



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 31st March 2021

Please note there will not be after school club for Mars class tomorrow, as it is the last day of term. However, after school clubs will start on the first day back after Easter (Tuesday, 20 April).

Goodbye Mr Taylor!

A fond farewell and best wishes to Mr Taylor in the next steps of his career as a Primary School Principal. In his six years with us at Brabourne, Mr Taylor has worn many hats, from class teacher, to Assistant Headteacher and Sendco. I would like to thank Mr Taylor personally, for his contribution to the school and as a valued member of the senior leadership team. Mr Taylor has shown much dedication to the school and I know that many parents and pupils will wish to join me in thanks. We wish him every success for the future.



Mr Taylor, Kent Teacher of the Year 2018

House Captain News (written by the House Captains)

We are so pleased to be back at school, but it is still strange that we are still not able to play with other classes and take part in activities as a school. For example, we have Zoom assemblies rather than all being together in the hall. We are looking forward to all being back together as a whole school community as soon as possible, but we are thankful that we are no longer doing lock down learning.

We do love our Zoom celebration assemblies: seeing the other children in the school on the screen and watching them get their awards. It's really inspiring. We are happy so many people have

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earned citizenship badges. We are looking forward to meeting the new children we hear about in assembly.

Mr Taylor will be dearly missed as he made a great impression on the school. He made lessons enjoyable and fun. He always encouraged us to do our best. Whilst we will miss him, we wish him every success in his new school.

The House Captains: “Mr Taylor, as we remember, would always play the Mission Impossible theme song whilst we were tidying after our Friday Golden Time. When we were in Year 3/4, we did graffiti bugs on the walls of Neptune’s classroom, inspired by Banksy, and he was an amazing art enthusiast!

Another memory was when we made Moroccan and Persian flat bread and salads from the Silk Road, the flat bread was rock solid! We also remember when we did mini fires in outdoor learning and we made circuits in Science.”

What’s new?

Our beautiful outdoor classroom – the lodge – has finally had its doors fitted: it will be open for us to use after Easter. We are extremely excited to be able to spend more time learning outdoors.

Our Red Nose day quiz was a huge success. We enjoyed writing it and it was fun to see the children’s reactions when we shared the answers. We are hoping that our virtual quizzes will become a regular event.

The House Captains

Comic Relief

A huge thank you to everyone who donated – a total of £147 was raised which is amazing for such a small school.

New Sendco

Following on from Mr Taylor’s departure, we welcome Mrs Emma McQuillan to our Team, as our new Sendco (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). Mrs McQuillan also works at Aldington and Chilham school and we look forward to working with her after Easter.

Coronavirus Symptoms

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, parents and carers should inform us of a positive case occurring within 2 days of the children being at school. This means that we need to be informed of any positive cases up until the end of Saturday 3rd April.

Please note, that LFT (Lateral Flow Tests) should only be used for asymptomatic testing (where no symptoms are present). If symptoms are present, then a PCR test should be booked.

Term Dates/Lunch Menu

Please find attached the term dates for next year and also note that the Caterlink menu will remain the same for the summer terms.

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Happy Easter

I would like to wish all of our Brabourne families a very Happy and safe Easter. Let's hope that this wonderful weather lasts a little bit longer still! We look forward to seeing you again in the summer term.

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Reminders

1. If your child will not be in school for any reason, please phone by 9.15am (**DO NOT EMAIL IN CASE MRS MAC IS NOT IN**) – we constantly have to chase parents after 9.15am which is taking up Mrs Mac's time.
2. No phones/jewellery or other expensive items (e.g. smart watches) to be brought into school
3. Only small flat stud earrings can be worn in school

Dates for diary

Thursday 1 Apr	Term 4 Ends
Monday 19 Apr	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 26 April	Reception class – Vision/Height/Weight testing
Monday 3 May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28 May	Term 5 Ends
Monday 7 June	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 8 June	Term 6 Starts
Wednesday 21 July	Term 6 Ends