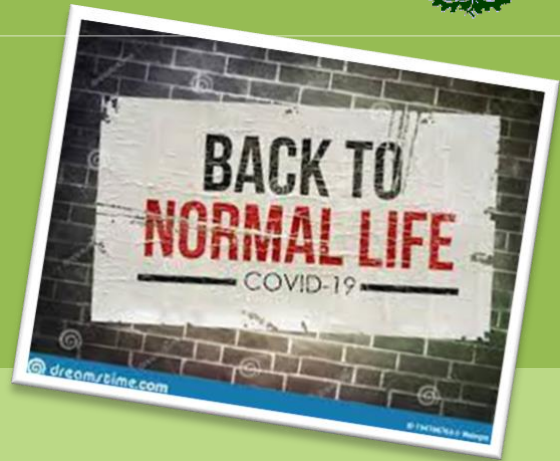


From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered, and nurtured by

Braywood Newsletter



**Braywood is getting
back to normal, despite
Covid 19!**



Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

What is happening this term?

Thursday 10 th March	Mathematics day and tuck shop
Thursday 17 th March	Science Day and STEM sale
Friday 1 st April	Music Festival
Wednesday 6 th April	Mental Health Day with Fantastic Fred
Wc 25 th April	Teacher/Pupil/Parent Consultation

EASTER

**School closes on Friday 8th
April until Friday 22nd
April. School starts on
Monday 25th April at
8.45am**

Covid Changes for this term

Braywood is trying to return to school life before Covid. We do, however, continue with many of the initiatives that are outlined in our risk assessment such as increased hygiene, ventilation, and infection control.

Although there is no longer a legal requirement for people with Coronavirus to self-isolate, the advice from PHE (and our school) has not changed. If you have any of the main symptoms of Covid 19 (or a positive test result) you should stay at home and avoid contact with others. If you have any Covid-19 symptoms, you can still order a PCR Test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. This applies to adults and children. Everyone is advised to stay at home until you have the results of your test. If you have Covid, children should stay at home for 5 days and return after two negative LFT. Household contacts (siblings) can still return to school as normal. At school if a child displays any symptoms that indicate that they are unwell we will send them home as usual.

PLEASE NOTE

We will soon have a Facebook page and are tweeting and posting on Instagram. *Press on the icon to see the site!!*





What has been happening in school?

Some of the things we have managed to achieve through the pandemic

World Book Day

The picture above shows how we were sharing a book together during World Book Day

Trips

There is a wealth of great activities going on in the classrooms. All classes have managed to maintain their educational trips even though they may have had to be virtual. Year 3 and 4 recently went to Ufton Court and soon will attend a DT workshop at Legoland.

Year 2 have had a fantastic workshop from Reading Toy Museum and Year 1 have explored Windsor Castle.

The Year 4 children will start their swimming lessons on Thursday, and we hope to have Year 3 swimming next year. Some Year 4 children have been also learning to ride their bike safely.

There are lots of exciting events happening over the next few months!

UKRAINIAN CRISIS

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed towards the Ukrainian appeal. We have lots of items to donate to the Holyport collection!

PTA update

The PTA are looking to raise money which will go towards the trim trail, resurfacing the playground with playground markings, buying playground games and for additional reading books. The PTA have had two fundraiser events already this year.

We held the Valentine's Cake Sale which raised almost £140 (thank you for your support and donations) and we had a brush party for the parents. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended and each of us got to take our own masterpieces home.



Brush Party



Valentine Cake Sale



We will be sending out a monkey survey so we can find out what events you would like us to organize. We hope to have fun whilst fundraising for the school!

We will be doing an Easter egg raffle before the Easter holidays and there will be the May Fun Run on 26th May.

We will also be holding our next PTA meeting after the Easter holidays at 8pm on Thursday 28 April.

Regards

The PTA team



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRIM TRAIL HAS BEEN CONDEMED AT THE MOMENT UNTIL IT IS REPAIRED. IT IS NOT TO BE USED.

World Book Day

As you will be aware most of the children had a lovely day last Thursday in their pajamas 'sharing a book'. The children have listened to the author Eamonn Reilly and **if you want to buy his books the form needs to be in school by tomorrow morning.** Children will also be able to spend their £1 world book day voucher at an Usborne book sale after school on 10th March.

Maths Day – 10th March

This day is going to focus on telling the time and using money. There will be a tuck shop planned on this day where your child can bring in £1 to spend.

We are wearing bright clothes and silly socks because we are raising money for Thames Valley Hospice alongside St George's School in Windsor.

Science Day – 17th March

This Thursday is our day to talk to the children about entrepreneurialism and we have been very fortunate to secure a talk from the lead company, Pfizer. This should be a great opportunity for the children.

On this day there will be a sale of scientific gadgets for the children to explore. The office will be contacting children with allergies.

Red Nose Day – 18th March

Children will be able to purchase a red nose from the week commencing 14th March. We have only purchased enough for one per child.

Music Festival – 1st April

Mrs. Walker has planned an exciting day with a focus on musical expression. This will involve listening to a variety of music including an online drum ensemble.

This is our first Music Festival and if any parents would like to take part and play at instrument to the children that would be very much appreciated.

Dance Festival – 5th April

The Mighty Acorns (Year 1) are involved in their usual Dance Festival alongside many other Windsor schools. They will perform on stage for their parents in the afternoon.

There will be more information on this in due course.

Happiness and Wellbeing Day - 6th April

This day will be a time when children can reflect upon their mental health. Most children are happy in school and are not presenting with any real concerns, but 'Fantastic Fred' will be talking about strategies that they can use to manage any anxieties they may have in the future. This should complement the work that we have been doing in school well.

