



# Brabourne CE Primary School



## Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **Sports Teams**

Our football, netball and hockey teams have now been established and we have several matches scheduled before the winter. Good luck to the captains Jake, (football), Ariel (netball) and George (hockey) in leading their teams this year. Please keep an eye on our Twitter @brabournecep for results!

### **School Leaders**

Alongside our House Captains, we have several groups of pupil leaders, each with a specific role to play in making our school even better. These include The Eco Team, the House Captains, The School Council, the Worship and Wonder Team and the Ambassadors. Find out more about each role here: [Pupil Leaders - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#).

Periodically, the pupil leaders will keep the school community up to date on their aims and achievements. Please see below a message from the Eco Team (Jake, Ephraim and Max).

*Hello, let us introduce ourselves – we are the Eco Team and our mission is to make our school and wider community as eco-friendly as possible. We have held our first meeting of the year and already have lots of ideas to make our school ‘greener’. We will be leading assemblies, and also fun competitions, to teach other pupils about looking after the environment.*

*Here are a few of our ideas for this year:*

- *Creating hedgehog, bee boxes and bug houses for the school garden.*
- *Planting our new troughs with flowering plants for butterflies and bees in the spring.*
- *Installing soft plastic recycling stations in each classroom and in the staff room.*
- *Holding a mini cake stall to raise money for an eco-charity.*
- *Decorating our bins to encourage people to recycle.*
- *Recycling competitions in each class.*

*In the meantime, we encourage all our Brabourne families to recycle at home. Also, for those pupils with packed lunches, to empty the packaging in their home recycling, and to recycle their soft plastics. Soft plastic are things like crisp packets and yoghurt lids and these can be taken to Tesco’s, Sainsbury’s and the Coop, just to name a few, where there are collection points for recycling.. Further information can be found here: [Soft Plastic Recycling - Co-op \(coop.co.uk\)](#)*

*Thank you.*

*Yours truly,*

*The Eco Team*

### **Rewards**

It is lovely to see the children achieving so many rewards stickers for good work. Also, to see so many Citizenship badges earned already, for putting school values into action. A wonderful start to the year! Further details of our reward system and Behaviour Policy can be found here:

<https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BCEP-Behaviour-Policy-Updated-March-21.pdf>

## RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – HOPE - COURAGE

### **Uniform**

I must say how smart the children all looked on the day Sarah Prescott took photos. I would very much like to encourage this standard every day. The children also looked incredibly smart wearing their ties. If you would like to purchase one, they cost £3.75 from the school office. Further information on uniform can be found here: [Uniform - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#).

### **Winter Footwear/Clothing**

As we head into colder weather some children will wear boots to school. Please make sure that any boots are practical, dark in colour, do not have heels or platforms and are not designer type boots e.g. UGGs.

Do please send the children with a light raincoat as we will endeavour to always get the children outside at break times – even if it's light rain.

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

Mrs. Mac will be sending out times/days for parent consultation evenings next week. In the same envelope will be the data collection forms – please check these forms carefully and correct any mistakes clearly, in red pen to the side, and return asap. The children in years 3-6 also have an additional form attached which should be completed to update our records (for General Data Protection Regulation).

### **Siblings Due to Start 2020**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 would you please let Mrs Mac know, as this gives us an indication of how many Reception spaces will be available to new families. It also enables Mrs. Mac (in January) to check that application forms have been submitted for all siblings.

### **PTA News**

We'd like to say thank you to all parents and carers who baked and provided cakes for the cake picnic in September. We have been amazed by the generosity of people and received a lot more cakes than we could have hoped for. Thanks also to everyone who came to the picnic and purchased cakes and drinks - we raised £172 on the day (after expenses). Also, a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered their time on the day to help sell cakes and make the picnic a success. - A reminder that the AGM is taking place this week via Zoom. We are meeting on Thursday 7th Oct at 7pm and hope parents will be able to join us (zoom link sent by email yesterday).

### **Car Park**

You will all be aware that the car park is suffering from 'ruts' caused by the rain. This is a problem we face every year and I wondered if there are any parents who have access to the type of machinery needed to flatten the car park again? As the car park does not belong to the school we are unable to use school funding for this problem.

### **Reminders:**

- 1) Please do not send infant children in with a packed lunch without prior arrangement – the school will have to pay for any infant free school meals even if they are not eaten
- 2) Please park sensibly in the car park and do not block the turning access around the centre tree.

With best wishes,

**Andrew Stapley**  
**Headteacher**

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**Dates for diary**

Fri 22 Oct	Church Harvest Festival Service 9am
Fri 22 Oct	Term 1 ends
Mon 1 Nov	Term 2 starts
Tues 30 Nov	Flu vaccination – whole school
Thurs 16 Dec	Term 2 ends