



Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 7th June 2017

I hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the wonderful weather last week and we now have a very busy (and hopefully exciting) term ahead.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Jiggins (Sophie's mum) will be joining us in September, to teach in Jupiter Class. Mrs Jiggins has previously taught in primary and secondary schools and I have no doubt that she will be a huge asset to our teaching team.

After School Clubs

Clubs will continue this term as in term 5 but with the addition of two new clubs:

Tuesday – Athletics club Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (no limit on numbers)

Friday – Tai Chi club for all ages (no limit on numbers) – **Finishes at 4pm.**

Please sign up on lists in corridor by office.

Year 5 Parents

Meeting tonight at 6pm in Jupiter classroom, for Year 5 parents, regarding the Kent Test and registration process.

Muddy Wellies

Children in Neptune and Jupiter classes will be bringing home a leaflet today with details of summer activities at the Muddy Wellies Community Farm. Can you just please note that the farm is situated on the A20 between Smeeth and Sellindge – this has not been made clear on the leaflet.

Dinner Money

A big 'thank you' from Caterlink to all our parents. Most parents are using the online system and despite a few teething problems this does seem to be working very well now.

Attendance

As you will be aware, our attendance figures are under constant scrutiny by the DfE (Department for Education) and I must urge parents to please refrain from taking holidays in term time and/or the last day of term, off school. We recorded almost 10% of our children not in school on the last day before the half-term holiday, as it seems to now be the 'norm' for some families to start their holiday a day early. Our attendance figures this year have dropped considerably and I have already had to speak to some parents whose children's attendance may have to be referred to the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) if it does not improve.

I would also ask that all children are in school by 9am - we are noticing that some children continually arrive late.

Reminders

- 1) Due to 3 children in school having a serious Nut allergy, we would request all parents not to allow any nuts in packed lunches or snacks.**
- 2) Despite being emptied recently our lost property bin is already starting to fill up, mainly with jumpers and cardigans. Please do ensure that your entire child's uniform is named.
- 3) The recycling bin is due to be emptied this Friday – if full please leave bags by the bin.**

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PTA NEWS

Hope you all had a great half term break. Thank you to everyone who helped at the cake Sale on the last day of term, whether that was donating a cake, helping on the day or coming along and spending your money. We raised approx £170 which is amazing.

We have the results from the Panto survey and it was a very close call, with The Leas in Folkestone just pipping The Marlowe by a few votes. We will look into dates, availability etc. and let you know details as soon as possible.

The big focus at the moment is the Summer Fayre – the estate agent boards are up and we are getting some amazing prizes for the raffle. **We will have a PTA meeting on Tuesday 13th June from 1-3 in The Woolpack to review outstanding** to do lists etc.

The final event of the year is traditionally the Summer Disco. We are looking for someone to volunteer to run this event – really just needs DJ and refreshments. It also doesn't have to be the last day of term, the event manager can work with the school to choose a suitable date. If you think you would like organise it, please let Isabel know. Without a volunteer to run it, it will not be able to go ahead.

Thank You

PTA

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

Wed 7 Jun	Class and Team Photos
Wed 7 Jun	Year 5 Parents meeting (11+ Registration), New Reception parents meeting
Wed 14 Jun	Jupiter class to Chessington
Thur 15 Jun	Team Y5/Y6 to Quick Cricket - Mersham - 10-4pm
Fri 16 Jun	Mars class to Wildwood
Wed 21 Jun	Year 6 – Safety in Action morning
Thur 29 Jun	Y4/Y5 Girls 7-a-side football @ North School 4-6pm
Mon 3 Jul	Kent Test Registration closes
Thur 6 Jul	Team Y3/Y4 to Quick Cricket - Mersham - 10-4pm
Fri 7 Jul	Sports day/PTA Summer Fayre
Wed 12/Thu 13/Fri 14	- Year 6 Residential to Swattenden
Wed 19 Jul	Leavers concert 7pm – School hall
Fri 21 Jul	Leavers Assembly – Brabourne Church
	End term 6