



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 4th September 2019

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and a special welcome to the new families who have joined us in Reception class. It has been lovely to see the children settling in so quickly. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and all the staff to say a huge 'Thank you' for all the very kind presents we received, at the end of last term.

We are discussing the after-school clubs at our staff meeting this evening and will send details out tomorrow. Signing up lists will be in the hall from 3.15pm but please collect your child/ren first.

Parking

Just to clarify, the car park is not owned by the school and we therefore cannot control who uses the car park (neighbours, general public...etc.). Please do park 'considerately' – we have had complaints of parents blocking the turning area and drive to our neighbour's house, at the bottom of the lane. Can parents please consider sharing cars for pick-up to help alleviate the situation? Also, I would ask that parents return to their cars and leave as quickly as possible, at the end of the day.

Height/Weight Checks

All children in Reception and Year 6 should have brought home a letter yesterday, regarding the height and weight checks to be carried out by the NHS School Health Team. If you did not receive this letter please see Mrs Mac.

Term Dates

Please accept our apologies for an error on the term date letter sent out recently as it was stated that Term 3 ended on Thursday, 14th February and it should have read Friday, 14th February. Please find an amended copy attached.

Early Club

Just a reminder that Early club runs from 8.15am each morning (enter school through the office) – no need to book as we have plenty of space. The cost is £1.50 per morning but if you use the club for a complete week the cost will be £6. If you are using the club on an ad hoc basis please pay on the day but if you will be using the club on a very regular basis Mrs Mac will invoice at the end of the month. Please do pay all invoices promptly to save Mrs Mac the extra work of chasing for payments.

PTA News

Cheers and Tears – tea and coffee on the PTA after drop-off on Monday, 9th September at the Five Bells Pub. **ALL** parents very welcome.

PTA will be selling water bottles at the gate today and Friday - £5 each (funds to PTA).

Outdoor area

You may have noticed a few new changes to the 'Wobbly Wood' area of the playground, with the addition of new pathway, Wendy House and tepee. The children have already enjoyed exploring the new area at playtimes. Please support as many PTA events as you are able to this year. As you may recall, our aim is to build a purpose built 'lodge' and the money raised this year will help towards this exciting project.

School Council and House Captains

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – HOPE - COURAGE

We really appreciated all of the wonderful feedback and ideas from last year's parent survey. These we have incorporated into our development plan for this year. We will be focusing, among other things, on further enriching our curriculum and providing opportunities for pupils to show leadership and learn independently through enquiry based learning. Next week our new school council and house captains will be elected. These groups of pupils meet termly with myself and help guide the school development plan from the pupil perspective. I really look forward to hearing all of the amazing ideas this year!

School Dinners

School meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be paid for online (see link on school website – meals cost £2.20), although if this is not possible please pay cash to Mrs Mac. Please note that Caterlink will stop meals if any debt exceeds £10, so please pay in advance/on the day for meals.

Please also note that 2 weeks notice is required for any changes to/from school dinners.

Can I ask that parents in Years R, 1 and 2 advise Mrs Mac in advance if they send their child with a packed lunch – often Mrs Stryzyk is cooking dinners to then find out several children have brought packed lunches. Although parents are not charged for the meals the school still has to pay for them.

Thinking of Moving House?

If you are thinking of moving house during this academic year and have pre-school children, please do check with Mrs Mac (in case your move breaks the 'sibling' link and possibly stops the siblings from getting a place at this school).

Reminders

- 1) **Due to 2 children in school having a serious Nut allergy, we would request that all parents do not allow any nuts in packed lunches or snacks (includes Nutella/Peanut butter).**
- 2) Children are allowed to bring in water in clear, named water bottles.
- 3) No children or pre-school children are allowed on the playground equipment after school.
- 4) Please be very careful with any photos taken of children at birthday parties or on school trips...etc. No photos should be posted online unless you have permission from parents.
- 5) Please advise Mrs Mac by 9.15am every day if your child is ill or cannot attend school (do not email). Any child suffering from sickness/diarrhoea must not return to school for 48 hours.

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

12 Sep	Kent Test (11+)
18 Sep	KM for photo of Reception class
14 Oct	Sarah Prescott – individual/sibling group photos
18 Oct	End of term 1
28 Oct	Start term 2