

Brabourne CE Primary School

Newsletter 24th February 2022

Welcome back

Welcome back to, hopefully, a less windy week. You may have seen the new lodge building is temporarily out of action, due to problems with dislodged roof tiles, but other than that the school seems to have escaped, relatively unscathed. I do hope all our families were able to keep safe and have not suffered with too much damage to their properties.

Staff Changes

Many of you may have already heard that Mrs. Mac will be retiring at Easter, having worked at the school, in many different roles, for the last 26 years. I'm sure you'll agree this is an incredible achievement and that Mrs. Mac thoroughly deserves her retirement! We will, of course, be marking Mrs. Mac's retirement in due course, but in the meantime, we wish her a happy last term at Brabourne. We are pleased to advise parents that Mrs. Parry has been appointed as the new Office Admin Manager. Mrs. Parry will be starting at the school on 28th March, in order to overlap for 1 week with Mrs. Mac.

Netball Tournament

I am very pleased to report that our Year 5 & 6 netball team came 2nd in the netball tournament held at Ashford School yesterday. I am extremely proud of them all and special congratulations to Monty and Jake P, who both received awards for good play and sportsmanship.

World Book Day – Non uniform – Thur 3 March

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March, children may come to school dressed as a book character, if they wish (Year 5 children will have to come in PE kit for tennis and then change into costumes).

All children will have brought home book tokens yesterday. These can be redeemed against any book purchases made before 27th March.

PTA News

*The PTA has still been limited with regards to organising activities and events for the children but we are going to hold a **Cake Sale on Friday, 4th March (by the bench at the front of the school)**. We would really appreciate any donations of home-made/bought cakes, on the Friday morning.*

In the meantime we have decided that our next fundraising aim / use of PTA money will be for two interactive whiteboards in Neptune and Jupiter class. Neither of the classrooms currently have modern, up-to-date whiteboards and the school has advised that this would be high on the wish list, and would benefit the children most. We understand that some parents - with children in younger year groups - might have concerns that the money is going to benefit the older children only, but we think the investment is going to benefit all children, as the younger ones will eventually be moving into Neptune and Jupiter. We need to raise around £5,000 for the whiteboards and hope parents will support the cause and help us raise the money for the school over the next year or so.

We have also asked the children for their funding wish list, and some of the things they have asked for were dress up days and school trips. The PTA has agreed to part-fund a class trip for every class, which will be something every child is going to benefit from and that we're sure they're all going to

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enjoy. We are also going to plan some more dress-up days soon, and will of course try and find other little things that all children will enjoy while in school.

Covid

The latest regulations are, as ever, somewhat unclear. We are still waiting for new guidance from KCC but face masks are no longer required in schools. Rest assured we are continuing with good hygiene and good ventilation, throughout the school. I will continue to ask parents to collect any child from school, if they are showing Covid-19 symptoms (sore throat/cough/temperature).

Reminders

- 1) All after-school clubs finish on Friday, 25th March (no clubs in last week before Easter holiday).
- 2) No jewellery should be worn in school (other than stud earrings).

With best wishes

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Dates for diary

Thurs 3 Mar	World Book Day (Non-uniform – dress as a book character)
Fri 4 Mar	PTA Cake Sale
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