

Braybrook Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the new school year so far, which has been filled, as always, with many new and exciting learning opportunities, trips, visits and inter-school competitions!

All members of our Braybrook family have returned from the Summer break with a readiness for the challenges of the new year ahead, and I have been delighted by the positive start that has been made in all classes across the school. Most recently, the newest and youngest members of our Braybrook Family have joined us full-time in EYFS and I look forward to spending time getting to know them in the coming weeks!

Arts week was a wonderful success at the start of the term and I was delighted by the breadth of learning opportunities that the children enjoyed, as they explored many of the famous and treasured works of the world's most accomplished artists. The celebration event and art gallery were a real success, as evidenced through your parental comments and feedback at the end of the week.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been getting into classes to observe the children in their learning and this has, as always, been incredibly rewarding. Assessments, at this early stage, have now been completed and I will meet with members of my team to discuss every child's progress in anticipation of the Parents' consultation evenings immediately after half-term. You will, as always, receive an updated 'Parent Report Card', detailing your child's progress and attainment, in advance of these meetings and these should inform discussions when you attend.

We look forward to welcoming you into school in the coming weeks, in what promises to be a busy second half of term!

In the meantime, I wish you a safe and happy half-term break, with much rest and recuperation, in anticipation of the build up to the fun and festivities of the 'silly season' ahead!

Miss E Green

Headteacher

PARKING & SCHOOL DROP-OFFS

It has been brought to my attention by neighbours and local residents that some of our parents are causing problems as they drop off and collect their children, parking in or across residents' spaces and, on occasions, causing obstructions to driveways and public thoroughfares. Most recently, I was contacted **again** by one of our local residents, to inform me that our parents have also been verbally abusive and aggressive and I find this to be TOTALLY unacceptable.



Please might I take this opportunity to remind you of the need to work alongside our neighbours, as we continue to sustain good relationships with the local community.

Thank you, in advance, for your support in this.



School Attendance

This academic year, 2018-2019, our whole school attendance currently stands at:

95.4%

Whilst we are currently aware of the inordinately high levels of sickness absence, we are equally aware of many periods of absence which are unexplained or where information told to school conflicts with stories from children on their return.

Please be aware that, if you are intending on organising a holiday to be taken during term time, we politely request your openness and honesty in discussing such matters PRIOR to your trip with the Headteacher.

We may be able to offer advice or support, through a conversation, or ensure that your child does not miss out on vital learning during their break.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE BE AWARE . . .

we have a vulnerable child in school, whose immune system and ability to fight illness is compromised due to ongoing treatment for cancer.

Please work with us to support Caleb and his family, and to uphold school's policy when your child has had an upset stomach or sickness. Remember . . . it is 48 hours before your child is able to return to school.

THANK YOU!

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If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, there will be some available from the main reception area.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Don't forget to order your child's school dinners in advance, through 'Live Kitchen'. If you are not already registered, please see the office for help to register as a matter of urgency. We still have a number of pupils each day not pre-ordering!

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Year 5 / 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood

On Monday 17th September, some children in Year 6 went on a residential to Kingswood at Overstand in Norfolk. A truly wonderful time was had by all. They returned on Friday 21st September, tired but full of enthusiasm for the visit.

I liked Kingswood because it had a range of activities like Archery and Leap of Faith. My favourite activity was Laser tag. I recommend Jacob's Ladder, Nightline and Fencing.

Written by: Rylee, Opal Class

I loved Kingswood because of all the excellent things we did, like going to the beach, aeroball and laser tag. I highly recommend it.

Written by: Courtney Bewick, Opal Class

**Coats**

As the weather is turning much colder now, children **MUST** bring a coat to school to enable them to go outside at break and lunchtimes.

Poppy Appeal

When we return from half term, poppies will be on sale in the afternoon for the children to buy. A minimum donation of 20p is expected for each poppy.

- There will also be various other items for sale from the School Office, as in previous years.

**School Photographs**

If you would like your child's photograph, the money needs to be in school by Friday 2nd November, when it will be collected. If you do not get your order here by then, you will still be able to order but you will have to send it off yourself and will be liable to a late order fee. Thank you for your support in this.

Macmillan Cake Sale

On Friday 28th September, we held a dress down day and cake sale for the pupils and raised £331 for Macmillan. All the cakes were donated by the staff. Thank you to everyone who purchased and enjoyed a cake. What a fantastic cause!

**Its All About the Arts Week**

This term began with all of our children involved in an arts week. All work in classes was based around one famous piece of art and the children explored art, drama, poetry, dance and music through this. The week was celebrated on Friday 14th September, with an open art gallery displaying every child's artwork. This was really well supported by parents. There was also a celebration performance on the playground!

**TERM DATES****Autumn Term 2018**

Half Term: 22nd - 26th October

Term ends: Tuesday, 18th December

Spring Term 2019

Term starts: Thursday, 3rd January

Half Term: 18th - 22nd February

Term ends: Friday, 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term starts: Wednesday, 24th April

May Day: Monday, 6th May

Half Term: 27th - 31st May

Term ends: Tuesday, 23rd July

NEXT NEWSLETTER: END OF NOVEMBER

Harvest Festival

We held our Harvest Festival Assembly on Wednesday 3rd October, with some lovely donations of fruit, vegetables and tinned produce. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Reminder

If your child is physically sick or has an upset stomach, it is 48 hours after the last bout before they can return to school.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday, 19th October	- Talents Day
Half Term	- 22nd to 26th October
FRIDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER	<u>SCHOOL PHOTOS BEING COLLECTED</u>
Tuesday, 30th October	- Parent / Teacher Consultations
Wednesday, 31st October	- Diamond Parent / Teacher Consultations
Thursday, 1st November	- Parent / Teacher Consultations
Friday, 9th November	- Flu programme for EYFS to Year 5
Friday, 16th November	- Children In Need