



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 7th October 2020

Baby News

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Burnett has given birth to a baby boy (named Noah) and mother and baby are doing well. We look forward to seeing Mrs Burnett and baby Noah, hopefully in the near future, and I'm sure you will all join with us in sending our very best wishes to the 'Burnett' family.

Harvest Festival

Despite the bad weather, and no formal Harvest Service, I was delighted with the amount of donations sent in by parents. A huge 'thank you' to everyone and you will be pleased to know that the donations were collected by the Ashford Christian Fellowship Church, for their foodbank and weekly hot meal provision, to the homeless in Ashford.

Kent Test

Next Thursday 15th October, Year 6 pupils registered for the Kent Test will take their examinations in the school hall. We would recommend that they have an early night and a good breakfast, as the day will be tiring for them. Please note that any children who are unwell with Covid-19 symptoms should not come into school. Provision has been made this year for such pupils to take the test upon their return. This also applies to any children who are self-isolating, unwell or in quarantine. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Items brought to school

We are trying to only have the absolute necessities brought in to school, at the current time. Many children are bringing in multiple pencil cases/felt tip pens/gel pens...etc. All that is needed for each child is one pencil case containing: coloured pencils/glue stick/pencil sharpener and rubber. We do have spares of these things in school if any child needs them. I'm afraid at the moment the younger children cannot bring anything in for 'show and tell' – it's a case of just 'tell' at the moment!

Covid-19 Tests

We are trying to keep a record of any children who have been tested, so could I ask parents forward any test results to Mrs Mac – office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk please?

Parent Evenings

Due to the current situation we are unable to hold parent evenings in the usual way. Instead, each class teacher will phone the parents of children in their class, on a scheduled evening, for a 10 minute call. Each teacher will work through their parent list and, if unable to obtain an answer, will phone the next parent and return to catch up with any missed parents, at the end of the evening. If the teacher cannot get hold of any parent on the scheduled evening (if perhaps they are working) we will arrange a phone call on another date. In this process we are unable to give specific times for calling but please be aware that every teacher will be making around 3 hours worth of calls for each year group and so will need to move on when the allotted 10 minutes is used. The dates for calls are as follows:

Venus Class **Year R** – Tuesday 13th October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm

Mars Class **Year 1** – Wednesday 14th October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm

Mars Class **Year 2** – Thursday 15th October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm

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Neptune Class **Year 3** – Monday 19th October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm
Neptune Class **Year 4** – Wednesday 21st October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm

Jupiter Class **Year 5** – Tuesday 20th October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm
Jupiter Class **Year 6** – Thursday 22nd October – Calls will be between 4pm-7pm

Siblings Starting School 2021

Could any parents with children due to start school in September 2021 (i.e. born 1/9/2016 to 31/8/2017) let Mrs Mac know please – this will assist the school in determining how many new families might be able to join in 2021. Parents should apply for a Reception place between 5th November 2020 and 15th January 2021.

Data Collection Forms

Data collection forms will be shortly sent to all parents (via book bags). Please can I ask that you check the information held by the school, for any errors/alterations, and then sign and return straight away? Any corrections should be made clearly to the side/below preferably in red pen.

Reminders

- 1) **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.
- 2) With the wet weather now upon us the children will need to wear boots/winter shoes and, if needed, bring trainers/plimsolls in a bag for PE. Please note that any boots must be sensible (no heels or UGG type boots please).

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

23 Oct – Term 1 ends
2 Nov – Term 2 starts
15 Dec – Flu immunisation
17 Dec – Term 2 ends