

BRADFIELD SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK ENDING 9 NOVEMBER 2007

ISSUE 1

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HEADTEACHER

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Conway as Headteacher to succeed Mr David Bird who retired at Easter.

Mr Conway is currently Deputy Headteacher at Queen Elizabeth II High School at Peel in the Isle of Man. A Linguist by training, Mr Conway had a successful career in the RAF before moving to teaching where he has built up a wide range of educational experience covering Teaching and Learning, Student Welfare and Strategic Management in schools.

Mr Conway will take up his new duties on the first of January 2008 and we wish him every success in this important role.

The Governors would also like to take this opportunity to formally express their thanks to Ms Carol Gormley, for her professional leadership of the school since Mr Bird's retirement. Ms Gormley will continue as Acting Headteacher until Mr Conway takes up his post.

*Sandy Glossop
Chair of Governors*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

From this month onwards, as well as continuing to provide a printed copy of the Minutes of Governors' Meetings in school, we will also be making them available on the Governors' page of the school website

www.bradfieldschool.com



SCHOOL BUSES AND REVISED TRAVEL INFORMATION

With Middlewood Road still being closed we have been forced to make some changes to our travel arrangements. Many of our morning buses do a double journey and with the increased traffic passing through Worrall village it is necessary to adjust the timings to ensure students arrive on time for the start of morning school.

The changes are as follows:

MORNING SERVICE

765 will now serve Grenoside, Middlewood and then pick up at Loxley at approximately 8.10am

688 & 689 will continue to serve Stannington (*Note: it leaves the top of Stannington at 7.48am*) picking up at Loxley Road at approx 8.25am

765 will no longer do a second run to Oughtibridge instead students can catch the **688** at approx 8.25am.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

This will operate as normal, however as it can no longer get along Middlewood Road from Oughtibridge it returns to Worrall, down to Hillsborough, and then continues on the Middlewood and Grenoside route.

BRADFIELD DUNGWORTH SERVICE

(Linburg Travel)

We have experienced some problems with this service so far this year. Following a meeting between the LEA and the bus I have been assured that the service will improve. Parents who have issues should direct these to SYPTE

Useful contacts

Bus Companies:

Mass Engineering 01909 550480

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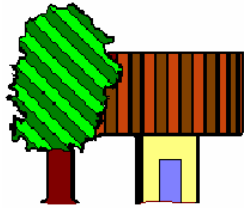
Linburg Travel 0114 261 9172 or 244 8323

Complaints re service:

Andrew Maule (SYPT) 0114 221 1426

Fran Cockerill (Safemark) 0114 221 1463

*Keith Holmes
Assistant Headteacher*



RECENT FIRE

You will be aware that the school recently suffered an arson attack. Fortunately no-one was hurt and the main school building was not damaged. However, the damage to the water tower meant that our water supply was cut and hence the school was closed for the day whilst repairs were made and the water supply restored.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

If we have to close the school unexpectedly for any reason, parents may like to note that regular updates will be broadcast on:

BBC Radio Sheffield 88.6 94.7 104.1 FM and 1035 MW and posted on their website.

We will also be posting updates on our school website www.bradfieldschool.com and the **school answering machine**

If it is safe and manageable, notices will be placed at the main gate and where possible posted in local communities.

EQUIPMENT



Students should come to school equipped with pens, pencils, rubber, ruler and planner for their lessons. A suitable sized

bag is also an essential part of the daily kit. Students find it very difficult to carry the things they need and look after books, planners and other belongings without a bag.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Weather permitting, all students go outside at break and Y7 - Y10 go outside at lunchtime. It is therefore, essential that all students are prepared for this and travel between buildings on wet days with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. We do not have the facility to dry clothes in school and it is uncomfortable to sit in wet clothing.



It is particularly important at this time of year that students are dressed in clothing suitable for the journey to and from school as the weather can be unpredictable.



PROJECT GUATEMALA

My fundraising year for Project Guatemala has ended and I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the fundraising. My original target was £5,000 and we reached this figure by February half-term. This ensured 200, year long scholarships for Mayan children enabling them to attend school.

I decided to try and raise an extra £1,000 by the end of the summer term. The amount we actually raised was £6,600(including gift aid) which in total made it possible to educate 264 children.

I returned to Guatemala to teach in the project over the summer holidays and I was thrilled to be able to return with such good news for the children and the volunteers.

Your money will mean so much to the communities and I know how much they appreciate your help to enable them to look forward to a better and brighter future.

