



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

30th March 2023



Podcast: Hong Kong - The House Captains have been learning all about life in Hong Kong in their latest podcast!

[Podcast with Chris Wong by Brabourne CEP School podcast \(spotify.com\)](#)

### Sports results

Two excellent matches against Aldington away this week (many thanks to Aldington for hosting us both times), with the following scores:

Y3/4 4-4 Draw Brabourne/Aldington

Y5/6 1-0 to Brabourne

A huge well done to all the Y1/2 children who showed much determination at the Spring Grove cross-country. A special mention goes to Bethany who came third in the Y2 Girls' heat!

Finally, well done to the boys who took part in the Ashford FC tournament.

We look forward to the summer terms and even more sporting events, when we will be applying once again for the School Games Gold award.



### Swimming

Please note that swimming for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will start on the first Wednesday of Term 5, **Wednesday 19th April**.

**Children should come to school wearing their PE kit as they will continue to have PE on Wednesdays.**

If your child is unable to swim for any reason, please advise Mrs Parry.

Swimming dates: Wednesday 19th April to Wednesday 28th June 2023 (inclusive – 10 sessions).



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):**

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







This week we had a visitor from 'Kent Downs' who spoke to the children about the chalk ridge connecting Kent and France beneath the sea and the formation, after the Ice Age, of the English Channel. The children learnt about the amazing variety of wildlife and geology we have on our doorstep, here in the Kent Downs.

To find out more:

[Aspiring Cross-Channel UNESCO Global Geopark - Kent Downs](#)

## Easter Fun!



### Bees!



We were very excited to receive a delivery of pupil and teacher beekeeping suits! Alongside Katy Bravery (our resident bee

expert!), groups of children will be able to visit hives locally and study the amazing world of bees! We are also having a bee 'viewing platform' built for the garden, where children will be able to see the bees burrow and tunnel.



**Brigade School Uniform  
ONLINE ORDERS:**

We have been asked to share the following:

#### Discount available:

Date: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Discount: 10% on all orders

Code: Enter **SPRING23** at the checkout to activate the discount

## Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents/carers who took the time to complete our Parent Feedback Questionnaires. These will be really valuable in shaping our School Plan. We have already actioned some of the feedback that was submitted.

We also survey our pupils and staff, so that everyone's view can be incorporated into our annual vision day in April, where staff and governors help shape the direction of the school over the next few years.

Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback and suggestions: we have included just a few snippets below of the wonderful comments, which make us so proud of our school:

*The staff and other families make it feel like an extension of family. The continuous provision (in YR-2), allows the children to explore their own learning in ways that suit them, as well as traditional methods. Children are allowed to discover abilities in creative areas too. The school instils a good community ethos into children, with activities in their local community.*

*I like the friendly faces of teachers at the school gate/classroom entrance, greeting the children as they enter school. Also, the clubs that are on offer. There are opportunities to experience things like school trips, the O2.*

### Parents' feedback

*A close-knit community that promotes and support the growth and development of well-rounded youngsters.*

*I like the clubs within school time eg. recycling club, gardening club. Great learning within these clubs. Friendly atmosphere, great teachers.*

*School staff are always easily accessible at the beginning and end of the day, including the Headteacher.*

*Brabourne School is a very special school in many ways, and is run by a very passionate, supportive and caring team of staff. It has a real family feel and sense of community. It's in a beautiful setting and always feels like a lovely location for pupils to learn and grow. We feel very lucky to be part of the school.*

*I like that it is small and all the teachers know your child's name, even within the first couple of days of them starting. Teachers are approachable, if there is a problem. Everyone is friendly, smiles and 'hellos' from parents you don't even know. It's a lovely school.*

### Pupils' feedback

*I like all of the lovely people at school. Art lessons, lunch and break.*

*I love Art in school and just about everything!*

*I love lunchtime, playtime, cooking and English and assembly and the variety of lessons.*

