



# Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## **Asbestos**

Some of you will have seen the news article about asbestos in 344 schools in Kent and our school was one on the list. I want to reassure you that there is no risk to anyone in the school. Most of it was removed by KCC two years ago in the summer holidays. A very small amount remains in one corner of the building which is well isolated and all workers who come in read and sign the asbestos register so they are aware not to disturb it. Below is a statement from KCC:

*"The health and safety of all children in our schools is our top priority and we are confident there is no risk to children arising as a result of the issues raised in this article. The majority of schools in the UK have some degree of asbestos in their buildings and the presence of asbestos in itself does not present a risk to health providing it is not disturbed and is maintained in a safe condition. In most instances where asbestos exists in schools it has been used to insulate parts of buildings that are out of sight and not accessible for example boiler rooms, pipes, chimneys and roofs. Through KCC's Asbestos Management System (which includes regular surveys of all premises) it is known where asbestos risk is present and its location in all KCC buildings including schools. The process of managing asbestos in schools is governed through strict controls, checks and training set by KCC in accordance with current HSE legislation and regulations in order to protect all site users including staff, pupils, contractors and visitors. In the event that asbestos is required to be removed (for example during building and refurbishment works) KCC always uses fully qualified and HSE licenced asbestos surveyors and removal specialists and such works are carried out under controlled conditions as per HSE guidelines without risk to building users".*

## **Non-uniform Day + Cake Sale**

The School Council have asked for non-school uniform day on Friday to raise money for Children In Need and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. They also need your help with supplying cakes for a cake sale after school on Friday.

## **Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics**

This event has been moved to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Children chosen for the team will be given more details by the end of this week.

## **School Christmas Dinner**

The school Christmas dinner will be on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December this year. If your child normally has a packed lunch on Friday but would like a Christmas dinner – please send £2.05 in an envelope, with your child's name and 'Christmas Dinner' marked on the front.

## **PTA News**

*We have an amazing Fayre planned this year with loads for the children to enjoy. Santa will be there with his little helpers, there will be craft tables for some festive make and do and lots of games to play - some old favourites like name the reindeer, guess the weight of the cake and Hoopla and also some great new games including a full size buzz wire to challenge every age group. For the grown ups there will be a bottle tombola, a grand raffle, some great refreshments and new this year will be a silent auction with some fantastic prizes.*

*We are able to run a lot of stalls this year thanks to the large number of parents who have volunteered some of their time to run a stall - to say thank you, every volunteers name will go into a prize draw to win one of three prizes.*

*The other reason this is all possible is the number of great donations we receive from you. To recap the upcoming donation days:*

**PTO**

**Friday 18th Nov**

Cake Sale + £1 non uniform donation, proceeds for Children in Need and the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation

**Friday 25th Nov**

Festive item from the Hamper List (available from Year Rep or PTASocial) and any quality secondhand DVD's, Books or Toys

**Friday 2nd Dec**

Bottle for the tombola

We received over 100 Jazzy Jars last Friday which was amazing. Thank you.

The last thing we need your support with is selling raffle tickets. These will be put into book bags next week and please try to sell as many as you can. If each family sells 10 tickets, we will raise £710. We have a great selection of prizes including Wildwood tickets, Ski and Toboggan session, Channel Crossing tickets and many many more.

Finally, we would just like to say how much everyone's generosity and support is greatly appreciated and looking forward to a great afternoon of family fun on Dec 3rd!

Thank you PTA

**Vincent Chan**  
**Headteacher**

**Dates for diary**

Fri 18 Nov	Non-uniform (Children In Need/JDRF collection); PTA/School Council cake sale after school
Sat 19 Nov	Open Morning for prospective YR parents starting in Sep 17
Thu 24 Nov	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition @ Stour Centre
Fri 25 Nov	Non-uniform (hampers collection)
Fri 2 Dec	Non-uniform (bottles collection)
Sat 3 Dec	Christmas Fayre
Thu 8 Dec	Infant Agility competition @ North School
Tue 13 Dec	Venus + Mars Christmas Nativity @ 2pm
Wed 14 Dec	Jupiter Christmas Panto @ 6pm
Thu 15 Dec	PTA Surprise Room
Fri 16 Dec	Christmas school lunch
Mon 19 Dec	Christmas church service @ 9am led by Neptune class
Tue 20 Dec	Christmas Class Parties; End of Term 2