

Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

14th December 2022

Farewell to Mrs Regardsoe

We are sad to be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Regardsoe, who is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Regardsoe has worked as a TA in Mars Class for the last 4 years and has been a much valued and dedicated member of our team. We will very much miss her laughter around the school. Mrs Regardsoe, we wish you every happiness and rest in your retirement.

Christmas events

It has been wonderful to see so many of you join us for the Christmas events this term. I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA, who raised over £3000 at the Christmas fayre - an incredible amount! It was also a pleasure to see some of Jupiter class perform in the CARE choir at the Ashford International hotel and so many of Venus and Mars families at the Cake, Crafts and Coffee morning.

We hope to see many of you at the last events of the term. On Thursday 15th December at 9.30am, Jupiter Class will be having a dress rehearsal of their Christmas Concert. Families are welcome to watch (please enter via hall door). In the afternoon, Venus & Mars Class will be performing their Nativity at 1.30pm (please enter via the hall door). In the evening, Jupiter will perform their concert (hall doors open at 6.10pm for a 6.30pm start). The PTA will be selling mince pies and hot drinks at a cost of £1.50. Finally, we hope to see many of you at the Church service, led by Neptune Class, on Friday morning at 9am (Early Club will be at the Church from 8.15am). Please drop children off at the Church - we will return to school by coach.

Charities



Rita S took part in the Porchlight Sleep out in October sleeping outside to raise awareness of rough sleeping and homelessness in the UK. About 95 girls from the Canterbury District Guides and Brownies and even the smaller Rainbow girls slept out at the beautiful campsite above the Stour Valley. The girls including Rita from the Petham unit had a lot of fun wrapped up in lots of warm clothes! The girls slept in windy marquees, some were brave enough to sleep under the trees! There was a bonfire, campfire songs and hot chocolate as the evening went on! Brown Owl managed 1 hour of sleep in her cardboard hut! Rita raised £52.00 for her efforts from friends and family. Following the evening out Rita decided she wanted to raise some further funds so held a non school uniform day on the 9th December and a further £42.75 was raised for Porchlight and £42.75 for our PTA. We would like to thank everyone at school for dressing up in their coats and scarfs and helping to support.

Continuous Provision Workshop

Thank you to parents/carers who came to our Continuous Provision workshop. Links to the presentation can be found here: [Continuous Provision - Brabourne Church of England Primary](#)



Prayer of the week

In collective worship we have been learning about the Kent charity Porchlight and the plight of homelessness at Christmas. The prayer below was written by Year 4 pupils:

Dear God

Let us remember that everyone should be valued, no matter what their circumstances. Let us help those who are homeless at Christmas to know that we care.

Amen

Thank you

A huge thank you to all of our families for your support and generosity, particularly during these more difficult times. The school raised £287.19 for our Poppy Appeal and £68.37 for Children in Need. Rita's Porchlight campaign raised £47.25 for the PTA and £47.25 for the Porchlight homelessness in Kent campaign. It is heart warming to know that our school community recognises need and that Christmas is a time for giving.

REMINDER Siblings - 2023 intake

A reminder to those who have a sibling starting in school in September 2023. Please ensure you have completed the online admissions application. This closes on **Monday 16th January**. The link for the application can be found here: www.kent.gov.uk/ola



Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

Early Morning club/Wrap Around

EARLY MORNING AND WRAP AROUND WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY.

May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. **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](#).

After School Clubs: Please note after school clubs will start week commencing **9th January**. The link for Science club (booked directly with Mr Poleykett) can be found [here](#).

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 15th December 9.30am - Jupiter Concert dress rehearsal
Thursday 15th Dec - Venus + Mars Nativity 1.30pm
Thursday 15th December - Jupiter Christmas concert 6.30pm
Friday 16th December - Church service 9am
Friday 16th December - Term 2 ends
Wednesday 4th January Term 3 starts

PE will **start** week commencing **9th January**. All children should wear normal school uniform on Wednesday 4th.

PE Days:

Venus

Mars

Neptune

Jupiter

Wednesdays

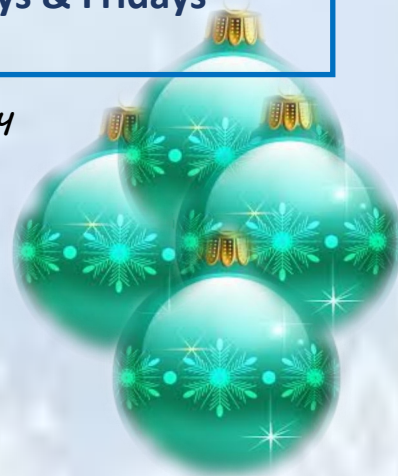
Wednesdays & Thursdays

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*Wishing everyone a very
Happy and peaceful
Christmas.*

*With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher*



Class News



The Christmas Elves have been very busy in Venus class making lots of festive crafts. Here

are the snowman lanterns they have been making.



This week, Mars class have been thinking about what they are grateful for. They came up with some lovely thoughts on what they are grateful for.



This week Neptune have been creating their Christmas scenes using opaque, transparent and translucent materials.



Jupiter Class finished their topic on The Second World War by designing and making model Anderson Shelters. Some of our models are very realistic. We also used our sewing skills to create our class Advent Calendar. We are enjoying opening the pockets each day to find out who receives the chocolate reindeer.



Please see menu below which will be served on
Wednesday 4th January

Return to School Menu
January 2023

Spaghetti Bolognaise with
Garlic Bread
or
Jacket Potatoes with Filling
with
Medley of Vegetables
Chocolate Cookie

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feeding the imagination





Young COOKS!

Your invitation to be a Young Cook

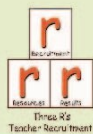


Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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