



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 4th September 2020

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and a special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year. This is the first newsletter since March and it has been fantastic to see all of the children again. I have been so impressed with the calm way that they have settled back into school and into the new routines. I very much look forward to keeping you up to date on some of the things they are doing over the course of the term. Please do follow us on Twitter, as we will be posting some of the children's learning activities on there:

<https://www.twitter.com/brabournecep>

Meet the Teacher

Usually at this time of year, we would hold a 'Meet the Teacher' session for children who have moved up a class, to introduce parents to the new teacher and class routines.

This year we will be holding these virtually, via Zoom.

The sessions will take place at the following dates and times:

Wednesday 9 September:

Mrs Miller (Mars Class) 4.00-4.20pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/96378540154?pwd=SGhtM0lUZEhzenlWQnNwNkJBQjlRQT09>

Thursday 10 September:

Mr Taylor (Neptune Class) 4.00pm-4.20pm

<https://zoom.us/j/92716009727?pwd=NmphTjBnR3JCMG5wVDIzNURqYlpmQT09>

Miss Unsworth (Jupiter Class) 4.30pm-4.50pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93323660754?pwd=dXBkNUgwMzJuRkR2ZnhMSDUvTk4rZz09>

Please click on the link to join the session. Please do bear with us if there are any technical problems, as this is the first time we have done these virtually!

Covid-19

If your child has symptoms of Coronavirus, please notify the school immediately and book a test, any siblings will also have to stay at home until the result of the test is known. We have been advised by one parent that, when booking a test, you may be offered the centre at Brighton/Colchester but if you persevere for the Ashford testing station a booking will eventually come through. The parent also advised that having taken the test on Sunday morning in Ashford, the results arrived at 2am Monday morning. These are the symptoms to have for booking 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

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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/>

PE kit

To ease the time it takes the children to change, and given current regulations, we would ask that children come to school in their PE kits on the allocated days for their class. They should also wear the following:

Year R Plimsolls or trainers
Years 1- 6 Trainers
A pair of jogging bottoms (if needed for warmth)
Their school jumper (to wear to keep warm)

This week children should come to school in their PE kits on the following days;

Wednesday - Mars Class

Thursday - Neptune and Jupiter Class

These days will change, as we will be appointing a new sports coach, and I will keep you updated on a permanent timetable once finalised.

Website

In addition to all correspondence emailed to parents and carers, please also refer to our school website, where all letters and newsletters will be posted. Please go to 'Parents' and 'Newsletters' or 'Letters Home'. Please do take the time to become familiar with the website, as there is much information about the school, such as school dinners, uniforms and term dates. There will also be information on the individual class pages, updating parents on the content of the term's work covered in class.

New Reception Class Parents

Could I ask all Reception parents to place their child's birth certificate (the longer certificate showing full names of mother and father) in an envelope together with proof of address documents and their child's name on the front. The proof of address documents should be dated in the last 3 months and one item should ideally show your child's name. Mrs Mac will then photocopy the certificates and documents and return the originals to parents.

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 previously had complaints of parents blocking the turning area and the drive to our neighbour's house, at the bottom of the lane. Also, I would ask that parents return to their cars and leave as quickly as possible, at the end of the day.

School Clothing

We have been advised by Brigade Clothing (school supplier for jumpers...etc.) that, due to a huge demand at the end of the school holidays, some orders may not be delivered until later in September. If any parent has not received their order by the end of September, please let Mrs Mac know.

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Clubs

We will be starting the 'Early Morning' club again from Monday, 14th September and parents will need to enter through the hall door. The club starts at 8.15am and costs £1.50 per day, but if attending for a whole week the cost is £6. There is no need to book at this time but if numbers do become too high we may have to consider some sort of booking arrangement. Please do pay on the day if using the club on an ad-hoc basis (money in an envelope with child's name on front please) – parents of children using the club regularly will be invoiced by Mrs Mac at the end of the month. We will start the after-school clubs in due course. They will be need to be compliant with current regulations and I will let you know as soon as this is possible.

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 £2.29), 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 (infant year groups) advise Mrs Mac in advance if they are sending their child with a packed lunch – often Mrs Stryzyk is cooking dinners to then find out several children have brought packed lunches. Although infant parents are not charged for any of their school meals, the school still has to pay for all those that are prepared.

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) 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.
- 4) 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

5 Oct – Sarah Prescott – photos
23 Oct – Term 1 ends
2 Nov – Term 2 starts
17 Dec – Term 2 ends