

# Bromley Hills School Newsletter

Autumn Term Week 5  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, thank you for your donations of food for our Harvest celebrations, which we have held this week. Well done to all of the children who all sang beautifully and spoke so well. As you know, each year we give all of the food collected to the Black Country FoodBank – a charity that supports families who are in crises. The warehouse is in Brierley Hill, which supplies all of the local foodbanks. We will be taking our School Council on a visit there, to see the wonderful work they do and to take the food donations.

Next week, we are wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day (see below for details). We are not asking for any money, as we have just had two fundraising events. However, we are asking children to come to school in something yellow if they have it. Don't worry if not - any bright colour will do! Children will be thinking about mental health and wellbeing that day.

Reminder – **Please do not park in front of the school gates, by the staff car park.** It is very difficult for parents/children to access if someone parks in that area. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have updated our KS2 spelling policy - please read below for more details.

Have a lovely weekend. Many thanks, Jon Stevens.

## INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Half Term

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Half Term

#### November

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Second half term starts

#### Library Visits

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Class 6B

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Class 5/6K

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Class 5B

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Class 4N

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Class 3/4L

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Class 3H

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Class 2T

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Class 1B

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Class 1/2F

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Children In Need

## BEHAVIOUR TRACKER

This week we have sent home instructions and registration codes for each child, so that parents/carers can see the wonderful amount of house points each child is earning every day.

We have already had nearly 100 families who have registered to the app which is fantastic! If you have any problems, please talk to each other, as we don't see what you can see and our ability to help is a bit limited!

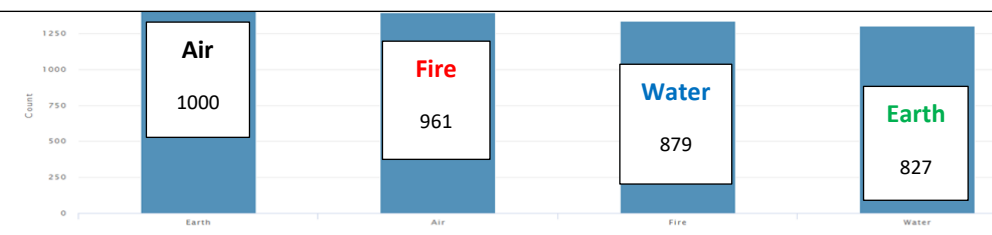
However, two of our parent governors, Amanda Jeavons and Claire Baggott, tested the app for us during the summer term and will be more than happy to help if you have any problems.

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY



**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS OF FOOD, WHICH WE WILL TAKE TO THE LOCAL FOODBANK.**

## HOUSE POINTS – THIS WEEK'S WINNERS ARE: AIR!



## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Class RB – 98%

Class RL – 95%

Class 1B – 92%

Class 1/2F – 91%

**Class 2T – 99%**

Class 3H – 97%

Class 3/4L – 90%

Class 4N – 98%

Class 5B – 98%

Class 5/6K – 95%

Class 6B – 87%

**Total attendance for this week is: 95%**

Well done to class 2T for a fantastic **99% attendance this week!**

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**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

***Come Together in Yellow!***

Next Thursday, 10th October, Bromley Hills will join thousands of schools and businesses around the country to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter, by wearing something yellow! We hope to raise awareness for the huge benefits good mental health has on everyone! The teachers will be planning a well-being day for the children involving lots of activities aimed towards improving and maintaining good mental health. Find something yellow/bright to wear!!

## **KS2 Spelling Policy Change**

Our new spelling scheme for KS2, *Supersonic Spelling Stars*, has two underlying principles:

**Principle 1 - Immerse children in learning about words** through initially becoming a word whizz through “*spelling speak*”. This will enable children to identify root words, pronounce the words, explore definitions, etymology, synonyms, antonyms, using words in sentences and exploring adjectives.

**Principle 2 - Explore the spelling rules and learn how to spell the words correctly** based on what they sound like and what they actually look like.

This means that children will now learn their spellings over **two weeks**, with their spelling test on the **Friday of the second week**. Children will still be given spelling lists **every two weeks** to learn at home and in school.

We hope that this new approach to our spelling policy will ensure that children know the meaning of the words as well as how to spell them. Children are more likely to use words in their own writing if they know the meaning of them, and so we hope that children will be encouraged by this, and their writing will be improved.