



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

10th November 2022



Welcome to Term 2

I hope that you all had a happy half term break and managed to spend some quality family time together. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, in the lead up to Christmas, so please do take note of the diary dates on page 2 of the newsletter. Please do also read the important information regarding free-school meals in this newsletter. If you think this may apply to you, please do not hesitate to have a chat with me.

Emails

As we approach one of our busiest times of year, please be conscious of emailing teachers unless it is essential. If there is anything I can assist with, you will normally find me at the gate in the morning and I will be happy to help!

Outdoor Learning

A reminder that



Neptune class will be participating in Outdoor Learning this term. Please see letter previously emailed home for further details.

The afterschool club for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be starting this week and places are still available.

Poppy Appeal

Year 6 will be selling Poppies at the front of the school each morning and after school. The whole school will pause for a 2 minute silence on Friday at 11.00 am.

Parent workshop

The next parent workshop is for parents of Venus + Mars class and is on the topic of Continuous Provision. We are one of the few schools in Kent to adopt this creative approach to teaching and learning in the Infants. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday, 22nd November 3.30-4.00 pm**. Please wait to be let in through the main school gate.

NHS site

As we approach the Winter season, it is sometimes difficult to gauge whether to send your child into school, or keep them off. It is a fine balance to be struck, as school attendance is so important to maximise learning potential, yet with more significant bugs, stopping germs spreading to others is also important. The NHS site [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-your-child-at-home/) is a useful tool to guide parents and carers if unsure.

Early Morning club/Wrap Around

May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. From Term 2, **to ensure we always have appropriate staffing levels, we cannot accept bookings on the day**. Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). Please book in advance on [School Money](#).



Samaritan's Purse

Every year some of our families like to join in the Samaritan's Purse shoebox scheme. Should anyone like to fill a box, for underprivileged children at Christmas, we have a supply of boxes and leaflets available from the office. Filled shoeboxes should be dropped to the school office, between 14th and 21st November please.

For further information please go to:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Siblings - 2023 intake

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, would you please let Mrs Parry know, as this gives us an indication of how many Reception spaces will be available to new families. It also enables Mrs Parry (in January) to check that application forms have been submitted for all siblings.

Please note: Data Collection forms are being sent out this week for you to check, sign and return. Please sign and return the form, even if there are no amendments, by Friday 18th November.

Prayer of the week

Hot tempers cause arguments, but patience brings peace - Proverbs 15:18

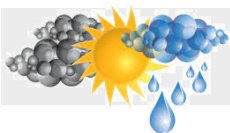
This week we have been learning about the topic of 'Peace' in the lead up to Remembrance Day and looking at proverbs from the Bible which talk about patience, understanding and forgiveness in overcoming disagreements. We have also been looking at our school value of Responsibility and how to put this into action in our daily lives.

Dear Lord

Let us be grateful for all we have: our food, our water, our school. Let us remember the sacrifices and bravery of all those who have fought for our freedom.

Amen

Lexi, Ellie, Jessica



As the weather is now starting to change, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 11th Nov - Non-uniform + Jazzy Jars (lidded jars decorated and filled with sweets or small treats/toys that children would like to win!).
Friday 18th Nov - Non-uniform + Festive Food (for Christmas Hampers)
Tuesday 22nd Nov - Continuous Provision workshop for YR,1,2 parents 3.30pm
Friday 25th Nov - Non-uniform + Bottles (for Tombola)
Saturday 26th Nov - 11.00 am - 2.00 pm PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 5th Dec - CARE choir at Ashford International hotel
Wednesday 14th Dec - Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th Dec - Venus + Mars Nativity - 1.30pm
Thursday 15th Dec - Jupiter Christmas concert - 6.30pm
Friday 16th Dec - Christmas Church service - 9.00am
End of Term 2

School Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 14th December** (menu included in the email). If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Wednesday but would like to have the Christmas dinner, please click [here](#) and complete the form or email office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk by **Monday 21st November**. The cost for the dinner is £2.43 and can be paid for online via Caterlink.



It has been confirmed that an extra bank holiday will take place next year to mark the King's coronation. This will take place on **Monday, 8th May 2023**. For other term dates please see:

[Term Dates 2022-2023 \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk)

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the families who braved the rain and wind on Sunday to tidy the school grounds. We are so grateful for your time and perseverance.

We would also like to thank Ransley Turf for very kindly donating soil and compost to the school.



Mrs Edmed will be at school this Saturday from 10.00 am and Sunday, after the Remembrance Parade, if anyone would like to come along and lend a hand!



Class News



Venus Class had a brilliant sports day in Folkestone, taking part in a range of sporting

activities with many other schools from the area. This was their first ever school



Some children in Mars Class have been working on building a castle with junk modelling. We have been looking at making a pulley to draw the drawbridge.



On Friday 4th November, Jupiter Class went to the Houses of Parliament. It was a long day; leaving school at 8.30am and returning at 5pm. During our journey, we saw The London Eye, The Shard, Downing Street and Trafalgar Square amongst many other London landmarks.

When we arrived, we had to go through 'airport' style security before putting our bags into a locked cage. We had to wear visitor passes and headphones throughout our tour. We followed the Monarch's Footsteps as we entered through the Victoria Tower before visiting the Robing Room and the House of Lords.

During our workshop, we created an Act of Parliament to help homeless people. We really enjoyed our day!



We wrote our own stories about the brother Romulus and Remus and how Rome got its name. We also drew and labelled pictures

of Roman soldiers.



If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, and you receive certain benefits, you may be able to get **free school meals** for them.

Apply online

Your eligibility will be checked and your application processed straight away. If your application is successful the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. We may ask for proof of benefit after you apply.

[Check your eligibility and apply now](#)

Benefits of receiving free school meals

In Kent, 18% of children receive free school meals. If you are eligible and register your child will get:

- a choice of delicious, healthy hot meals every school day at no cost - this is worth £440 a year per child
- The school will receive additional funding of at least £5,910 to £8,310 per child from the government. This funding can be used for additional teaching staff, school activities and tuition to improve outcomes for pupils at the school
- Potential reduced rates for school trips, clubs, after school care, holiday activities and uniform to children registered for free school meals.

School holiday arrangements

Families who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals will receive vouchers to feed their children during school holidays.

You'll get a £10 voucher per eligible child, which can be spent in supermarkets and local shops.

If your child gets free school meals, because they are in year 2 or below, you will still need to [apply for benefits-related free school meals](#) to get vouchers during the holidays.

Please contact us to discuss whether you may be eligible or for any further advice:

call [03000 41 51 23](tel:03000415123) (8:30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday)

email freeschoolmeals@kent.gov.uk.