



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 8th September 2021

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. It has been fantastic to meet all of the new children and see them settle in so well. I have also been impressed with the smart dress of the returning children and, although this glorious weather is making things a little uncomfortable, I hope the children will continue to take pride in their uniform. I very much look forward to keeping you up to date on some of the things the pupils are doing over the course of the term. We are so glad to be able to resume whole school events and activities again. We all look forward, with hope, to a much more settled year ahead, full of exciting learning opportunities.

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>

If hot weather is forecast could parents please ensure children bring sun hats/sun cream/plenty of water, when necessary.

PTA News

The date for the annual AGM has been set for the 7th October 2021 at 7pm. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom and the PTA would like as many parents and carers to join as possible. The link for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

The PTA has sadly lost its treasurer, due to work commitments, but we are grateful to Mrs Jordan for stepping up to volunteer for the role a few months back. The PTA are now looking for a new treasurer and if anyone feels they'd like to join the PTA committee please contact them and they can provide more details about the role. See the PTA for a chat or email them at:

brabournecepspta@gmail.com

Sendco

This term we welcome a new member of staff to our team. Mrs Rebecca Simmonds joins us as our Sendco (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). Mrs Simmonds will be working with some of our children and parents throughout the course of the year, to support the children's needs throughout the school.

After School Clubs

Please see the after-school club list attached – we are still trying to organise a club for Thursdays and will let parents know details in due course. If your child attends a club on Monday/Thursday/Friday they must wear school uniform during the day and bring PE kit to change into after school.

We are not asking parents to sign up for clubs at this time – we will see how many children turn up to each club and, if the numbers are very high, we will give priority to the oldest children (after the first week) or possibly set up a second identical club on Thursdays.

PE kit

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We would ask that children come to school in their PE kits (shorts/white PE top) 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)

Children in Years 1-6 (Mars, Neptune, Jupiter classes) should wear PE kit every Tuesday and Wednesday please.

No jewellery should be worn to school but children with pierced ears are allowed to wear small flat stud earrings.

Medication kept in school

Please note that if your child requires any medication in school i.e. asthma pumps/epipens...etc, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure the correct medication (clearly named) is in school, and in date.

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.

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, by the field gate 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 current supplier problems, 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.

Early Club

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.

In good weather Miss Court will take the children in the playground (only using the hall if raining). Therefore, please use the main playground gate for early club in good weather (you will see Miss Court in the top part of the playground) and the hall door if it is raining.

Under no circumstances are children to arrive before 8.15am and then be left on their own outside the school.

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School Dinners

School meals for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be paid for online (see link on school website – meals now cost £2.30), 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 we are 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.

All children should bring a water bottle each day as this is taken in to the lunch hall.

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 any 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) 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.
- 3) 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

27 Sep	Sarah Prescott – Individual & sibling photos
22 Oct	Term 1 ends
1 Nov	Term 2 starts
30 Nov	Flu vaccination – whole school
16 Dec	Term 2 ends