



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

13th January 2023

Happy New Year

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and some time off work to relax with family. I was sorry to hear that some families were unwell over Christmas and hope everyone is now feeling better and on the mend. I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the cards and presents for staff at Christmas. I know that everyone was so appreciative of your kind gestures.

As we begin our new year, the children will be starting new topics of study. To find out what they will be learning this term, in each subject, please click on the links below:

[Venus](#)

[Mars](#)

[Neptune](#)

[Jupiter](#)

Attendance Policy

Please do take the time to read our attendance policy below. I would like to thank families for support in recognising the importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's education. [BCEP-Attendance-Policy-Updated-May-2022.pdf](#)

Reports

Mid year mini reports will be issued at the end of this term, with details of the pupils' progress to date and their next steps for learning. In the meantime, the teachers will be happy to discuss with you any queries you may have with regard to your child/ren's learning. Please have a word at the door, or for longer enquiries, please arrange a meeting via Mrs Parry.

Clubs

There are some places still available at the various clubs running this term. Please contact Mrs Parry if you would like your child to be included in any clubs.

E Safety

There will be a workshop for parents/carers on, **Tuesday 7th February** from **3.30pm**, on the topic of E-safety; this will take place in the school hall and be led by Mr Stapley. Please enter via the hall door.

Please look at the resources available at to support e-safety at home from the NSPCC: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Student teachers

We welcome two student teachers this term from Canterbury University. Miss Hume will be working with Mars Class and Miss Todd will be working in Neptune Class. We are pleased to be supporting the next generation of teachers at Brabourne.

Please find Term Dates for 2023/2024 at the end of this newsletter.



Prayer of the week

In collective worship we have been learning about our school value of Courage and how to put this value into action. We have also been looking at the plight of refugees by looking at Mary and Joseph's journey to flee persecution to Egypt.



Below is a prayer by Ariel:

Dear God, men, women and children, alone and brutaly left to the harsh reality with no one to go to and Precious few who even speak thier language, miraculously still brave enough to survive courage to chance the crossing, from thier home land across the choppy, stormy, ~~calm~~ seas to reach a land who ~~considers~~ struggles to let them stay, it just shows what brutality and crudely they must have been through to chance such a crossing! I pray for them and hope that they find comfort, security and safty soon! AMEN.

Ground Force Day - Volunteers needed!

We will be holding another Ground Force Day on **Saturday 4th February** between **10am-12 pm**. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help out this would be very much appreciated. Please bring along gloves and any useful gardening tools. Tea, coffee and cake will be available!



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 next **Monday, 16th January**. The link for the application can be found here www.kent.gov.uk/ola

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. **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](#).

COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Would you kindly collect your child(ren):

4.15 pm: from the 'staffroom' side entrance (just before the hall)

5.15 pm: from the school hall door

Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.

Dates for your diary:

24th January	Jupiter Trip to Young Voices at the O2
4th February 10.00 am — 12.00 pm	Ground Force Day!
7th February 3.30 pm	E-safety workshop with Mr Stapley
10th February	Term 3 ends

With best wishes for 2023,

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



Class News



Venus class have been busy using their imaginations and designing their own vehicles from Lego.



This week we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes. As well as looking at their properties, we have been making pictures and shapes using different materials around the classroom. We thought about how making shapes is a useful skill, particularly if you want to grow up and be an engineer, architect or artist!



Neptune class have begun topic work on our local environment. We have started by looking at maps of the local area and identifying symbols for points of interest.



Last week, as part of our computing topic, we were using the iPads to add and adapt code in order to write algorithms which made Minecraft characters move through mazes and complete challenges. Some of our algorithms were very long to start with and then we used the 'repeat' command which shortened our codes.



Term Dates 2023/2024

Friday 1 st September 2023	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Monday 4 th September 2023	Term 1 Starts
Friday 20 th October 2023	Term 1 Ends
Monday 30 th October 2023	Term 2 Starts
Friday 15 th December 2023	Term 2 Ends
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Term 3 Starts
Friday 9 th February 2024	Term 3 Ends
Monday 19 th February 2024	Term 4 Starts
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Term 4 Ends
Monday 15 th April 2024	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April 2024	Term 5 Starts
Monday 6 th May 2024	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May 2024	Term 5 Ends
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Term 6 Starts
Friday 19 th July 2024	Term 6 Ends
Monday 22 nd July 2024	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	School Closed – Staff INSET Day





Smeeth Fun-Club Lego Morning

Saturday January 28th

9.30am – 1.30pm Smeeth Church Oak Room

For children 5 to 11yrs, accompanied by
an adult

Free entry – donations for refreshments

To book a place e

mail: sianchall@btinternet.com with choice of
time: 9.30-10.30, 10.30-11.30, 11.30-12.30 or
12.30-1.30

