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Brabourne CE Primary School



Newsletter 15th December 2021

Poppy Appeal

We did receive notification that an incredible £239.09 was raised by the school for the Poppy Appeal – my thanks again to everyone, as we seem to have broken all the records this year, for fundraising. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sports

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 football team who won 5-3 against Smeeth (2 goals apiece from Ryan and Albert and 1 from Jessica), just after our last newsletter went out. Coach Harry was very pleased with the whole team and mentioned that the girls in the team played especially well. All of the children were congratulated for their fair-play and sportsmanship.

Fundraising – Roberts

Reminder - the Roberts family are holding their fundraising event (on their driveway) this Saturday, 18th December starting at 10am. The proceeds will be split between the school PTA and 'Betel UK', a drugs rehabilitation charity so do please go along and support this if you can – please ask Mrs. Roberts for the address (we wish to avoid putting it out on a newsletter).

Christmas play/Church service

The Jupiter class Christmas play is today – the hall doors will open at 6.10pm, with the play due to start at 6.30pm. We can only allow 2 adults per family in the hall and all adults should wear a mask please (unless exempt).

The Church service is tomorrow (Thursday) and starts at 9am – all children to be taken straight to Church. Please note that Mrs. Henshaw is very kindly allowing parents to park in the yard of Parsonage Farm (TN25 5LR) which is around the corner, just past the Church, as you head towards Stowting. Mrs. Henshaw would very much appreciate parents parking in her yard, as too many cars parked on the road causes problems for any tractors...etc trying to get through. We would also ask that no more than two adults per family attend the service – again, please do wear masks (unless exempt).

Due to the Church service being on the last day of term, I will have to ask all children to wear school uniform on the last day of term.

COVID

We have not had a positive Covid case reported in school since the weekend of 4th December. My sincere thanks to all parents for obtaining a PCR test immediately when their child had symptoms – I do believe this has enabled us to 'catch' and isolate the Covid cases very early. I do hope we can reach the end of term without any further cases, although I do realise there are plenty of children still suffering with the usual winter colds/coughs ...etc. Let's hope everyone is better in time for Christmas.

I have been advised that, even if a child has had Covid, should they then display Covid symptoms again, they must obtain a further PCR test.

School Dinners

Please note that, as from 1st January 2022, Caterlink will not accept any cash whatsoever, for school dinners. All parents will have to pay online from that date although I would suggest any parents, who previously paid in cash, start paying through the online system from now, in order to check their online account is set up correctly.

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Return in January

Term 3 will start on Tuesday, 4th January and please note that after-school clubs will not start until the following week (w/c 10th January 2022) - there will be some changes to the clubs and parents will be advised in the first week back.

YEAR 2 children will also need to come in PE kit on Thursdays, in Term 3, for tennis lessons.

Years 1-6 will continue with wearing PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from the first week back.

Year R will just need to wear PE kit on Wednesdays.

PTA News

We feel very lucky that we have been able to hold some (almost) normal events in the run up to Christmas and would like to say a BIG Thank You to all school staff for their support with our activities, and for helping us to find work-arounds to organise and communicate. The Christmas fair was held outdoors this year and there were a few bits we couldn't do, but all in all we saw good attendance on the day and are grateful to everyone who volunteered, mucked in and visited the fair. Our special thanks go to the House Captains, who organised the Enterprise Stall, and all children who made items for the stall. The children raised £96 for the PTA and we are so grateful and full of admiration for their determination. The fair raised around £800 in total profits.

Also, a massive 'Thank You' to anyone who bought online raffle tickets - the Christmas raffle raised £912. Special thanks to Sarah Vant, who helped us source a lot of the raffle prizes.

We hope you are all going to have a happy and peaceful Christmas break and a healthy 2022.

Reminders

- 1) Please can all parents collect on time – some teachers are standing at the collection points for almost 25 minutes, in very cold weather.
- 2) No big bows in girls' hair please.
- 3) Children must not come to school with any 'carved' haircuts.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It has been another challenging year, but one in which can be characterised by huge amounts of kindness and generosity within our school community. I am very proud of the children for the way they have led, inspired and shown care for others. Thank you also to the new PTA for their hard work in organising all of the events this year. I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to parents and carers for their continuous support for the school.

We look to 2022 with our school value of Hope and I wish all of our staff, governors, pupils and their families a restful and peaceful Christmas with loved ones.

With best wishes
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



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Dates for diary

Wed 15 Dec	School Christmas dinner KS2 (Y5-6) Christmas performance – School hall 6.30pm
Thurs 16 Dec	Christmas Church Service 9am – Brabourne Church School Christmas Party
Thurs 16 Dec	Term 2 ends
Tues 4 Jan	Term 3 starts
Fri 11 Feb	Term 3 ends
Mon 21 Feb	Term 4 starts
Fri 1 Apr	Term 4 ends
Weds 20 Apr	Term 5 starts
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday
Fri 27 May	Term 5 ends
Weds 8 June	Term 6 starts
Thurs 21 July	Term 6 ends