



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

10th November 2023

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you all had a wonderful half term. We have an exciting term ahead, full of theme weeks, enrichment, trips and visiting speakers, all culminating in wonderful Christmas festivities for families to enjoy.

This week the whole school fell silent for two minutes to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. Thank you for all the poppies bought, all proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

Please see term dates for 2024—2025, please be aware that these are not for this academic year, but the following year.

Reading Phonics Workshop

All parents/families are invited to a set of workshops on **Wednesday 22nd November**, from **3.30 - 4.15 pm**, on the topic of Phonics and Reading Skills. Workshops will take place for the following classes:

Venus Class (Phonics workshop with Miss Brown), Mars (Phonics workshop with Mrs Barnes), Neptune (Phonics/Reading workshop with Mrs Burnett), Jupiter (Reading comprehension workshop with Miss Unsworth).

Please attend these if you can, as we hope you will find these useful for helping to support your child reading at home.

Termly Plans

Please see links below for termly plans detailing subject coverage in each class. Our key concept continues to be **Cause and Effect** this term, with each class exploring the following questions in their topic work:

Venus—**Can my actions affect others?**

[Venus class - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Mars—**How did the Great Fire affect life in London?**

[Mars class - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Neptune—**How did the events of the late 18th/early 19th century change life in Britain?**

[Neptune class - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Jupiter—**How did Spanish colonisation impact on life in Central America then and now?**

[Jupiter class - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Esafety

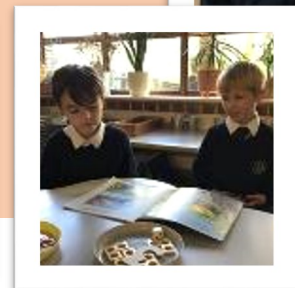
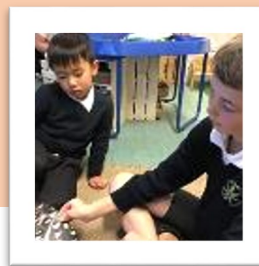
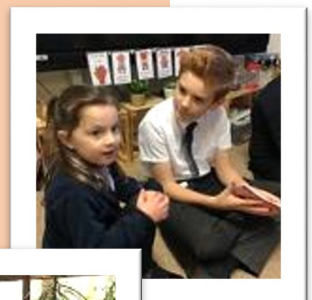
Each week we aim to highlight the importance of e-safety and having appropriate filtering and monitoring at home. Please find below a link to a set of resources that you may find useful.

If you have any questions regarding safety please do not hesitate to contact me.

[Support parents' understanding of online safety | Internet Matters](#)

Reading Buddies

Our Year R children have absolutely loved their daily time spent with pupils from each class, sharing a book that they enjoy and making new friends.



Collective Worship:

In Collective Worship this week the children have been commemorating Remembrance Day with moments of stillness and reflection. The whole school paused for a 2 minute silence today at 11 am to pay respects and we rang the old school bell.

Pupil Prayer of the week:

Dear Lord

Lest we never forget, may we hold cherished in our hearts all those who have given sacrifice for our country and freedom.

Amen



History Off The Page

We have a fun packed week ahead! Staff will be bringing history to life with a range of practical activities and the week will culminate with a World War I theatre company workshop for each class. We look forward to sharing photos of this week with you in the next newsletter.



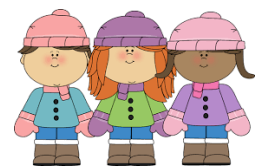
STEM Week

Thank you to all those parents, with a background in science, who have volunteered to talk to the children about their knowledge and career in science. STEM week will take place week commencing 20th November and will be an exciting week of science, technology, engineering and maths.

House Captain news:

Our amazing House Captains are well under way with their plans this year. Their Pumpkin Carving Challenge raised a super £80.00 for the Pilgrims Hospice and they are planning an inter-house spelling bee, as well as a class charity event. In addition, the House Captains have enjoyed receiving a Fit Bit to see how many steps they can acquire in a week for their house teams, whilst inspiring other children to become more active.

During the week commencing **20th November** we will be running a "Help yourself rail". If anyone has a good condition winter coat/wellies/hats/scarves/gloves that their children have outgrown, please bring them in, to the Lodge, where you will find a rail. Families are most welcome to help themselves to the donated items.



We still have a number of boxes/leaflets in the school office if you would like to take part in the Samaritan's Purse, Christmas Child shoebox appeal. You are most welcome to collect these from the office and to drop them in once you have filled your box. They will be picked up between 13th—20th November.

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Jupiter children enjoyed an afternoon of bee husbandry with the Ashford Bee Keeping Association and came back with a delicious sample of honey for their toast, as well as gaining an in-depth understating of bee keeping.



Playground items

Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated items from the extensive list, we would be most grateful for any further donations:

Old pushchairs, tarps, barrels, brooms, wood chunks, sand paper, hand drills, wooden circles, spanners, screw drivers, ropes, road barriers, saucepans and frying pans. Utensils (wooden spoons, potato mashers, labels etc), old bicycles, suitcases, dressing up clothes (to fit all ages). Flower pots/containers of all sizes, compost, seeds, chairs with removable legs, pallets, logs, frisbees, plastic milk crates, giant cotton reel holders, skipping ropes, scooters, helmets, herbs, small world (dinosaurs/animals), mud kitchen, sand pit.

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](#).

