



Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 19th October 2016

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This is always an anxious time for children and parents. Many were relieved and some were disappointed with the results. Overall, 69% of the Y6 cohort passed either the Kent Test or Shepway Test (or both) for grammar school placement. There is still a long way to go through this procedure before secondary school placement is decided and we will do all we can to support pupils and parents.

Mrs Stryzyk

After 21 years, Mrs Stryzyk has decided to hang up her mop. She will no longer be cleaner/caretaker after October but she will continue to be the cook (employed by Caterlink) so will still be in each day. I want to thank her for her service and commitment to the school – she is one of those characters that ex-pupils, who have returned as adults, always fondly remember.

We will therefore be looking for someone to take over her duties and will be advertising this on Kent-Teach.

Mars Class hockey

The quick-sticks hockey with Jupiter class has been very successful and we intend to introduce this into Mars class, on Monday afternoons, in term 2. Quick-sticks is fun, safe and the children are closely supervised; however England Hockey do point out that you may want your child to wear mouth guards and shin pads – this is optional.

Toys in school

Please note toys should not be brought in from home. There have been recent incidents when toys have been lost or broken or children have swapped or given these to their friends. This has resulted in unnecessary upset and staff time taken up with resolving the issues.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to PTASocial. If you haven't signed up yet, either follow the link on the school website or speak to your year rep. We have had lots of people volunteering for every event listed (thank you!) and there is plenty more to do. We will be updating the Christmas Fayre task list soon after half term and there is also our Cake Sale in November and the Surprise rooms in December.....whether you can help a little or a lot, it will all help.

Spooky Disco is this Friday from 5.30pm - 7pm and we have a full volunteer list which is great. There will be healthy snacks and drinks available, as well as tattoos and nail painting. £3 entry which includes a glow stick – pre-school siblings are welcome along too.

Our next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 16th November from 1pm-3pm at The Five Bells and we will be discussing prep for the Christmas Fayre and the Surprise Rooms.

Happy half term from the PTA

End of Term

Friday is the end of term 1. There will be an awards assembly and parents of children nominated for awards have been informed; however, everyone is welcome to the assembly. At the end of the day there will be an open afternoon when families can look around the school – their child's classroom or another classroom or the hall/corridor displays. Later on the PTA will be holding the Spooky disco and I look forward to seeing all the scary costumes.

Vincent Chan
Headteacher

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Dates for diary

Fri 21 Oct	Awards Assembly 9am; Open Afternoon 3.15 – 4.15pm; PTA Spooky Disco 5.30 – 7pm; End of Term 1
Mon 31 Oct	Start Term 2
Thu 3 Oct	Netball match vs Mersham (home)
Tue 8 Nov	Mars Class trip to Beaney museum, Canterbury; Y5/6 volleyball tournament @ Towers Academy
Wed 16 Nov	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition @ Stour Centre
Sat 19 Nov	Open Morning for prospective YR parents starting in Sep 17
Sat 3 Dec	Christmas Fayre
Thu 8 Dec	Infant Agility competition @ North Sch
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