

# Brabourne CE Primary School

## Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### **Mr Taylor**

It is with sadness, but also with the warmest of wishes, that we announce that Mr Taylor will be leaving Brabourne at Easter (the end of term 4), to take up a new position as a Primary School Principal. Mr Taylor has worked at Brabourne for the last 6 years and he has made an enormous contribution to the life of the school, through his roles as Class Teacher, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO.

Although Mr Taylor will still be with us for another term, I know that many parents will wish to offer thanks to Mr Taylor, for ensuring that the children who have passed through Neptune Class, have grown to become such happy and confident learners. We warmly congratulate him on his well-deserved promotion and hope that he has a very happy final term with us.

We will begin a recruitment process with immediate effect and, I will of course, let parents know when a successful candidate has been appointed.

### **Half term Covid-19 Contact Tracing**

Although schools will be closed over half term, I will remain contactable by email, should any pupils who have been in school, be tested positive for Covid-19. Where pupils or staff currently attending school test positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of last being in school, please inform me as soon as possible, as we may need to identify close contacts and advise the self-isolation of groups over half term. The last day of term is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, so the school should be notified of any positive cases up until the end of **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Please ensure that when your child/ren return to their Key Worker bubble after half term, that they do not show any symptoms:

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

### **Holidays**

I just have to reiterate, how incredibly proud I am of the children for all they have accomplished this term. I must also congratulate parents and carers for all that you have managed to achieve, in balancing your working and home lives with support for your children's home learning. On behalf of the teachers and TAs, we are incredibly grateful.

As figures begin to fall in Kent, I sincerely hope that we will have all of our children back in school very soon. The government have earmarked March 8 as a potential re-opening and have confirmed that they will give schools two weeks' notice. I will, of course, let parents and carers know if we receive any news.

Please make sure you get a rest over half term – switch off from home learning for a while and enjoy some time together, as a family, if you can.

Have a very safe and restful half term.

Best wishes,

**Andrew Stapley**  
**Headteacher**