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

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th November 5 - 7 pm	Open Evening for prospective parents 2024
Saturday 2nd December 11 am - 2 pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December 1.30 pm	Infant Nativity
Tuesday 12th December 6.30 pm	Jupiter Concert
Wednesday 13th December 9.00 am	Church Service Christmas Lunch for children
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2



The Tree council are running a writing competition. Pupils are invited to write a poem, a piece of prose, fiction or non-fiction about why nature is important to you. The closing date is 5 January 2024 Please click [here](#) to enter and good luck!

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

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Class News



Something very unusual happened in the home corner....the children noticed that one of the chairs had been broken and a bowl of porridge had been eaten. After some investigating the children discovered 3 chairs..small, medium and large, 3 bowls..small, medium and large.. and 3 bears...small, medium and large...they came to the conclusion that GOLDILOCKS had been up to mischief in Venus classroom! [Here's](#) a video of Venus class retelling the story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. Enjoy!



Mars have been learning about wolves! We had a visit from Ric, the animal manager at Port Lympe Wild Animal Park, who answered some fantastic questions from the children. They have also been creating some wonderful wolf art.



Neptune class have been enjoying outdoor learning: playing games, learning to tie knots and building trenches using the materials we scavenged.



Year 6 pupils had a fantastic afternoon working with their Year 12 counterparts where they took part in a range of chemistry experiments and got to use the Bunsen burners and see an exploding jelly baby!





Christmas Lunch Menu

Wednesday 13th December

Roast Turkey, Chipolata, Stuffing & Gravy

Feta, Spinach & Cranberry Puff Pastry Roll

Roast Potatoes,
Carrot & Pea Medley

Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake
Or Easy Peeler Satsuma

Cranberry Bread



If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner on a Wednesday, but would like to have Christmas dinner on Wednesday 13th December, please let Mrs Parry know by emailing your child's name and class to office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk. Please email by **Friday 24th November**.

PTA News

The Brabourne School Christmas Fair will take place on **2nd December from 11am to 2pm** - we hope that all families will be able to join us and bring plenty of friends and relatives. As always, we are going to need lots of volunteers to help us on the day, so please let us know if you can support us!

We are going to hold an open PTA planning meeting for the Christmas fair. Everyone from our school community is invited to come and put forward ideas. Please come and join us on **Monday, 13th November at 7.30pm** at the Woolpack Inn in Smeeth.

In the run up to the fair, please note the following dates for your diary:

- Friday, 17th Nov: Non-uniform day - please bring a food item for our Christmas hampers
- Friday, 24th Nov: Non-uniform day - please bring a jazzy jar for our tombola (a jazzy jar is a (decorated) jar filled with sweets, small toys, stationary etc. or anything the children would like)
- Friday, 1st Dec: Non-uniform day - please bring a bottle of 'something nice' for our bottle tombola
- Saturday, 2nd Dec: 11am - 2pm Christmas fair - come & join us!

As always, for all food donations please don't include anything containing nuts. Thank you all for your support!

REMINDER: Now that your child has completed their Christmas Card Design, place your order online @

<https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> (unique code on the back of the artwork) OR scan QR code on accompanying card

REMINDER: In the run up to the PTA Christmas Fayre, the local estate agents Steven J Moore, has kindly agreed to sponsor us once again by way of their sale boards. All we need is the name and address of anyone willing to have an estate agent's board outside their home in the weeks preceding the fayre. You don't need to do anything else. The board will appear and disappear as if by magic and for each board Steven J Moore will donate £15 to the school.



Term Dates 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Term 1 Starts
Friday 25 th October 2024	Term 1 Ends
Monday 4 th November 2024	Term 2 Starts
Friday 20 th December 2024	Term 2 Ends
Monday 6 th January 2025	Term 3 Starts
Friday 14 th February 2025	Term 3 Ends
Monday 24 th February 2025	Term 4 Starts
Friday 4 th April 2025	Term 4 Ends
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Term 5 Starts
Monday 5 th May 2025	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Term 5 Ends
Tuesday 2 nd June 2025	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Friday 18 th July 2025	Term 6 Ends
Monday 21 st July 2025	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	School Closed – Staff INSET Day

JAM

*Make a lantern!
Torches in the dark!
Story & drama!*

Sunday 12th November
4pm

St John the Baptist Mersham

Fun & informal with
refreshments.

For young people,
their families,

and all who are young at heart!





FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**Wednesday 6th December
4pm – 6pm**

AGE UK LYMINGE, EVERIST COURT,
STATION ROAD, LYMINGE, KENT, CT18 8HQ.



Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols. Lots of Christmas treats will be available to buy, such as mince pies, mulled wine, and other Christmas treats.



For more information call:



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CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday 25th November
10am – 2pm**

AGE UK HYTHE, SANFORD HOUSE,
STADE STREET, HYTHE, KENT, CT21 6BD.

Santa's Grotto, Christmas decorations and Christmas nick-nacks, tombola, Christmas treats sweet and savoury, children's activities and much more.



For more information
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CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

(indoors)

**Friday 1st December
6pm – 8pm**

AGE UK ASHFORD, FARROW COURT,
STANHOPE ROAD, ASHFORD, KENT TN23 5RF.

Tombola, Lots of festive stalls offering Christmas gifts, treats and nick-nacks, mulled wine and Christmas goodies served from the café. Santa will also be flying in for a quick visit.



If you would like to have a stall at this festive event, please contact us on

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