



# Brabourne CE Primary School



## Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### **Weather**

I am more than a little relieved to see the temperature reaching almost double digits this week (almost tropical!). I would like to thank you all for your patience in what has been a challenging week. I would also like to thank the staff who, in many cases, battled their way in from all corners of Kent, to try and keep the school open. For various reasons, we succumbed to Mother Nature for a few days, but I hope the children enjoyed the snow, for many the first time they have ever experienced it.

### **Writing results**

We encourage the children to take pride in their achievements and I am pleased to have received a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards to inform me that Brabourne School's results in 2017 were in the top 1% of all schools in England. Many congratulations to the pupils and staff.

### **Staff Changes**

We are very pleased to advise parents that Mrs Winchester will be returning from maternity leave after Easter, although it is with great sadness that we will then have to say 'Goodbye' to Miss White, who has been covering in Venus Class. After Easter, Mrs Winchester will be teaching for 3 days each week and we will also welcome a new teacher – Miss Holloway – who will teach on the other 2 days.

### **Houses of Parliament trip / World Book Day**

Jupiter's trip arranged for last Friday was postponed – we are trying to organise another date and will advise parents as soon as we have one arranged.

We also have a new date for World Book Day. It will now take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The children can dress as a famous book character for a donation to the PTA of £1. All children will have brought home book tokens yesterday, to be redeemed against any book purchases this month.

### **PTA News**

*Each child will need to bring in £1.50 this Friday (9<sup>th</sup> March) to buy a gift for Mother's Day. The children will be offered a choice of items to buy and will bring their present home, pre-wrapped.*

### **Parent Evenings**

Parent evening forms were sent home with the children yesterday and these should be returned by next Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Mac will send one text reminder to parents who may have forgotten to book an appointment but if no reply is received, we will assume you do not wish to make an appointment.

I would ask that parents do heed any text messages/letters...etc. that Mrs Mac sends as we do seem to spend a lot of time chasing parents for replies/payments.

**PTO**

## RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – HOPE - COURAGE

### Reminders:

- 1) The weather is still very cold so please make sure you send in your children with coats/hats/gloves...etc.
- 2) Outdoor learning for each class is on the following days:

Venus	Friday
Mars	Tuesday
Neptune	Monday
Jupiter	Wednesday

### William Harvey Hospital

Debbie Thornton is collecting any donations of the following, for the Padua Children's Ward.

*The Padua wish list - these would need to be new and unused:*

*Felt tips*

*Bubbles*

*Clear wipeable pencil cases*

*Paper*

*Coloured paper*

*Card etc. for arts and crafts*

*Also dvds - these do not have to be new but suitable for children and teenagers*

**Andrew Stapley**

**Headteacher**

### Dates for diary

<b>Fri 9 Mar</b>	<b>PTA – Mothers Day Surprises Room</b>
<b>Thur 15 Mar</b>	<b>Dressing Up for World Book Day</b>
<b>Tues 20 Mar</b>	<b>Quicksticks hockey (team from Y5/Y6)</b>
<b>Fri 23 Mar</b>	<b>PTA Easter Egg Bingo</b>
<b>Sat 24 Mar</b>	<b>Small Schools Football tournament – Smeeth School</b>
<b>Tues 27 Mar</b>	<b>Quicksticks hockey (team from Y3/Y4)</b>
<b>Thurs 29 Mar</b>	<b>Easter Church Service – 9am – Brabourne Church</b>
	<b>Term 4 Ends</b>
<b>Mon 16 Apr</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – No children in school</b>
<b>Tues 17 Apr</b>	<b>Term 5 starts</b>
<b>Mon 7 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
<b>Fri 25 May</b>	<b>Term 5 ends</b>