*I like that it's a small school and everyone is kind.*

*The teachers are great and I love learning and playing with my friends and learning about the mustard tree. I like design and tech lessons.*

*You make friends quickly and learn well. It's also fun and exciting.*

*The teachers are very nice to me. I love it when we learn new things.*

*I like how we have a lot of different types of sport to choose from.*

*I just love everything!*

*I love independent learning and I like the fact we have so many things and in some places children don't.*

*Learning is fun here - we have interesting topics to study.*



### Pupil Prayer of the week:

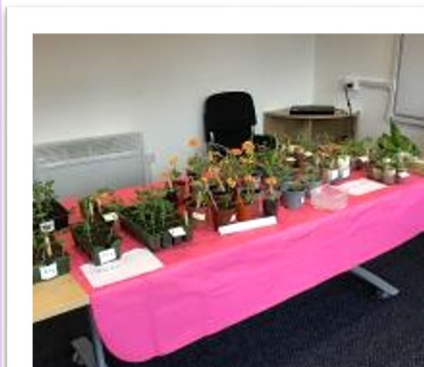
Dear God

*Let us treat people how we want to be treated. Let us have the courage to speak out for others who need us to. Always believe in your ability and true potential.*

Amen

### Gardening Award

A huge well done to the gardening team, who have achieved the Level 3 RHS Gardening Award for 2023! The gardening team, alongside Mrs Edmed, Mrs Smith and Mrs Bravery, have been working hard all winter, including in the freezing cold and torrential rain! We cannot wait to see some of the fruits of their success (when Spring finally arrives!). They were recognised for their contribution to the environment and for the produce they have sold at their farm stall, for future Eco projects.



### Dates for your diary:

Friday 31st March	Easter Church Service (all welcome)
Friday 31st March	Term 4 Ends
Monday 17th April	Staff Development Day - school will be closed
Tuesday 18th April	Term 5 Begins
Wednesday 19th April	Swimming starts for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday - school will be closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - For King's Coronation - school will be closed
Friday 12th May	Coronation cookie sale



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher





# Class News



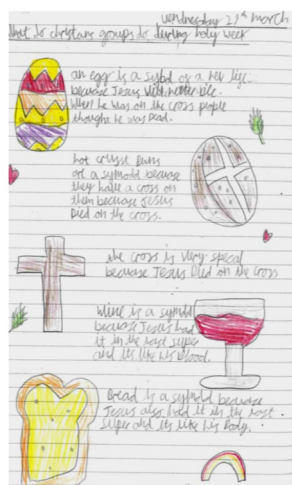
Venus class have been learning about endangered animals. This week they made some fabulous animal masks.



This week and last week, Mars Class have been learning about the Seasons in Science. They went on a Spring walk down the lane and around the gardens, to look for signs of Spring, including buds, daffodils, nests and birds.



Neptune Class have been learning about what Christian groups do to celebrate Holy Week. We created posters and explained what each image represented.



Over the last couple of weeks, Jupiter have been creating algorithms, using Scratch software in Computing, to redesign the Google logo. Here are some of our examples:





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## Free Delivery to School Service

Orders are placed in a queue until 15th and 30th of each month and delivered into School up to 14 days after.



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### IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Last order date for free delivery into school is **15th June** then service switches to home delivery until **15th September**

(Place your home delivery order by **22nd July** for delivery before the start of term)

**[www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)**

Register today to avoid missing out on Brigade promotions or important notifications by logging onto [www.brigadeparents.info](http://www.brigadeparents.info)

A decorative image on the left side of the poster shows a collection of Easter eggs. Some are in a woven basket, including a green speckled egg, a red speckled egg, and a white speckled egg. Other eggs are scattered around, including a yellow speckled egg, a pink speckled egg, a pink egg with a cartoon character, and a white egg with gold speckles.

