



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 23rd September 2020

Covid-19

Please find attached a letter for parents from the NHS, which gives up to date information concerning Covid-19.

If your child has any combination of the following symptoms, they should not attend school and they should have a test:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Parents should notify the school of the result of the test before the child returns to school. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Rewards

It has been a pleasure to see all classes working so hard in school and I must say also how wonderful it has been getting to know Venus Class, as well as the other new pupils that have joined us this year. We warmly welcome them and their families to our school community.

Many children have already achieved stickers for their good work. In Venus and Mars Class, children can gain a rainbow sticker for excellent work and a shooting star sticker for outstanding work. In Neptune Class, pupils receive 'Gold' and 'Out of this World' stickers and in Jupiter Class, 'Gold and 'Platinum' stickers.

Every Friday, we hold a whole school virtual assembly, where one pupil per year group receives a certificate for their outstanding achievement for the week. Children who have shown exceptional Citizenship, also receive a badge, for putting all of our school values into action.

Well done to all the children who have gained these so far and so early in the school year!

More details on our behaviour policy can be found here: <https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BCEP-Behaviour-Policy-Updated-June-2020-3.pdf>

Sports Coaches

We welcome two new sports coaches to the school this year. Mr Harry Nunn teaches Venus and Mars Class on Wednesdays and Mr Dominic Castle teaches Neptune and Jupiter on Thursdays. We are also lucky to have Ms Massie who teaches hockey to Mars, Neptune and Jupiter Class.

Driving on Canterbury Road

We have received several complaints about parents' driving, on Canterbury Road. Please do be aware of children cycling/walking to or from school and slow down accordingly.

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – HOPE - COURAGE

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold our usual Harvest Festival service at the Church but we have received a request from Bright City Church (formerly Ashford Christian Fellowship) for donations for their food bank. If parents would like to donate any fruit/vegetables or dried/tinned produce, we will be collecting these on Friday, 2nd October in the morning – please leave on the bench in front of Jupiter class. I know that all donations would be gratefully received, especially during such challenging times.

Collecting from school

Can I kindly ask that parents please collect on time in the afternoon? We understand that there may be unexpected delays, but as the winter weather draws closer the teachers (Mr Taylor/Mrs Hayes in particular) will be standing in the rain/cold, sometimes for almost half an hour. Many thanks.

Mars/Venus Class

To assist with outdoor learning, Mrs Winchester and Mrs Miller have asked that all children in Venus and Mars class (Years R, 1 & 2) bring in a pair of named wellington boots that can remain in school please.

School Dinners – Census Day

The school census day is Thursday, 1st October and Caterlink will be serving a different meal to the one on the autumn menu sheet. Please see the Census day menu attached to this email. If your child normally has a packed lunch on Thursday but would like to have school dinner (burger/chocolate drizzle cake) on Thursday, 1st October, please email Mrs Mac.

Reminders

- 1) Please phone **(NOT EMAIL – in case Mrs Mac is absent)** the school by 9.15am every day if your child is ill or cannot attend school. Any child suffering from sickness/diarrhoea must not return to school for 48 hours.
- 2) **Clothing Bin** The clothing bin (by the bicycle rack) will be emptied this Friday – if the bin is full, please leave any items, in bags, to the side.
- 3) Please can parents with asthmatic children ensure that there is a named/in date inhaler and pump in school please?
- 4) The children will be doing PE and having playtime outdoors as much as possible this term so please ensure they have adequate warm clothing (track suit jacket/jumper/coat...etc.).

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

5 Oct – Sarah Prescott – Individual photos (no pre-school siblings this year)
23 Oct – Term 1 ends
2 Nov – Term 2 starts
15 Dec – Flu immunisation
17 Dec – Term 2 ends