Ms S Hodgkins

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STAFF CAR PARK

The car park is not a **DROPPING OFF** point and your cooperation on this matter would be appreciated.

Parents are reminded that for health and safety reasons when dropping off or collecting students they should use the official turning circle at the lower end of the school. Please accept that on occasions you will have to wait to use the exit gateway if there is already a bus in the circle. The exit and entry points are clearly marked so please do not attempt to exit through the entrance as doing so puts lives at risk.

Concerns about safety have been raised by staff unable to drive into the car park because parents are queuing to get out. This situation is unsatisfactory and has potential consequences for the prompt and safe start to the day.



HELP KEEP THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY FIT AND WELL

Guidelines set down by the South Yorkshire Health Protection Service, Sheffield Education Authority, advise that to prevent the spread of infection within the school all children who have vomited or had diarrhoea should stay away from school for two full days after the vomiting or diarrhoea has ceased.

The school would appreciate your support ensuring your child stays at home for 2 full days, excluding the day they are sent home, and are fully recovered before returning.

Thank you for your co-operation

FRIENDS OF BRADFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FBSA AGM will be held on 20th November 2007 at 7pm in the Shoulder of Mutton, Worrall.

FBSA LOTTERY

July 2007

65 ~ Mrs Kenny, **199** D&E Bellwood,
95 ~ M J Booth, **158** ~ Mrs Williams,
140 ~ Mr & Mrs Morton, **70** ~ G McGhee

August 2007

184 ~ M&D Holder, **86** ~ J Dewsnap,
10 ~ Mr J Booth, **207** K Eaves,
142 Mr & Mrs Morton, **141** Mr & Mrs Morton

September 2007

41 ~ T&L Hutchins, **50** ~ C Smythe,
209 ~ M&A Hawley, **71** ~ J&E Ward,
145 ~ J James, **137** ~ K&G Sorsby

FBSA wishes to thank everyone taking part in the lottery. Anyone wishing to join the lottery or take a more active part in fundraising should contact

Mrs Julie Yates on 0114 286 5010 or email jyates@bradfield.sch.uk

FBSA fundraising focus is to provide outdoor seating and to improve the school environment for students.



The Autumn Fayre held on 2nd October raised just under £500 for Bradfield School. Mrs Yates wishes to thank everyone who contributed to making this event a success.



Please inform School Reception, in writing, of any of the following changes :- **address, medical conditions, contact numbers** -

please note we are having difficulty contacting parents who have not updated mobile numbers.

Thank you

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FASHION SHOW AND CLOTHING SALE

Flinch & Funk, Bench, Hooch, Duck & Cover, Million Dollar, Drunk'n'Munky

Wednesday 14th November
Bradfield School Hall
7.30 pm start

Tickets Adult £1 Concessions £1
Available from Mrs J Yates (Finance Office)



0114 286 5010 email jyates@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who sent Active Kids Vouchers into school.

The Food Technology department has been able to use these vouchers to send off for equipment for students to use in their lessons.



TESCO VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone who has already donated their Tesco vouchers.

We are now collecting again - vouchers should be handed to PE staff or Student Enquiries.



INKJET CARTRIDGES & MOBILE PHONES

We would like to thank everyone who has already donated unused mobile phones and empty ink jet cartridges. The donation of mobile phones and inkjet cartridges continues and these should be handed to Mrs Yates in the Finance Office.



BRADFIELD SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council has an elected representative from all forms and they meet once a fortnight. The last meeting was held on 25th October - hot topics at this meeting were the outdoor break policy, school uniform and the lunch time pass system. Items on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting include buses and toilets! - Please pass comments to your form representative.

National Youth Parliament

Ruby Oates is standing for election onto the National youth Parliament and is being supported by the School Council.

CITIZENSHIP AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

There will be an opportunity to participate in the Schools' Mock Trial Competition between now and March. Anyone interested in a law career or budding actors might like to find out more. Open to all Year 8 and Year 9 pupils, rehearsal start next week. I hope that law students from Sheffield University will be able to support and advise. The competition involves teams of students acting out the roles of witnesses, magistrates, lawyers, ushers and legal advisers. They are given a scenario with case details and have to prepare their defence and prosecution of the case. The teams compete with other Sheffield schools at Sheffield Magistrates Court on 4th March 2008. Last years entrants came second and went on to the regional finals in Leeds.



TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Lyceum Theatre Trip
Benjamin Zephaniah

NVQ Spanish Visit

WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Y11 GCSE Art Trip ~ Lowry Museum
FBSA ~ Fashion Show & Clothing Sale

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