



# Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to the new children who have joined us. I hope you all had a great summer. It was certainly a great summer for Team GB at the Rio Olympics!

## **Sports at School**

I'm sure we've got some potential Olympians in our school and one focus for this year is to encourage greater participation in sports. In the last few years we've used Team Theme as a coaching company to help deliver sports at school. For this year, I have employed a sports coach onto our staff to work alongside our teachers to improve sports at school. His name is Mr Alex Cotter and he also coaches at two other schools in the area. He will be in on Thursdays to run PE sessions with all the classes and an after school sports club. He will also be arranging inter school competitions in various sports and organising special sporting events. We want to get as many children as possible to take part in sporting events and competitions.

## **After-School Clubs**

The list of after-school clubs is attached and children will also be bringing home a copy in their book bags. If you wish to sign up for a club please go to the hall after school today where the lists will be laid out – they will be moved to the corridor, by the office, on Thursday morning as the hall is being used for 11+ tests. Please make sure that if you sign up for a club your child does not 'drop' out after a few sessions.

## **PTA**

The PTA are holding a 'Tears and Cheers' get together at the Five Bells on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 9.15am for breakfast/coffee. If you are a new parent to the school please do come along and meet some of the other parents.

An invite to attend the PTA AGM – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, is also attached.

## **Parent Readers**

Do any parents have a spare afternoon to help listen to readers? If so please let Mrs Mac know – we will have to arrange a DBS check for any volunteers.

## **Clothing Bin**

The clothing bin should be emptied this Friday – if it is full please place any bags next to the bin.

## **Reminders**

- 1) **Due to 2 children in school having a serious Nut allergy, we would request all parents not to allow any nuts in packed lunches or snacks.**
- 2) School Dinners - Payment can be made in cash/cheque (payable to Caterlink Ltd) to Mrs Mac - £2.05 per day. Please note that dinners should be paid for in advance or on the day (before school). Any changes to/from school dinners require 2 weeks notice. A copy of the menu will be in book bags today.
- 3) **Please do not park around the tree in the car park but keep the route clear for parents to come down the lane and turn round. Whilst the field is dry the gates will be opened to allow more parking.**
- 4) **Please do not allow any children to play on the playground equipment at the end of the day.**
- 5) Please make sure your children have their PE kit in school every day.
- 6) All children should have a named water bottle (clear plastic) in school every day.
- 7) Children are only allowed to wear stud earrings which must always be removed for PE and swimming. No other jewellery (including bracelets) is allowed.

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### **Outdoor Learning**

At the end of last term the teachers had In-Service training on outdoor learning. I think all the teachers had fun (building structures; lighting fires; orienteering and tying ourselves up in knots) and were very inspired. We believe there is so much creative learning and enjoyment in outdoor activities so all classes will be holding regular outdoor learning sessions. We may need your help in terms of providing wellies and suitable clothing for your child on those activity days; and we may need assistance in resourcing some of the activities.

### **Meet the teachers**

Next week we will be holding “meet the teacher” sessions when parents are invited to listen to your child’s teacher about what and how the children will be learning. Please see the dates below. These will be from 2.45 – 3.15pm. Mrs Winchester has already held this session for Venus class in July. If you need to speak to the class teacher about any specific concerns, please let Mrs Mac know and we will arrange it. There will also be parent consultations in October (earlier than previous years) so we can let you know how your child has settled into the new school year.

### **Smart Uniforms**

I think we have the smartest uniform in Ashford and I want the children to feel proud to wear it. We will be actively encouraging them to wear correct uniform; look smart and would be grateful if you could also encourage your child and praise them when they come out of school looking smart with ALL their uniform. This will encourage pride; a sense of responsibility and save on replacing “lost” uniform.

A couple of parents have raised issues with the quality of the school jumpers and cardigans from ‘Brigade Clothing’ and we would welcome any feedback from parents, on this matter.

### **New Headteacher**

As you know, I will be leaving after Christmas and the Governors have begun the recruitment process. The school expects to appoint by the end of Term 1.

**Vincent Chan**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for diary**

Thu 8 Sep	Kent Test (11plus)
Mon 12 Sep	Meet Mr Taylor (Neptune Class) - 2.45-3.15pm
Tue 13 Sep	Meet Miss D’Anna (Mars Class) - 2.45-3.15pm
Wed 14 Sep	Meet Mr Stapley (Jupiter Class) - 2.45-3.15pm
Thu 15 Sep	PTA AGM @ 7pm in school hall
Tue 20 Sep	Neptune Class Trip to Maidstone Museum
Mon 26 Sep	Kent Messenger taking photos of new Year R children
Wed 5 Oct	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 7.30pm
Fri 7 Oct	Harvest Service 9am in school hall
Wed 12 Oct	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 7.30pm
Tue 18 Oct	Individual and Family photos
Fri 21 Oct	Awards Assembly 9am; Open Afternoon 3.15 – 4.15pm; End of Term 1