Remember, if you want your child to see our ESLA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) let your teacher know. At present we only have one ELSA – Mrs Moss but we are hoping to train another adult soon.

One thing that does seem to be adding to some children's stress at the moment is playing video games at home that are designed for older children. The subject matter of 'killing' is not suitable for such young children, and they re-enact the content at playtime.

Please check what your child is playing with suitable game material and don't expose your child to the content (whether it is on a DVD, a game, or a movie) that is for much older children.

Thank you

Changes to our 'Grab and Go'

The slight changes that we have made to the 'Grab and Go' arrangements seem to be working well. Parents need to park inside the staff car park, remembering to reverse into a space. This will allow you to leave the car park safely.

Please remember not to park on the double yellow lines. We are still getting complaints from passing road users that they are frustrated because they see cars on the passing places, and some of our parents have been raising their voices. This is not appropriate behaviour for the children to see.

Break times

After Easter we will be returning to our usual fruit only break time snack. This is provided through a government initiative.

Please encourage your child to eat healthily.

Parent/Teacher/Child Consultations

Wc 25th April

We would like to offer our traditional consultation in order for children to discuss their work with the teacher and their parents together. Usually this happens over a whole day but due to Covid we would like to do this in small groups. The Year 4 pupils will prepare a presentation outlining their learning goals.

These sessions will be covered in the afternoons and appointments will be booked as usual through eschools.

Next Term

The children have lots to look forward to next term. The most important events are associated with the Queen's Jubilee.

The Windsor schools have a week of events planned to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee week commencing 23rd May.

The children will be working alongside all the Windsor Schools. There will be more information in our newsletter.

Our Mighty Oaks will be performing their summer concert at the Old Court in Windsor for the first time. This is a wonderful opportunity for both Year 3 and 4 to perform on an actual stage.

END OF TERM
School closes on Thursday
21st July at 2pm.
There is no after school
club on this day.
We open again at 8.45am
on Monday 5th September

Teaching and learning

The children in Year 2 will be taking their Statutory Assessment Tests in May for the first time in two years. Over the past two years our standards have remained high.

The children in Year 1 are working on their Statutory Phonics Screening Check. This is an important milestone and really does help a child's reading skills.

Both year groups are on task to do well.

In Year 4, the children must take their first Statutory Times Table Check. This is quite a challenge because the questions must be answered within 6 seconds and the answers inputted onto the computer system.

The children have been working all this year on their tables, but any help the Mighty Oak's parents can offer would be very much appreciated.

This does sound like a lot of assessment that the government are expecting schools to perform. At Braywood this is integrated seamlessly into the curriculum and children are well prepared and often do not know when they are being assessed.

Your support does help though to maintain these high standards. Do come along to your child's consultation in April to see what is happening in your child's classroom and how you can help.



Reminders

**PLEASE REMEMBER
NO TRIM TRAIL**

This space is going to be for cars who have been spotted parking or moving the car dangerously.

Please do not turn around in the school drive as it is dangerous.



What is happening this term?

Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day 'Share a book'
Thursday 3 rd March	Tag Rugby Competition for Y4 Girls
Tuesday 8 th March	Visit of an author
Thursday 10 th March	Mathematics Day and Tuck Shop
Thursday 10 th	Usborne Book Sale using £1 voucher
Tuesday 15 th March	National Dental Survey
Thursday 15 th March	Entrepreneurial Day – Science & Gadget sale
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd March	Legoland DT workshop trip for Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 30 th March	Foundation - Weight & Measurement survey
Thursday 1 st April	Music Festival for whole school
Tuesday 5 th April	Dance Festival for Year 1
Wednesday 6 th April	Happiness and Well-being Day with Fantastic Fred
Thursday 7 th April	Guide Dogs for the Blind visit
Friday 8 th April	Easter Service starting at 1.30pm
Friday 8 th April	School closes at 2pm Collection from St Michael's Church, Bray
W C 25 th April	Parent/Teacher/Pupils Consultations
April 11 th to 22 nd	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 26 th May	May Fun Run
Friday 27 th May	Additional holiday due to the Queen's Jubilee
13 th and 14 th June	Year 3 and 4 Summer Concert
Friday 15 th July	Transition day for Year 4 pupils
Thursday 21 st July	Whole School Sports Day am



Monday	Gymnastics	3.15-4.15pm
	Wilderness & Wonder	3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Performing Arts	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday	Avenue Dance Co	3.15- 4.15pm
Friday	Multi-Sports	3.15- 4.15pm

Please remember that these clubs are responsible for the club including the fees, correspondence, and safety of your child.

Braywood Extra - Squirrel Club

Menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Activities		
Week 1	Chicken Korma and Rice	Pasta Bake and Salad	Chicken Fingers and Chips	Spaghetti Bolognaise and Salad	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities	This menu is a guideline!	Monday	Creative Activities
Week 2	Pasta Bake and Salad	Pizza and Salad	Fish Fingers and Smilies	Sausage and Mash	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities		Tuesday	Decorate biscuit, pizza etc
Week 3	Burger and Waffles	Spanish Chicken and Rice	Sausage and Chips	Chicken Pasta Bake and Salad	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities		Thursday	Cinema and read with pupils
Snacks & Puddings	All sessions start with a snack of Rice Cakes, Biscuits or Fresh Salad and Hummous All meals finish with a pudding of - Yoghurts, Swiss Roll, Jelly, Ice Cream, Flapjacks and a variety of fruit.					We are aimig to get back to activities (as above). Please give staff any ideas!		



Kind Regards

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