



# Brabourne CE Primary School



## Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

### Welcome back

I hope that everyone had a very restful and enjoyable half term break. As you may have seen on our Twitter feed, we would like to warmly congratulate Mrs Winchester for her achievement in winning the Kent, Ashford Early Years Lead of the Year Award 2020. The judges commended her creative teaching techniques and the stimulating learning environment that she fosters. It seems a fitting way to celebrate Mrs Winchester's decade of teaching at Brabourne!

### Clubs/PE

Please note that all after school clubs will run as they did last term and the Early Morning club will run each morning from 8.15am. The club costs £1.50 per day but, if attending for a whole week, the cost is £6. 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.

PE will also take place on the same days as last term and children should continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

### Covid-19

I would like to say a huge thank you to parents for helping to ensure drop off and pick up run smoothly. As we enter a new month of government regulations I would ask that adults and children continue to socially distance when arriving/departing the school grounds. Once the children have been collected, please leave promptly and do not convene in the car park.

Please be reassured of the robust measures in place to protect everyone in our school community.

### Poppy Appeal

Due to the current situation, we are unable to sell the items for the poppy appeal at the gate, as in previous years. Instead, we have attached a picture of the items for sale and the suggested donation for each item. If you would like to purchase any of the items, please send an envelope (enclosing the correct money) with your child's name and list of items you would like on the front of the envelope. The items will then be handed to your child to bring home.



<p><b>Suggested donation</b> Poppy – any donation Metal poppy badge - £1 Reflector – 50p Wristband - £1 Snap band - £1.50</p>
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### Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination

Please do read the flu vaccination letter sent yesterday – **all parents** are required to go online and accept/decline the offer of the vaccination for their child by Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### Samaritan's Purse

Any completed/filled shoeboxes should be dropped off to the school office by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November please.

### Data Collection Forms

Thank you for the prompt return of most of the Data Collection forms – there are still around 10 to be sent in. Please do return the forms (signed) even if there are no corrections to be made. Any corrections necessary should be made clearly to the side/below, preferably in red pen.

### School Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally has packed lunch on a Wednesday, but would like to have the Christmas dinner, please put £2.29 in an envelope with your child's name on the front, and hand to Mrs Mac by 20<sup>th</sup> November (children in Years R, 1 and 2 do not need to pay but do need to advise Mrs Mac if they would normally have a packed lunch on Wednesdays).

### PTA News

Please read the attachments concerning changes with the PTA this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wood and all of the members of the PTA, who have worked tirelessly over the last few years, to raise funds for the school. Their hard work has allowed us to complete a host of projects: school trips, a new ICT suite, new laptops and ipads, pantomime tickets for the children and a virtual reality day, among others. More recently, their fundraising has allowed us to achieve our goal of building a new outdoor lodge in the playground, which is scheduled to be constructed this year. Please do let me know if you would be interested in joining the PTA, or contact Mrs Wood for more information.

Also attached is a flyer detailing changes to the way the children's Christmas cards will be ordered this year. The children's designs will be sent home on Friday this week and parents will need to order/pay online and then return the artwork on Monday, in order that it can be sent to the company for scanning and producing the cards. Further details are on the flyer.

### 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) **Letters/money sent in** – to avoid unnecessary visits to the school office please send any letters/dinner money...etc. in an envelope with your child. If you should need to visit the office please do wear a mask.

**Andrew Stapley**  
Headteacher

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**Dates for diary**

Tues 15 Dec – Flu immunisation

Weds 16 Dec – School Christmas Dinner

Thurs 17 Dec – Term 2 ends