# THE HOPE TREE EASTER Family ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

**APRIL 12TH-14TH  
2023**

**DRUMMING WORKSHOP | EGG HUNT |  
ARTS & CRAFT  
BAKING & MORE**

**VENUE : SINGLETON VILLAGE HALL  
12TH TN23 5LB**

**GODINTON VILLAGE HALL TN23 3JJ  
ASHFORD 13-14TH**

**Contact: [info@myhopetree.org.uk](mailto:info@myhopetree.org.uk) for more info  
and to book your place  
web: [www.myhopetree.org.uk](http://www.myhopetree.org.uk)**

**cost :£6 a day per family**



# KENT JUNIOR SQUASH STARS



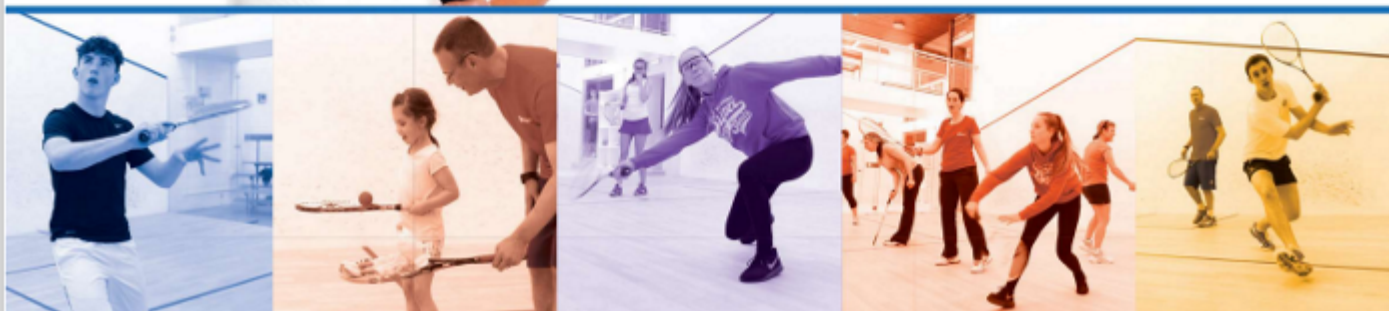
hythe  squash  
*juniors*

Ladies Walk, Hythe CT21 6AX

Baz Hodson (ESL 2 Coach)  
E: [baz.hodson@kentsra.co.uk](mailto:baz.hodson@kentsra.co.uk)



[www.kentsra.co.uk](http://www.kentsra.co.uk)



Exciting opportunities for all children to have fun and play squash.

**FREE** Junior Open Days during Easter at Hythe Squash Club.

Sessions for any ability from ages 7-12. All kit provided, just bring a clean soled pair of sport shoes. Please scan QR code for further details sign up.





# Victoria Park

## Easter Bunny Challenge

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April

10:00 – 15:00

*'Hi, I'm Thumper  
the Easter Bunny'*



Help find Thumper's  
wildlife friends on our  
challenge trail.

Pick up a trail activity  
sheet/map from the  
marquee, at the centre of  
Victoria Park, near the  
Coffee Cart.

Vote for your favourite  
animal sculpture, on  
display at the  
marquee, made by  
local children.  
The top 3 will win a  
prize!

There's an  
Easter  
treat at  
the end!



@kentishstourCP

@VictoriaParkAshford

### Outdoor Studios Arts Workshops

**5th April 10:30am - 12:30pm Natural Ink Making Young Peoples Workshop.** For ages 12-18 tickets £3. Click the link for more information and to book tickets [Natural Ink Making Young Peoples' workshop Tickets, Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

**12th April 10:30am-12pm Natural Printing Family Workshop.** Ages 5+, tickets £3. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Click the link for more information and to book tickets [Natural Printing Family Workshop Tickets, Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

If you have any queries, please email [info@outdoorstudiosarts.com](mailto:info@outdoorstudiosarts.com). These workshops are funded by the Kent Community Foundation Frank Brake Community Fund and supported by the Victoria Park Project.