

Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 19th January 2022

Covid-19

We had returned, after the Christmas holidays, with full attendance and no Covid cases. But, as you will have seen from the text messages this week, we are now starting to see cases in school again including our first staff case, with Mrs. Winchester currently off. This rise in cases is not really surprising, given the national trend over the last few weeks, but please do note that we have been advised the symptoms in each case are mild and similar to a winter cold/flu.

I would again remind parents to please wear a mask when entering the school office, unless exempt.

Reports

Interim reports will be sent to parents at the end of term. These will give a snapshot of the children's attainment and progress, as well as attendance.

Burns Night Celebration

Please do have a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter, for details of the Burns Night Celebration, organised by one of our parents Alistair Gibson (with help no doubt from the entire Gibson family). I have heard that this has been an amazing event in the past, complete with pipers and drummer, so please do consider supporting it – all profits to St. Mary's Church, Brabourne.

School Uniform

I am pleased to see that our children take pride in wearing school uniform and generally the children look very smart indeed. However, I must ask everyone to refrain from wearing big bows or 'blingy' hairbands in school. Also, PE kit should be navy shorts/joggers with white PE top and navy jumper/tracksuit top.

PTA News

The PTA would like to say a very BIG "Thank You" to Jesse Roberts, who organised a Christmas craft stall in December to raise money for charity. Brabourne PTA was one of Jesse's chosen charities and he has raised £350 on our behalf. We are very grateful and so impressed with his entrepreneurial skills and general kindness. So here it is: Thank you, Jesse (& family)!

The PTA's treasurer Russ Smith also managed to receive £350 in Match Funding from his employer for the Christmas Fair. The extra £700 from Jesse's donation and the Match Funding have meant that the PTA Christmas activities have raised around £2,500. Needless to say, we are quite pleased with the outcome! Having taken a little break in January, our fundraising activities shall commence in February (hooray we hear you say!). Updates to follow very soon.

Reminders

- 1) **All children should bring a water bottle into school please – they are now required for lunch times (to avoid the need for plastic cups).**
- 2) Snacks - Free fruit is supplied to infant children in Years R, 1 and 2. Older children may bring in a healthy snack for breaktime e.g. fruit/cheese – **NO NUTS OR SWEETS.**

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- 3) No phones/jewellery or other expensive items (e.g. smart watches) to be brought into school

With best wishes
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

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