



# Brabourne CE Primary School



## Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### COVID

We have had another COVID case reported in Neptune class this week. Please be aware that we are doing everything we can to stop the virus spreading within school and I ask that all parents take their child for a PCR test, if their child has a cough/temperature/loss of taste or smell. In each of the past cases in school, the child has had a positive PCR two or three days after another family member had tested positive.

### Harvest Festival Church Service – This Friday

You are all very welcome to join our Harvest Festival Service, which will be this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am in Brabourne Church, and should last for about 45 minutes. Our vicar, the Rev. Chris Denyer will also be joining us. **All children must be taken directly to the Church and not dropped at school - we will bring the children back to school by coach, as usual.** The Early club will take place at the Church from 8.15am but other children should not arrive at the Church before 8.40am.

We are collecting food donations for the Bright City Church and please bring any donations of tinned/packet/dried foods to the Church service. The Bright City church is based in Ashford, and uses the donated food to support a food bank and Vinnie's diner (supplying hot meals and food to those who might be struggling).

### Whole School Flu Immunisation

Please see the message below – received from the NHS immunisation team:

*Do you have a child in Year R-6? The Immunisation team will be in school on (30/11/2021) to give the FLU vaccinations. The online consent portal is available online at:*

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search>

*Don't forget to record your consent or refusal for your child's FLU vaccination before midnight on (25/11/2021). Please use your child's NHS number or legal surname/date of birth/post code to access the form.*

### Samaritan's Purse

Every year some of our families like to join in the Samaritan's Purse shoebox scheme. Should anyone like to fill a box, for underprivileged children at Christmas, the boxes and instruction leaflets are available from the office. Filled shoeboxes should be dropped to the school office, between 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November please. For further information please go to:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

### PTA News

Please make sure all children's Christmas cards are ordered online and the artwork returned to school, **by this Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – the PTA need to match up the artwork to the orders, over the half-term, before sending off to the printers.

A big thank you to all children who participated in the vegetable dress up competition. We had some amazing creations and almost 70 children took part!

There have been a few recent changes to the PTA committee setup. Cathy Townshend has stepped down as joint secretary and we'd like to say thank you for her recent work and contributions. We are pleased to welcome two new PTA members to the committee, both new Reception parents. Russ Smith has kindly stepped forward to fill our vacant Treasurer role and Adam Lott has joined the

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committee as a member to support us with event planning and other bits. We very much look forward to working with them.

### **Charity Box**

Some of the children in Mars Class have created a school charity box, with the aim of filling it by Christmas, to send to children less fortunate than themselves. So far, the children have brought in small change from their pocket money, some small toys they no longer need, some keyrings, pencils and pens. At Christmas, we will send the box to a child or children in need abroad. If the children wish, they may bring in a small item to add to the box, placed at the back of the hall.

### **Car Park – gravel**

Can anyone help us repair the damage caused by the recent weather to the car park? The car park is not owned by the school, nor under the remit of the council. We have been incredibly fortunate in past years, to have had families with spare gravel/machinery to help fill any holes. Now that those families have moved on, we would be very grateful if anyone could help, or spread the word for us.

### **Parent donations – playtime**

We are looking for any spare pine cones, shells, wooden or plastic crates, old cushions, logs or rounds of wood, larger sticks for building camps. The children love these at playtime and it is a joy to watch them play creatively. The children make them into whatever they want them to be; a pine cone could be an ingredient in an imaginary soup, a shell a rare jewel or a round of wood a base for a pizza, topped with leaves! Please let us know if you have any of these items to donate. Thank you.

### **Reminders:**

- 1) If you have not already done so, please return the data collection forms by this Friday (even if there are no amendments needed).
- 2) If you have a child due to start school in September 2022, please let Mrs Mac know.
- 3) Please bring any children, who are late, down into the office. If children are sent on their own and Mrs Mac has left the office they can get quite upset if 'stuck' in the lobby.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Stapley**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for diary**

Fri 22 Oct	Church Harvest Festival Service 9am
Fri 22 Oct	Term 1 ends
Mon 1 Nov	Term 2 starts
Sat 13 Nov	School Open morning (tbc)
Tues 30 Nov	Flu vaccination – whole school
Thurs 16 Dec	Term 2 ends