

Braywood Newsletter



Wishing you a Merry
Christmas from all at
Braywood. 27 days to go!

December 2016



What is happening in December?

Friday 2nd
December Christmas Fair and Santa
visits our school 2pm -4pm

Sunday 4th &
Saturday 17th
December School Choir sing at Bray
Church Service

Wednesday
14th
December Whole school Christmas
lunch and Pantomime

Monday 19th
December Christmas Concert at Bray
Church
Rehearsal 8.45am
Performance 6.30pm



Christmas Fair arrangements

DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR!

On Friday 2nd December all children can be collected from 2pm from their classroom to explore our Christmas Fair.

If you are picking up between 2 and 3pm your child will be found in Class 4. Children not picked up by 3pm will go into the Squirrel Club. Please note that our £2.50 session will run to 3.30pm for all children just for this event, the remaining fee structure is unchanged. Please book as normal/cancel long standing arrangements where applicable.

We look forward to singing carols with you all.

Please note

The trip to the Synagogue for the children in Year 1 and 2 has been cancelled. They have had a speaker visit the school instead.



What has been happening this month?

Some of the trips and visitors we have had this term

Roald Dahl

The whole school celebrated Roald Dahl Day by inviting an actor into school to support workshops on the book 'The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me'. Our literacy days always have great impact and lead to better quality writing. We looked at writing letters, interpreted characters and created a display for our library.

Topic Work

To support our A to B topic in Year 1 and 2 we visited the Maidenhead Heritage Centre to investigate the birth of railways and the impact of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Our International Primary Curriculum topics are always very inspiring and great fun for the children to explore.

In Year 3 and 4 they are studying Anglo Saxons and have visited Upton Court for their trip. This is a fabulous venue as the children really experience life during this period of history.

The EYFS children are starting the year looking at 'This is me and have had a visit from 'puppet



What's happening in our Squirrel Club

Squirrel Club

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited Mrs Sarah Brown to work in the club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is in response to the high levels of demand we have had recently.

This means we can have an additional twelve children booked in on these days. Sarah will be offering additional crafty activities for the first session until 4.15 on these days starting with a Tesco Christmas challenge.

We are really pleased with the success of this club and we are very grateful for Danielle, Gill and Sarah for working so hard.

If you have any comments on how to improve this provision please contact the office.



Events happening this month

We hope that as many of you as possible can join us for our annual Christmas celebrations. Our Christmas lunch and Pantomime are on Wednesday 14th and our Nativity is on Monday 19th December. Don't forget your Christmas jumpers!

Children in Need

We raised a fantastic amount of £265.21 for this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Nativity Concert

Our Nativity performance is on **Monday 19th December.**

Everyone is welcome especially our Foundation Stage children. The nativity should finish at 7.30pm.

On **Monday 19th December** we have a rehearsal for the concert. **Please drop your child off at St Michael's Church in Bray between 8.45-9am in the morning.**

Foundation children do not need to be in church and can come into school as normal.

It would be appreciated if parents could work together and car share (including children usually attending breakfast club wherever possible). The staff need to be at the church to be with children. Do speak to Juliette if you have any problems, as I am sure we could help.

On the evening there is **no opportunity for any parents**

to park on the church site unless they have disabled passengers. Please park considerably towards Bray residents. There are plenty of suitable parking spaces.

On Monday evening your child will be expected to **be in church by 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start.** Year 1 and year 4 children need to arrive already dressed in their costumes. **Please do not arrive before 6.15pm** as the church will not be open and staff will not be there.

The children in Mrs Rexworthy's class will be sitting with their parents until the last two songs where they will be joining the other children on the stage.

All children can come into school on Tuesday morning from 8.45-10am. If you arrive after 8.45 please bring your child in through the main school entrance.

Christmas Dinner

The children will be having a traditional **Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday 14th December.** There is a great atmosphere, everyone gets a cracker and a tasty meal. All the children will choose what to eat on Thursday 1st December. Please see menu on the next page.



As it is a Braywood celebration Mrs Calvert likes all children to share a cooked Christmas meal together.

Class 3 & 4 will be charged in the normal manner. Any queries please speak to Juliette.

