



# Brentfield News

## Dates to Remember

10/11/23

Diwali Parties

15/11/23

Coffee Morning (8.50am)

20/11/23

Parents Evening

(School closes at 1.15pm)

22/11/23

Coffee Morning (8.50am)

29/11/23

Coffee Morning (8.50am)

06/12/23

Coffee Morning (8.05am)

12/12/23

Christmas Jumpers/Lunch

13/12/23

Nativity (9.30am)

18/12/23

Achievement Assemblies  
(9.00am)

Christmas Parties

19//12/23

House Celebrations

20/12/23

Last day of Term

21/12/23

(School closes at 1.15pm)



Dear Families of Brentfield,

Many of our families will be celebrating Diwali next week. We are very fortunate to be next to the biggest Swaminarayan Temple outside of India and a pleasure to see the celebrations taking place. There will be an increase in visitors to the Temple on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and I anticipate that roads will be heavy with traffic. Please make sure you allow extra time to bring your children and collect them from school.

As part of our Religious Education Curriculum, we will be having Diwali parties on Friday afternoon. All children are encouraged to wear their own clothes on Friday as part of the celebrations. Children can bring snacks to school to share with their class. Platinum class will be performing a class assembly on Friday morning as part of the celebration. I would like to wish all families and staff celebrating a Happy Diwali and New Year.

*Mrs Harmer*

### Staffing update

Many parents have been asking about Ms Harvey not being out on the gate in the mornings. Unfortunately, Ms Harvey is unwell and is taking some time away from the school to rest and recover. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. I am delighted to welcome Ms Patel back from maternity leave, she will continue in her post of Deputy Head.



### Parent Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. School will close at 1.15pm. **A link will be sent out for you to book online on Monday.** This is a good opportunity for parents and carers to meet with your child's class teacher and find out about their progress and behaviour at school. There will also be an opportunity to look at your children's books.

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I would like to thank all of you for donating food to our Harvest Festival. I know that the cost-of-living crisis is impacting many of our families and yet you all still donated so generously. Lilac class delivered your donations to Suфра Food Bank on our behalf and led an assembly.

If families are finding it difficult now, please see Sam Matthews who may be able to make a referral for a Food Bank

## Learning At Brentfield.

Parent Overviews have been sent to all parents. They show you what your child will be learning this half term. Our curriculum is designed to provide many opportunities for pupils to learn new skills and deepen their knowledge. Children are taught a wide range of subjects; trips are planned, and visitors invited into school to support their learning.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Wizard Theatre will perform 'Pinocchio' for Years 1 - 6. This is a great opportunity for pupils to see a live performance. We ask that parents make a £1 contribution on Parent Pay for the experience.



Thank you to everyone who came into the school to see our Celebration of Learning. The year's theme of 'Celebrating our sisters' emphasised the vital role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Children learnt about trailblazing black women who have made incredible contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport and other areas of

society. We hope that the work inspired future generations to carry on making their mark as 'Champions for tomorrow! Thank you for your wonderful feedback of the event.

*"All work was beautifully displayed. I could feel the children's enthusiasm and passion towards their learning."* Key Stage 2 parent

## British Legion Poppy Appeal

If you would like to donate to this year's poppy appeal, we are collecting donations this week. The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal is launching a new poppy for 2023; it is the first new design of the symbol in just under 30 years! This year the poppy will be made from paper.

The annual campaign calls for the public to wear a poppy as a show of solidarity towards the armed forces community in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday, which is on 12<sup>th</sup> November this year. Poppy sales also raise vital funds to support veterans, serving personnel and their families all year round.

