused on next term. This information and analysis is then shared with the Trustees. This work ensures that we are doing the best we can, so that the children can be the best that they can be.

As part of the improvement steps we are taking, I wanted to update you that the outcomes of the audit completed by Hampshire County Council with regards to spelling in the school. The key activities which will now take place revolve around staff training and development with regards to spelling; partnership with a school in Hampshire who have achieved a great deal of success in this subject area and who are seen as having outstanding practice; and actions with regards to the implementation of assessment of spelling in the school. These steps you will have read about in the weekly year group emails. We look forward to seeing the improvements that these activities achieve and will continue to keep you updated through our newsletters.

Responsible Citizens

It is great to see the children coming to school so enthusiastically and ready to learn. Good attendance at school is shown by research to improve children's learning outcomes. We appreciate that children get ill or have medical appointments but a few absences here and there can add up to weeks of learning missed over the year.

We are adding a couple of actions which we hope will help us improve our Attendance levels. The first is an Attendance Award for the classes with the best weekly attendance from R/1/2 and Y3/4/5/6. The second action, to help develop awareness of attendance levels, will be a letter and attendance register sent home, at the end of each half term, for each child whose attendance is below 90%. The Government defines those children with absence below 90% as 'Persistently Absence'. We hope these actions will have a positive impact.

Confident Individuals

On 3rd November we welcomed to the school the Deputy Regional Schools Commissioner for the South and South East of England, Maria Dawes. I wanted to let you know that the visit was a great success and that the school and the children shone. Maria was very complementary about our school and how focused and energised the children were. This was great feedback to hear and I was really proud of BPS, it is a wonderful school to lead.