



Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 10th July 2019

Summer fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our summer fair last week. I am delighted to say that the PTA event raised £5700 for the school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to Mrs Wood and all of the members of the PTA, who volunteer to give up their time to organise such events in the school year. They not only raise money to support school projects, but also enrich the school calendar for the pupils and the wider community alike. On behalf of the pupils and staff, thank you to everyone involved. Which leads us to....

Project 2020

Our school council comes up with lots of ideas, small and large! One thing they have been keen on is a quiet area for playtime – somewhere children who want a little space rather than to burn off energy can relax, read a book, do something creative, just be. At the same time, the school desperately needs more space for small groups to work with teachers, TAs or visiting specialists outside the classroom and a base for outdoor learning with some storage space for kit. Announcing project 2020! A cabin type building for the top end of the playground, near the playhouse (which will stay). The building will have heating and lighting and can be used all year round. But it will not come cheap – and that's where we need everybody to help! We need to raise £25,000 to pay for this....through PTA fundraising, applying for community funds e.g. lottery, supermarkets etc. and direct donations.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or potential funds, or would like to help with the efforts, please let us know. Most importantly, continue to support PTA events because we have a target of raising this within a year – a good challenge. Thank you and we look forward to a successful year ahead!



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Leavers' Concert and Dress Rehearsal – Thursday 18th July

The leavers' concert dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, 18th July starting at 1.30pm in the school hall. Any parents/grandparents/relatives who are unable to come to the evening performance are welcome to come and watch.

The Leavers' concert will start at 6.30pm and Jupiter class children should arrive by 6.15pm (in costume). Please enter, in the evening, via the side door which will be open from 6pm.

School Dinners

Please note that from 1st September the cost of Caterlink school dinners will increase to **£2.20** per day.

I must stress that all dinners taken this term have be paid for, or Caterlink will charge the school. Please do pay to the end of term this week, to save Mrs Mac the task of ringing round on the last day of term.

This year

It has been a packed but exciting year for the school. The school development plan this year focused on broadening our curriculum further, enriching the spiritual and wellbeing opportunities for pupils, maintaining the high academic standards and sporting opportunities for pupils.

We have taken part in numerous football, hockey and netball matches and tournaments this year, as well as 'adventurous trips' out such as trampolining and zip wiring. We have begun a redevelopment of our playground, creating an outdoor learning area, allowing access in winter to a muddy area of the woods, an outdoor gym and further playground equipment will be built in the summer holidays. We have redeveloped and restructured our computer room, installing new laptops and ipads in each class using PTA funding. We have cleared and decorated our music room, creating a new space for learning. We have also revamped our Early Years area to make it more creative and engaging.

We have redeveloped our curriculum for this year, focusing on enquiry based learning and enriching opportunities such as termly theme weeks in Cooking, Art and PE. Our teachers are all leading a subject in the curriculum and have been proactive in supporting colleagues in other schools, particularly within the CARE Foundation Trust. We have been involved in collaborative projects such as a choir at the Ashford International hotel in aid of the NSPCC and we have formed an Eco Team of pupils who have attended the Ashford Mayor's chambers to discuss environmental issues.

We have strengthened ties with the Church with the arrival of our new vicar, Rev. Chris, who has joined our governing body. We have taken part in many services and village events, including Remembrance services for the centenary of WW1 and WW1 food tasting at Smeeth Church.

Happy holidays

After such a busy year, I wish all the staff, pupils and families a well-deserved rest and a very relaxing sun-filled summer holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone again, refreshed in September!

Leavers Church Service

Please take all children straight to Brabourne Church on the last day of term – Tuesday, 23rd July. Miss Court will be at the church for 'Early club' children from 8.15am – all other children should

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arrive between 8.40am and 9am. All parents are welcome to join us for the service and Hester Fenwick has very kindly offered parking in her field. Please do try and park in the field as any cars parking on the road cause a problem for the flow of traffic to local farms. The children will be brought back to school by coach.

Dates for diary

Thurs 18 Jul Dress Rehearsal for Leavers Concert – 1.30pm School Hall

Thurs 18 Jul Leavers Concert – School Hall 6.30pm

Tues 23 July Leavers Church Service – 9am Brabourne Church

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