

# February 2024



## Message from Mrs Mathie

I cannot believe that it is February already – where did January go?

The children have all settled in well to the new year and are regularly demonstrating our school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Although a short term (especially compared to the winter term), we have lots of exciting things taking place between now and Easter such as trips, assemblies, PTFA quizzes and Parents' Evening which will give us the opportunity to sing your child's praises and celebrate their achievements.

I would like to also remind all parents that we are currently undertaking an admissions consultation regarding our planned admissions number from September 2025. Further information can be found on the school website.

We look forward to what promises to be another exciting term ahead at Battling Brook.

Best wishes  
Mrs Mathie

## Parents' Evening

If you haven't already done so, please log in to School Cloud to book your slot with your child's class teacher. Appointments are taking place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. If you need any assistance in booking or re-arranging your appointment, please contact the school office.

## Lost Property

All named property is now regularly returned to children so **please** ensure that everything worn or brought into school is clearly marked. Unnamed items are disposed of on a half termly basis. Un-named uniform and coats are washed and sent to the PTFA for re-sale on the bus at bargain prices and whilst this raises funds for the PTFA, obviously we would rather be able to return the items to their rightful owners!

## Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Children's Mental Health Awareness week takes place from 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February. This year's theme is 'My Voice matters' which is designed to empower children and young people by giving them the tools they need to express themselves.

Various activities will take place throughout the week to support children's understanding and provide them with vital life skills that will hopefully positively impact their wellbeing.



## Staff Updates

I would like to welcome Mr Lee who has taken over as main class teacher in 6TD replacing Mrs Temple who left us at the end of last term. Mrs Broughton has also joined us as a one to one classroom assistant in Year 5. We welcome you to our team!

Miss Jones (RMJ) will shortly be starting her maternity leave and will be covered by Miss Barrow. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Miss Jones a restful few weeks before baby is born and I know that you will make Miss Barrow feel very welcome!

After over 30 years of dedicated service, Mrs Radford has decided to take a very well earned retirement. She has provided so much valuable advice to all of our pupils, parents and staff during her time here and she will be really missed by us all. She asked that I pass on her heartfelt thanks to all of you for the support over the years. Mrs Lucas (who lots of you will already know) will be taking over the role. Mrs Lucas has been a part of our community for many years as a parent, parent governor, Chair of Governors and most recently nurture group/classroom support; she had been working closely with Mrs Radford to ensure a smooth handover. Be sure to give her a wave at the gate in the morning and contact her via the school office should you need her assistance. She is looking forward to getting to know you all.

## Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day takes place each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, especially children and young people.

This years' Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. There will be lots of activities taking place in school this week to promote this. Each year group will be involved in age appropriate events to support learning. Keep an eye on Class Dojo to see what your child has been up to.

## Meal Payments

Please ensure that sufficient credit is placed on your School Gateway account prior to your child ordering a meal at morning registration.

Non payment for school meals affects the quality of service we are able to offer children and your support with ensuring that accounts are up to date is very much appreciated.

## Contact Details

Please ensure that contact details i.e. changes of address/new mobile numbers (including those of non-parental emergency contacts) etc., are kept up to date. It is imperative that we are able to quickly and easily contact you in case of illness/emergency. If you would like to check the details held, please log on to the School Gateway app. Should you need to change the details held, please email them to the school office.

## Key Dates

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** PTFA Bags 2 Schools Clothes Donations Day

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 5 Planetarium Day

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents' Evening (early appointments)  
PTFA 'Love Yourself' non-uniform Day

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents' Evening (later appointments)  
including PTFA book/uniform sale

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** School Closes

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** School Opens

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February:** PTFA Family Quiz 4pm-6pm or 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Full details will be sent home shortly