



Bosham Primary School

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13th January, 2023.

Dear parents / carers,

I cannot believe as I look out of my office today the change in the weather. I know it is cold but so much better than all the rain we have had lately.

My child at school (MCAS)

A reminder that we are transitioning from ParentMail to the **My Child at School** App. The app is part of Bromcom, the software recently introduced across West Sussex schools, for managing all pupil, staff and finance data. **The whole school will be moved over to MCAS by the end of January and ParentMail will be discontinued**, a saving of over £2000 per year for the school.

You will be sent an invitation to set up your account. If you are already set up due to having a sibling in a year group who have already gone through this process please disregard any other invitations. If a sibling is not showing on your account just in get in touch.

I have attached a parent guide which is very lengthy so here are a few useful pointers I have picked up so far:

- Passwords must have 8 or more characters, 1 uppercase character, 1 numeric character and 1 special character.
- If your screen shakes when you're entering the new password you're not meeting the criteria above.
- When you have set up you login details in the browser, go to the app https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bromcom.mcas&hl=en_GB&gl=US (android) or <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/mychildatschool/id1394575255> (ios).
- To log in to the app, click 'login with username & password' then enter the following:
 - The school number is 13241
 - The username from your invitation email NOT your email address
 - The new password you set up when you registered

Please note, we will only be using certain elements of the system to begin with. Some features are designed for secondary schools and others may be introduced over time. Initially we will be using the app for **communication and bookings/payments**.

Once you've logged in, if you have more than one child you will be able to change between them in the menu in the top left hand corner.

I'd really appreciate it if you can register your account ASAP as so that we do not spend valuable time reminding and chasing registrations.

Individual Violin Lessons

Our super violinists performed a fantastic Christmas show in assembly last year! There are now spaces for individual violin lessons, for children in year 1 and beyond.

If you are interested in your child having lessons at school during the school day, please email Louise Mansbridge louisemansbridgeviolin@gmail.com

Parking

Please remember to park safely outside school when dropping off or picking up. It is very tempting to park as close as possible, especially if the weather is inclement. However, parking on the zig-zag lines in the bus stop or in / over the staff car park poses a danger to all our children. Parking in these areas not only adds to the congestion but also dramatically reduces the visibility for children crossing the road.





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If another adult brings your child to school, please pass on this message especially if they do not receive a copy of the newsletter.

Behaviour

Last half-term we had a particular focus on low-level behavior and the impact this has on children's learning. I am pleased to say that we have seen a marked improvement in behavior across the school; children appear calmer and more focused. We will continue to place importance on our learning skills to help the children develop as good learners. I would like to thank you for your support in this.

Census day – Thursday 19th January

For every child in Key Stage 1 that eats a school lunch on census day we receive government funding. Every child counts!

Menu Choices for Thursday 19th January

Main

Cheese and tomato pizza

Vegetarian

Vegetable curry and rice

Jacket potato & veggie bolognese

Sides

Rainbow vegetables and salad

Pudding

Chocolate fudge Brownie

Our October Census day menu taster was so successful we have decided to take the opportunity to run another 'Taster Day' on **Thursday 19th January**. We will provide a meal for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes so that they can try a hot school lunch and see if they enjoy the experience – in these challenging times this could also open up the opportunity for parents to ensure their child has a nutritious hot meal, free of charge, for every day they attend school.

As this is a taster session, and you may be unsure about how much food your child will eat, you may want to send in their packed lunch as usual.

And finally...



I was lucky enough to be invited to see a production of the Festival Youth Theatre's *Wind in the Willows* during the holidays starring our very own Ben (Yr6). It was a fantastic performance and I was totally mesmerized. Congratulations go to Ben on his wonderful portrayal of the young otter and to our past pupils for their role in the production.

You can read Ben's interview with the Observer here: [Ben's been a crowd-pleasing otter this Christmas on the Chichester stage](#)

And the article in the school newspaper The BOZ BUZZ here:

<https://www.boshamprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=36&nid=1&storyid=256>





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Clubs this term

Miss McGuinness will be running two clubs this term, starting next week and running for 10 weeks

Wednesday - Storytime and more.... available for Reception – Year 2, charge for 10 weeks will be £40.00

Thursday - Construction Club available for Reception – Year 4 – charge for 10 weeks will be £40.00

If you would like to book a place on either of these clubs, the product item will be available in MCAS from 12pm on Monday 16 January.

Have a wonderful weekend; see you all Monday.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 16 January – Year 5 Egyptian workshop

Tuesday 17 January Year 3 and 4 Swimming starts

Friday 20 January – BSA disco – tickets available to purchase in MCAS

Friday 10 February – INSET Day

Monday 13 – 17 February – half term

Friday 17 March - Red nose day

INSET Days 2023

Friday February 10th

Monday 5th June