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All children can wear a Christmas Jumper/T Shirt for the Christmas Lunch and the panto afterwards. Please don't rush out buying anything as a Christmas coloured top with a bit of tinsel will be perfectly acceptable

Christmas Day Menu
Roast Turkey served
with Chipolata Sausage
or
Quorn Roast with
Vegetarian
Sausage
Both with
Sage and Onion
Stuffing, Cranberry
Sauce, Gravy, Herby
Roast Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots &
Garden Pea Medley
Dessert Festive Ice
cream and Biscuit



Please don't forget to order your Christmas presents through the easy fundraising site. The link is on our homepage.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/?v=a>

Communication

As you have probably noticed we have a new style of newsletter and are in the process of building a new design for our website. This will include new features and as always any comments from parents would be

gratefully received.

We know that some parents using apple products historically had issues viewing eschools but we believe that this is no longer an issue.

Termly Payment

We are still concerned about the low payment levels for the termly contribution.

Currently only just over half of parents have given us this terms contribution, this is a serious threat to the trips we have planned for the coming months. We have so much going on at Christmas that is supported by this payment and the school inevitably ends up paying for the parents that do not contribute.

Please ask or email us if you

Attendance

As you know Headteachers are no longer permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This is a procedure directed by the Government and monitored through the Educational Welfare Office who checks our registers. The EWO needs to know why each child is not in school so

it is very important that as a school we maintain our records. Any request for absence needs a form which can be obtained from the office or can be obtained from the school website

http://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/website/useful_forms/245549

At family assembly we gave out all the awards for 100% attendance through 2015-16.

The class with the overall best record for attendance last year is Year 4 and they are allowed to come in wearing home clothes on the very last day of term Tuesday 20th December



Art Classes

Bill Collier (school governor) is starting classes at the Braywood Memorial Hall on Mondays from 10.00am until 12 noon.



SAVE THE DATE

Summer Ball
Saturday 24th June

Black and White Summer Ball 2017

We are working towards celebrating 160 years since Braywood opened with a fantastic Summer Ball in our beautiful grounds. Anyone with any links to musicians or hiring crockery please contact the office.

Standards

Our standards have been very good this year. We have between 85% and 96% of pupils across the whole school reaching expected attainment targets and 87% of pupils leaving the foundation stage with a good level of development.

National and borough averages are much lower with an average of 72% and 77% reaching expected attainment standards respectively.

This is very much down to our hard working staff and the additional hours they put into school especially the Tuesday after school groups.

Nick Gibb the Minister of State for School Standards wrote to us about our phonics test results...

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for your schools outstanding achievement in 2016. Phonics Screening Check.

With 100% of pupils at Braywood reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 3% of all primary school in the country.

I am pleased to hear that you have ensured all Year 1 children at Braywood have a firm foundation in reading from which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers.

Thank you again for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

Nick Gibb MP

What is happening in January 2017

Mon 9 th Jan	Foundation Meeting 8.45am Clockhouse
Tues 10 th Jan	Class 1 Meeting 8.45 Clockhouse
Wed 11 th Jan	Class 2 Meeting 8.45 Clockhouse
Thurs 12 th Jan	Year 3 Class Meeting Clockhouse
Fri 13 th Jan	Year 4 Class Meeting Clockhouse
Fri 13 th Jan	Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm
Wed 18 th Jan	PTA Meeting venue TBC
Thurs 26 th Jan	Road Safety Workshop Y4
Fri 27 th Jan	Family Assembly 9.00am



Clubs

Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	French Yr1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Chelsea Football	
	Foundation	2.45-3.15
	Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	Ballet Years 1&2	3.15-4.00
	Ballet Years 3+	4.00-4.45
	Modern/Tap dance 2+	4.45-5.30
Thursday	Sewing Years 1-4	3.20-4.35
	Netball Years 3&4	3.15-4.15
Friday	Active Gamerz	3.15-4.30
	Yr1,2,3 & 4	

PTA Update

There is a PTA meeting on 6th December at Jolly Gardener at 8pm

Thank you to all the parents who worked so hard in our Early Years classroom last Sunday. We made a tremendous difference and staff are very appreciative of their support. The Halloween Disco raised a tremendous £521.00. Fabulous achievement!

Next PTA meeting is Wednesday 18th January at 8pm.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – New beginnings, ambition and determination

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