



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 24th January 2018

I must first congratulate the children on their behaviour at the PTA movie night last week – it was lovely to see and it ensured everyone had a great time. I would also like to thank the PTA and all the parents who volunteered to help.

I'm sure you will all agree that the term is flying by and the children have settled in well after the Christmas break. This term we have been holding more workshops for parents, including a Maths and Phonics workshop for Venus and Mars class and we are planning many more for the upper classes. The next workshop will coincide with E-Safety Day in February and is for parents, on how to ensure children are safe online. We will be sending out details and times shortly.

Also this term we have been inviting people who help in the community to visit the school, such as Policemen, Doctors and charities workers. We have also introduced a new 'School Value' award for those children who have demonstrated our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Hope and Courage'. The award winners' names will appear on the value tree display, near Jupiter Class.

The children are all looking extremely smart and are enjoying aiming for the 'Smartest Class' award each week. However, I must request that children do not have designs shaved into their hair and that jewellery/large hair bows are not worn. Only stud earrings are allowed – please see the school website for clarification on school uniform.

Chair of Governors Update

Please do read the attached letter from our Chair of Governors (Hester) which gives information on the current struggles schools are experiencing, with regards to financing. If you have any questions on this matter do come and see Hester or myself.

Outdoor Learning

Many children are still not bringing in wellington boots/coats...etc. for outdoor learning - please note that outdoor learning for each class is on the following days:

Venus	Friday
Mars	Tuesday
Neptune	Monday
Jupiter	Wednesday

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Pupil Premium is government funding used in different ways by each school but at Brabourne School we target the funding to making sure children, from families on low incomes, are not disadvantaged in any way. We can help with things like the purchase of school uniform/private music lessons/payment for school trips as well as other activities in or outside of school. We have also used some of the funding to increase the teaching assistant hours in each class.

All infant pupils are given access to free school meals but if you are experiencing any financial hardship or are on a low income, please come and see myself or Mrs Mac, in confidence, as your child/children may be entitled to free school meals in Year 4 to Year 6 as well as Pupil Premium throughout their time in primary school.

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

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Dates for diary

Thurs 25th Jan	Rapid Fire Cricket Competition –Team from Y1/Y2
Fri 9 Feb	Term 3 ends
Mon 19Feb	Staff Development Day – No children in school
Tues 20 Feb	Term 4 starts
Thurs 22 Feb	Rapid Fire Cricket Competition –Team from Y3/Y4
Tues 6 Mar	Mini-tennis (team from Y3/Y 4)
Tues 20 Mar	Quicksticks hockey (team from Y5/Y6)
Fri 23 Mar	PTA Easter Egg Bingo
Tues 27 Mar	Quicksticks hockey (team from Y3/Y4)
Thurs 29 Mar	Term 4 Ends
Mon 16 Apr	Staff Development Day – No children in school
Tues 17 Apr	Term 5 starts
Mon 7 May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 25 May	Term 5 ends