



Brimington Manor Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Cameron, big sister Ella and brother George on the safe arrival of 'baby Cameron'. Phoebe was born during the half term holiday - Thursday 16th February at 5.00am, weighing 8lb 7oz. Mum and baby are doing well.

Other happy news is that Mrs Townroe is expecting a baby due in late June. Mrs Townroe will go on maternity leave after the Spring Bank half term holiday.

NURSERY PLACES

We have started to look at names on our Nursery places list for starting in September 2017. Are brothers and sisters of children in school on our list? Please call in the office to place your child's name on our Nursery list if it's not on already.

Also if you have friends/ family members please encourage them to come to our Nursery & school. We welcome visits from any interested families.

BOOKTIME books (Reception children only)

Your Reception child has brought home their 'Booktime' pack. Booktime is the national free books programme for Reception-aged children, providing a free book pack for every child aged 4-5 years to share and enjoy with family and friends. Booktime aims to inspire a lifelong love of reading by encouraging families to have fun reading together. Booktime is run by Booktrust, the independent charity dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love of books for all, and Pearson, the world's leading learning company. The programme is supported by the Department of Education.

READING IN SCHOOL & AT HOME

In school we have a range of reading activities to develop your child's reading skills. We have daily differentiated guided reading and phonic groups. All children take part in shared reading sessions on the carpet every day. Children read to adults during the week on a 1 to 1 basis; some read more than others depending on their level of ability.

How can you help?

Hear your child read regularly.

It is a proven fact that children who read more at home, make greater progress with their reading skills. We would really like children to read every night if at all possible; however we realise children have busy lives after school with swimming, dancing etc. Also parents have busy lives too! However please hear your child read as often as you can ideally 3 or more times per week. It only needs to take 10 minutes. Of course the adult doesn't have to be you it could be a grandparent, friend, older brother/sister, aunty etc.



Children can change their reading books in class as often as they wish within their book band box. PLEASE remember to write in your child's reading diary when you've heard them read. Starting next week we will be having reading incentives. **Children who read 15 times or more during the month of March will receive a certificate and a reward!**

Share stories with your child

Enjoy sharing a story at bedtime or at some point during the week. It really is a lovely thing to do; it helps children appreciate stories and also shows mums and dads as good reading role models.

Reading Mornings

Friday morning is our reading morning this term when you can stay till 8.55am and read with your child. We have had reading mornings in the past and they have been very popular.

Come into school and hear children read

We would really like some **parent/grandparent helpers to hear children read**. It could be a morning or an afternoon a week or once a fortnight. It could be from 2.00pm one day a week. If you have any time to offer then please complete the slip below or call in the school office - we really would appreciate it. Thank you.

REMEMBER:

Technology and the internet are important in your children's lives however -

'There is no App to replace your lap! Please read with your child'

Please help us develop your children's reading skills; if we work together all of our children will achieve the reading levels that they are fully capable of. Many children will do even better!

PSHE/RSE parent/carer session Monday 27th February 2017 @ 2.25pm in Year 2

Please read the accompanying letter from Derbyshire Healthcare Support about a RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) workshop we are jointly holding next Monday. Please return the slip on the letter if you'd like to come along.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathryn Fretwell

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Child's name _____ Class _____

I would like to come and hear readers in school.

I can help on _____
(please put day(s) & times available)

Signed _____ PRINT Name _____

