



Brabourne

CofE Primary School

14th September 2022

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and a special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year. It has been fantastic to meet all of the new children and see them settle in so well! I have also been impressed with the smart dress of the returning children. I hope the children will continue to take pride in their uniform. I very much look forward to keeping you up to date on some of the exciting things we have planned for the year ahead.

Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great sadness that we heard of the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen last week. We held a special collective worship for the children and rang the old school bell at noon to pause and reflect. We have told the children that the staff are there to talk to them and give them the opportunity to discuss anything should they wish. **Monday, 19th September** has been confirmed as a national bank holiday and therefore the school will be closed that day.

Website

Please do follow us on Twitter, as we will be posting some of the children's learning activities on there: <https://www.twitter.com/brabournecep>. There is also much information on our school website, so please do explore: www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk. Here newsletters and letters home will be posted. Please go to 'Parents' and Newsletters' or 'Letters Home'. On the individual class pages, there are plans detailing what will be covered in each class per term. Please go to: 'Children' and choose the relevant class page.

Clubs

After school clubs start this week. Pupils should turn up to the first session and are expected to attend for the rest of the term. Please note there is no need to book. If there are still spaces, we may open it up to additional year groups. A list of clubs can be found here: [After-school-clubs-September-2022-2.pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#).

As you will understand, Cookery Club has limited places and is, unfortunately, already full for Term 1. We do have a waiting list for Term 2, if your child was not able to join the club this term. Please contact the office and Mrs Parry will add your child's name to the list.

Early morning and Wrap Around Care will also take place this week. Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). **You must book at least a day in advance** on [School Money](#).

Kent test

Last Thursday many of the Year 6 children took their Kent test. It was a long day for them and I was very proud of their perseverance. Results will be shared with parents on **Tuesday 18th October after 4pm**. Details of upcoming dates and procedures can be found in the parent briefing from June [Procedure for Entry to Secondary Education \(PESE\) and The Kent Test \(11+\) \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](#).





Wilder Kent Award

We are very proud to have been awarded the Wilder Kent Awards and received a Silver Commendation! The organisers highlighted the fact that we have such a proactive Eco Team, we grow our own vegetables for the school kitchen and we have weekly outdoor learning. We look forward to working towards the Gold award this year. Outdoor learning was highly valued in our pupil survey and we welcome Sports Giants to our school this year, who will be delivering specialist outdoor learning to a class per term. They will begin with Jupiter Class on

Thursday afternoons, followed by an after-school club for Years 3,4 & 5. Details of equipment needed can be found here: [Outdoor-Learning.pub .pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](https://brabourne.kent.sch.uk/Outdoor-Learning.pub.pdf)

Our gardening club would be very grateful to receive any donations of the following, to help start their Autumn projects: Bird, bat or hedgehog houses, bird baths, seeds (no nuts please) bulbs and winter plants. If you would kindly leave any donations at the office.

Thank you.



Celebration worship

Every Friday, we celebrate the children's work and their achievements for the week. Certificates to each year group are awarded for good work, as well as Citizenship badges for putting the school values of Respect, Responsibility, Hope and Courage into action. Please look out for these when your child comes home on a Friday! Children are chosen each week to write a prayer, which they then read to the school. I include one below, written by Bradley and Ruben on Friday:

Dear Lord

Let us always remember Her Majesty the Queen. We will never forget the honour and sacrifices she has made for our country and our lives. Thank you for her service, spirit and kindness. We wish our new King of Great Britain and the Commonwealth every luck. Rest in peace and God Save the King.

Amen.

PE kits day reminder

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| Venus Class | Wednesdays |
| Mars Class | Wednesdays & Thursdays |
| Neptune Class | Wednesdays & Fridays |
| Jupiter Class | Wednesdays & Fridays |

Outdoor learning with Sports Giants—Jupiter Term 1, Thursday afternoons. School uniform, but bring:

[Outdoor-Learning.pub .pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](https://brabourne.kent.sch.uk/Outdoor-Learning.pub.pdf)

Pick-up

Just a reminder that Venus & Mars Class will leave at 3.10pm, whilst Neptune & Jupiter will leave at 3.15pm. This brings us back in line with pre-Covid school timings. Please leave the car park promptly where possible, to alleviate parking. If the weather is dry we will open the school field to give extra space.

May we also ask that if someone other than the usual parent/carer is collecting that you let the teacher or Mrs Parry know.

Thinking of Moving House? If you are thinking of moving house during this academic year and have pre-school children, please do check with Mrs Parry (in case your move breaks the 'sibling' link and possibly stops the siblings from getting a place at this school).



Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination

We have been notified by the Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme that this year's vaccinations will be on **Wednesday 5th October**. Letters will be sent home as soon as we receive them. All parents will be required to go online and accept/decline the offer of the vaccination for their child and the letter sent home will give the cut off date for this.

Continuous Provision

We are proud to be one of the few school in Kent, to adopt the model of Continuous Provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage (YR) and throughout Key Stage 1 (Years 1&2). Continuous Provision is an enquiry-led, independent approach to learning, which is based on careful planning, a creative classroom and outdoor environment and skilled staff interaction with pupils.

Continuous Provision allows the children to make choices, become responsible learners and explorers. It allows the teacher and teaching assistants the opportunity to work with small groups, providing inclusive, academic support.

We have put together a booklet to help you understand the creative approach to learning we take at Brabourne.

We will be holding a parent workshop later in the term to invite you to learn more, but in the meantime, please see:

[Play-based-and-Independent-Learning-through-CP-in-EYFS-to-KS1-September-1KP-3.pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk/play-based-and-independent-learning-through-cp-in-eyfs-to-ks1-september-1kp-3.pdf),

Mrs Winchester and Mrs Miller would also be happy to answer any questions.

Reminders

- 1) Due to 2 children in school having a serious Nut allergy, we would request that all parents do not allow any nuts in packed lunches or snacks (includes Nutella/Peanut butter).
- 2) Children should always bring in water in a named water bottle.
- 3) Please advise Mrs Parry by 9.15am every day if your child is ill or cannot attend school (do not email).

Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th September BANK HOLIDAY - school closed

Friday 30th September PTA non uniform day - theme - Topsy-Turvy Day!

Wednesday 5th October - Nasal Spray Flu Vaccination

Tuesday 18th October – Kent test results to parents

Friday 21st October – Term 1 ends

With best wishes

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