

Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 22nd March 2017

Football

Huge congratulations to our football team who won 6-1 against Aldington school last week. We wish the team good luck in the Schools football tournament this Saturday at Smeeth School - 9am if anyone wishes to go along and support them.

Easter Church Service

We have our Easter service at the church next Friday so please drop your child off there between 8.40 and 9am. After the service, the children will be transported back to school by coach. Parents are welcome to attend; it will last for about 45 minutes. I believe extra parking will be available at Parsonage Farm (just round the corner from the church) and we will send a text to let you know this as soon as it is confirmed.

Health Matters

We are still getting reports of threadworms and clearly some children are getting re-infected. We have contacted the regional health office and they have issued some advice/guidance in this matter. The children are bringing home a copy of this in book-bags today and a further copy is attached. Can I ask all parents to ensure that, over the coming week and Easter holiday, every effort is made to help solve this problem?

We are also getting reports of head lice in school - do see your doctor or pharmacist for advice if needed.

Knitting Squares

If anyone has any knitted squares at home please do send them in – Hester has arranged for the WI/Smeeth ladies to come in with a finished blanket next Wednesday, so the children can see the 'end product' of all their hard work. We are also hoping someone from the KM may be here to take pictures.

Port Lympne

The school has been sent vouchers for money off entrance fees to Port Lympne – do note only 1 voucher can be used for each group entering the park. The vouchers are also in book-bags today.

Car Park

We have again had a lot of complaints about the car park. The issue would seem to be that the flow of traffic near the school entrance, which then causes a problem for parents trying to park. I would ask parents to bring their children to the main large gates (which are opened at 8.40am) and then to let them carry in their bags/coats on their own if possible.

Reminders:

- 1) No coloured/sparkly lip gloss to be worn by girls in school
- 2) Parents must not go into Neptune/Jupiter classrooms whilst the children are changing after clubs
- 3) No clubs in the first week back after the Easter holidays
- 4) Children should bring a light raincoat to school today it was drizzling at lunchtime and several children were in the playground without coats

PTO

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mother's Day Surprise Room yesterday. We hope you all enjoy receiving your gifts this Sunday – A LOT of thought went into deciding which gift to buy mummy! Please can you give any outstanding money to either Mrs Mac or Isabel.

Easter Egg Bingo

This Friday from 6-8pm in the school hall. There are lots of Easter Eggs up for grabs along with smaller spot prizes. We will also run a raffle on the night with the winner taking home half of the raffle money raised. Please bring your own refreshments. Tickets are going fast with only a few places left – speak to Isabel asap to reserve your seat.

PTA Meeting - follow up

We had a meeting last week and two main topics were discussed:

Breakfast Club

Several parents have enquired about the option of the school running some sort of Breakfast Club to facilitate the need to drop children at school earlier in the morning.

This has been looked at in the past and the demand was not great enough to warrant the potential expenditure etc. In order to understand the current demand, we will issue a survey after the Easter break. Once this survey is complete, we can discuss the issue in more detail with Mr Stapley.

Summer Fayre

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the Summer Fayre will be going ahead this year as Jane Reid has volunteered to manage the event (will pause for a round of applause!). It is a huge event to organise and we will need lots of help to pull everything together. It is one of the most popular family events and also the potential to raise a lot of funds for the school. Once the initial plans are in place, we will send out a communication giving you a flavour of what is to come and to start begging for help.

The full minutes from the PTA meeting will be on the school website, a message will be emailed out via PTASocial when they are available.

Andrew Stapley Acting Headteacher

Dates for diary

Weds 22 Mar Parent Consultation Evenings
Thurs 23 Mar Speed Stacking Competition
Fri 24 Mar Mars Class to Rare Breeds Centre

Fri 24 Mar PTA Easter Egg Bingo

Sat 25 Mar Schools Football Tournament – Smeeth School - 9am

Weds 29 Mar Venus Class to Wingham Wildlife park Weds 29 Mar Open Afternoon – Meet Mrs Brenchley

Thurs 30 Mar Netball Match v Kennington

Fri 31 Mar 9am - Easter Church Service/Awards Assembly (at Church)

End of term 4

Wed 19 Apr Start term 5

Mon 1 May Bank holiday – no children in school

Fri 26 May End term 5
Tues 6 Jun Start term 6
Fri 21 Jul End term 6