

Brabourne Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers

I hope that this letter finds you all well. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you with some news from school and I will also be sending a further letter, before the end of term, detailing the measures that will need to be in place when the school returns to full capacity in September.

Jupiter teacher

Firstly, I am pleased to advise that we have appointed Miss Unsworth to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Burnett in Jupiter class. Miss Unsworth is a very experienced teacher and I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to our school.

Reports

Parents will be receiving reports in the post in the next few days, along with a covering letter giving details about grades in the reports.

Year 2 parents will also have a letter in the envelope which gives details of how to pay online, from September, for school dinners.

School dinners/Milk/Fruit

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals and a free piece of fruit/veg each day. Children under 5 also receive free milk each day and this can continue after the child's 5th birthday, at a subsidised cost to parents.

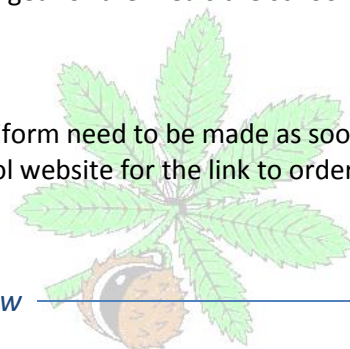
A menu for the Autumn term is attached to this email and can I ask that the school office be informed if your child is changing their lunch requirement, in September? Otherwise the meal patterns will carry on in September as before (in March) – any new children joining the school will need to advise Mrs Mac if their children are having school dinners or bringing packed lunches.

The cost of school dinners is increasing to **£2.29** per meal per day from September. I would ask all parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to pay online please, to avoid the need to come into the school office (new families joining the school, with older children, will need to pay cash for school dinners for the first week). School meals should be paid in advance and please note that Caterlink will stop meals if any debt exceeds £10. We do require 2 weeks notice for any changes to/from school dinners although occasionally Mrs Stryzyk is able to accommodate changes sooner.

Can I ask that parents in Years R, 1 and 2 advise Mrs Mac, in advance, if they decide to send their child (who normally has a school dinner) 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.

School Uniform

Our clothing company, Brigade Clothing, have advised that any orders for uniform need to be made as soon as possible due to the high demand at this time of year. Please see the school website for the link to order from Brigade.



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Maths learning resources

Please find below some learning resources which may be of use. White Rose have produced a range of colour 'child and parent' booklets. These booklets follow methods and strategies that are taught at school to help children understand and enjoy mathematics. They are full of the key models and images that help children make sense of the maths. These booklets are perfect for any children that also have gaps in their knowledge. They can be downloaded either to a Kindle from Amazon or from the White Rose website (see link below). Both are free to download.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/primary-resources/parent-workbooks/>

Also of note is <https://www.mathematics mastery.org/free-resources>.

Reminders

- 1) **Due to 2 children in school having a serious Nut allergy, we would request all parents not allow any nuts in packed lunches or snacks (includes Nutella/Peanut butter).**
- 2) **Please make sure you telephone each day that your child is not in school (unless otherwise agreed with Mrs Mac e.g. due to a long term sickness) – do not send emails, in case Mrs Mac is away.**

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

