



Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 17th November 2021

Extra Day Bank Holiday

An extra Bank Holiday has been given in 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this extra holiday falls in the June half-term break, all schools will be given a day off, in lieu, at the end of the school year. Term 6 will therefore now finish on Thursday, 21st July.

Children in Need

The school House Captains have decided they would like to raise some money for the Children in Need day this Friday, 19th November. Children can come in non-school uniform – something bright and colourful please, in exchange for £1 donation. The House Captains will also be making cakes and selling them at the school gate. They will also be doing a virtual quiz with each class.

COVID

You will no doubt realise that we are having an increasing number of positive COVID cases in school. Please be aware that many of the positive cases have arisen after the child has had cold symptoms for a few days (such as sneezing/blocked nose), and sometimes remained in school. We are trying to do everything to keep all classes open, but are very aware that the DfE are monitoring all schools, and would instruct us to close any classes that have a sudden rise in positive cases. If you have any concerns your child may have Covid-19, please do arrange for a PCR test, as the earlier we can get cases detected and isolated, the better chance we have of stopping the spread.

PTA News

The children will be singing Christmas carols on the Brabourne Green on 26th November at 6pm. We would love for as many children as possible to come and sing carols and hope parents/carers/grandparents will come and join the fun. The PTA is going to sell hot chocolate and mince pies. Please be aware that parents/carers are responsible for the safety of their children and that children need to be supervised at all times. The school or PTA cannot accept liability when outside of school grounds.

We are going to hold a Christmas Event at the school on Saturday 11th December 2021 - details to follow very soon but please save the date!

Could we please ask parents to bring in items in preparation for the Christmas event - see the attached flyer for dates and more information. The children can come in non-uniform in return, on all three days. We are very grateful for your support and your help to make the event a success.

The PTA needs your help with our Christmas event - we will need lots and lots of lovely volunteers on the day. Could you please let us know if you're available to help on the 11th Dec (assist with stalls/games/selling drinks etc.)? Please speak to us at the gate or add your name to the post on the Facebook Parent Page. Thank you!

Whole School Flu Immunisation

Mrs. Mac has sent reminder texts to those families who have not yet signed up online to accept/refuse the nasal spray flu immunisation. Please do go to:

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search> if you have not yet done so.

Samaritan's Purse

Many thanks for all the filled shoeboxes returned so far, could I ask for any other boxes to be returned to school, by this Friday please.

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – HOPE - COURAGE

Maureen Gordon Book

On Tuesday, Maureen Gordon, who works as our school counsellor, came in to read her book to the children for anti-bullying week. If anyone would like a signed copy of the book, it costs £4.99 - please let Mrs Mac know. Or you can purchase it online at [Changing Colours: Amazon.co.uk: Gordon, Maureen: 9781999967550: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/9781999967550).

Requests from Parents/School

- 1) Mr. Haining (Matilda Y4) would be interested to car share, on the school run, with anyone who travels along the A20 through Sellindge – see Mrs. Mac if interested.
- 2) Does anyone have any of the following, for the lunchtime gardening club:
Ceramic pots, surplus bulbs or perennials that attract pollinators?

With best wishes
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

Fri 19 Nov	Children in Need non-uniform & House Captains cake sale
Fri 26 Nov	PTA non-uniform day – Jazzy jars for Tombola
Tues 30 Nov	Flu vaccination – whole school
Fri 3 Dec	PTA non-uniform day – Items for food hampers
Fri 10 Dec	Infant (YR, Y1 & Y2) Nativity Performance (time TBC)
	PTA non-uniform day - bottle
Sat 11 Dec	PTA – Christmas Event
Mon 13 Dec	PTA Panto in school
Wed 15 Dec	School Christmas dinner
	KS2 (Y3-6) Christmas performance (time TBC)
Thurs 16 Dec	Christmas Church Service 9am
	School Christmas Party
Thurs 16 Dec	Term 2 ends