



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 16th October 2019

Non-school Uniform Tomorrow - £1 donation to Hospice

A reminder that tomorrow (Thursday) is a non-school uniform day. Our Team Captains will be helping to run various events, with all the children in each team (in years R-6) working together. We would like the children to wear something in the colour of their team (but please do not rush out and buy something just for this occasion) and as it is starting to get colder, please make sure your child is warm enough and brings a coat for outside play. We will be collecting donations for the local Pilgrims Hospice at the gate.

Harvest Festival

You are all very welcome to join our Harvest Festival Service which will be this Friday, 18th October at 9am in Brabourne Church, and should last for about 35 minutes. This year the service will be led by Mars class. Our vicar, the Rev. Chris Denyer, will also be joining us. All children must be taken direct to the Church and not dropped at school - we will bring the children back to school by coach, as usual. The Early club will take place at the Church from 8.15am but other children should not arrive at the Church before 8.40am. Mrs Henshaw at Parsonage Farm (situated just round the corner from the Church if heading from the school) is kindly allowing parents to park in her farm yard, on the hard standing area. Please do park there as parents' cars will cause a huge problem to other traffic, if everyone parks along the Church road.

Please bring any donations of tinned/packet/dried foods to the Church and we will arrange delivery to Ashford Christian Fellowship, who will use the food to support the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Author Visit

Ashford based author Maureen Gordon will be coming to do a presentation in our school assembly, on cultural diversity, on the 28th of October. She will be giving an overview from two of her Children's books based on the Island of Jamaica. This will be through a slide presentation/ and reading from the books. Please see flyer attached for more details and book order form.

After-School Clubs

We will have the football club on Friday, 1st November (to make up for the cancelled football on 11th October) but all other clubs the first week after half-term are cancelled as we have consultation evenings on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

From Monday 4th November clubs should continue as before with the addition of the Science club on Mondays. We will confirm this during the first week back.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Appointment times will be sent home this week with the children. Please note that Mrs Mac has tried to give all parents the appointment times that they requested. In the same envelope will be Data Collection forms for you to check, sign and return during the first week back after half-term. Any alterations should be made clearly to the side or bottom of the page (preferably in red pen).

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Message from the School Eco Team

Dear parents

We are the school Eco team and we would just like to introduce ourselves to those of you who don't know us already. One of the things that we aim to do this year is a special theme day to make bees wax cloths across the school next term. This way, everybody will have a re-usable cloth, so less plastic is needed in lunchboxes and at home. We will also be visiting the Mayor of Ashford to discuss environmental issues such as plastic pollution. Another exciting thing that we will be participating in is litter picking and bulb planting in Brabourne. We are going to introduce bug houses and will replace the old one in the school garden. These are only a few of the things that we aim to do this year, for we have many more plans to put in action.

We do also have a plea to parents - Please switch your car engines off when parked outside the school for a long time to keep our air clean.

Yours sincerely

The Eco Team (Amelia, Brooke, Charlie, Gray in Year 6)

Samaritan's Purse

You will receive flyers this week regarding the 'Shoebox' scheme whereby shoeboxes are filled with small gifts for underprivileged children across the world, at Christmas. If you wish to assemble a shoebox please do drop it into the school office, or deliver to Steve J Moore Lettings and Estate Agents, Lees Road, Brabourne Lees. Empty shoeboxes are available from the Baptist Church or Steve Moore's Estate Agents.

Crisp packets

We are continuing to recycle old crisp packets this year. Mrs Mac has a bag for them in the office, or the children can put them in the labelled bin in the school hall.

Rewards

You may have noticed the children proudly coming home with new stickers this year in Neptune and Jupiter class. As well as the 'Gold' award Neptune now have 'Out of this World' and Jupiter 'Platinum' for really exceptional work and attitude to learning.

Twitter/Instagram

The school's Twitter account has proven really successful in showcasing some of the children's amazing work across the school. Please do follow us on www.twitter.com/brabournecep

We also now have an Instagram account, which showcases displays and art work across the school. You can follow this @brabourne_cep_school

Annual letter

Please find attached with this email our annual update from our Chair of Governors, Hester Fenwick.

Book Boost

The Book People have launched a brand new fundraising scheme for schools to earn money for books. Every time parents, family and friends purchase books online over the value of £10, The Book People will donate £1 to our school to spend on books. We have registered Brabourne School so all you have to do is nominate our school every time you spend. The website is: <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

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Reminders

- 1) If you have a child due to start school in September 2020, please let Mrs Mac know.
- 2) Please bring any children who are late down into the office. If children are sent on their own and Mrs Mac has left the office they can get quite upset if 'stuck' in the lobby.

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

17 Oct	Non-uniform day (Team colours if possible) - £1 donation for Hospice
18 Oct	Harvest Festival Service, Brabourne Church – 9am PTA – Cake sale – school hall 3.15pm End of Term 1
28 Oct	Start Term 2
29 Oct	Parent Consultation Evening
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1 Nov	PTA – Pumpkin Carving Competition Spooky Disco – 5pm to 6.30pm
27 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
7 Dec	PTA – Christmas Fair
18 Dec	End Term 2