

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

# Braywood Newsletter



Do read about our changes to the Braywood uniform!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

## What is happening this term?

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| Wc 4 <sup>th</sup> July & 11 <sup>th</sup> July | Transition Week and reports        |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Year 1 and 2 trip to Bocketts Farm |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> July        | Summer Concert                     |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Summer Fair 11-2pm                 |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                 | Sports Day and Family Assembly     |

### HALF TERM

School closes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July between 1-2pm

There is no after school or grab & go on this day.

## Staffing next year

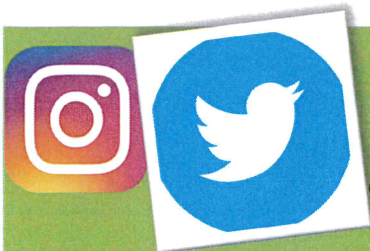
It is with great sadness that Miss Nicola Povey is leaving our school. She is an effective teacher who is creative, dynamic, and fun in the classroom. She will be greatly missed.

Staffing for next year is as follows:

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| Foundation | Mrs Natasha Teeder & Mrs Alison Moss with possible teaching student |
| Year 1     | Miss Isobel Sebire & Mrs Veronica Clark/Miss Hannah Grace           |
| Year 2     | Mrs Joanne Kilner & Miss Sally Hackett                              |
| Year 3     | Mrs Lynne Rexworthy & Miss Danielle Gibson                          |
| Year 4     | Mrs Sarah Walker /Mrs Christine Clarke & Miss Lorraine O'Neill      |

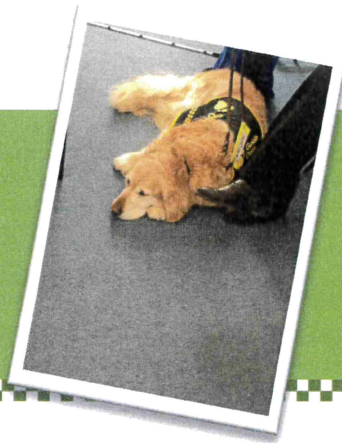
Mrs Isobel Reeves will be supporting small group teaching in the main school and Miss Rachel Clarke will be supporting a child with SEN.

There are no changes in the office staff.



## 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 last term.

### Jubilee Celebrations

All children should have received a book from the Department for Education as a mark of the Queen's Jubilee. It is supposed to be a keepsake for every primary child in the country.

Shared a Jubilee meal together.

We managed to get a full spread in the Maidenhead Advertiser which was lovely.

The Year 4 children won first prize in a competition organised by Craft Coops in Windsor. Well done Miss Povey and all the Year 4 children!

We obviously had a very lovely Jubilee Week where the children sang alongside many other Windsor Schools; they marked the celebrations with a special day of activities, and we



## PTA update

Hi all, as you all are aware we are holding the Summer Fayre on Saturday 16 July 2022 from 11am-2pm. We will need the help of parents so we can hold this event for the children and in order to do that, we will need volunteers to commit to helping on the day. Please can you let us know if you can help by messaging your class reps who can forward your details to the PTA. We cannot have a Summer Fayre without parents' input.

Thank you to everyone including children, staff, parents, and carers for making it a great day for the May fun run.



Sponsorship monies have started coming in and you have till the end of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to send this through. This money will go towards the playground, and we are hoping to get the work completed over the summer holidays.

If you have ideas for events to fundraise for the school, please do get in contact via your class rep who can provide your details to us.

Kind regards, PTA Team

Please note **Non-uniform Day Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** bring in bottles and toy or other tombola items



## 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.**

### Uniform changes

After much deliberation prior to Covid we have decided to make some subtle changes to our school uniform.

We will replace the fleece with a blazer. (See front page). This blazer is slightly more expensive, but we feel that it will offer a smarter look for our pupils; it will be kept inside the classroom and will not get as easily lost and it will be used every day to wear for outside play.

We have also decided to keep the rucksack instead of the traditional bookbag. It is so much more convenient to put books, lunchboxes, water bottles, coats inside one bag.

We are hoping that everyone will purchase a blazer, rucksack, jumper/cardigan, and full PE kit. The other uniform items are not compulsory and can be purchased at cheaper costs store e.g. trousers, dresses. We do not have a lot of uniform that has a logo and need to be purchased from School Direct, so we hope that parents will support our school to make this subtle change in our uniform.

There is a leaflet attached to the email to outline our uniform choices and the blazer is in the office to view.

### Old Court Summer Performance

This is wonderful opportunity to perform our summer production 'Olivia' on a real stage instead of in school.

There are two full day rehearsals that will need parents to drop off / collect their child from the Old Court in Windsor. These are Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. There is a car park at the rear of the Old Court and staff will operate a 'kiss and drop' facility from 9am – 9.15am to drop off and 2.30pm to 2.45pm to collect.

The concert is on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July which starts at 6.30pm. The Y3/4 parents need to arrive from 6.15pm. Performing on stage is such a rewarding experience and teaches children so many life skills. If you are a performer, please do attend both evenings. A performance is a team effort and we do really need each and every child.

The whole school are welcome to watch the show as this helps raise funds for the school. Usually, the whole school watches the performance in school but this is not possible so I think many of our younger children would like to attend. There are refreshments available, and it should be a very pleasant evening.

### Pupils' Reports

At the end of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July there will be an opportunity to look at your child's work over this academic year and collect their report from the teacher.

The children have worked incredibly hard this year and it has been reflected in their progress. All the books that you see will be kept until your child is in Year 4 and is given to them in a Braywood hessian bag. Their best pieces of work are collated in a 'Special Book' which is also awarded at the end of the Year 4 together with a memory stick of photographs.

### May Fun Run

Thank you to all the parents who supported this event. We are raising funds to repair the trim trail which will cost £12,000. We already have approximately £8,000 so please bear this in mind when you are circulating your sponsor forms, maybe a business may be interested, or even can match fund?

### Year 1 & 2 are going to Bockett's Farm

This trip is by coach and although it is curriculum based, is also a bit of a treat. There will be a letter coming out with more details regarding lunches etc. 3

**Mighty Oak’s trip to Bray Lake**

This is the first time that we have been to Bray Lake as a Year 4 leavers treat. I am sure they will have a great time. We are asking that parents drop off (from 9.00am-9.15am) and collect (from 1.00pm-1.30pm) to save on costs. Parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch if that is convenient.

**Sports Day**

Traditionally we always have our Sports Day on the last day of term.

The Whole School Family Assembly starts at 9.15am, afterwards we provide some refreshments and start Sports Day. This usually takes us up to lunchtime. All children stay and share a picnic on the field and the school closes between 1 – 2pm.

This is a lovely way to end the school year.

**Dates for next Year**

Please see the back page which outlines the events during the first few weeks in September.

Each class will be having a forest day to build up resilience and problem skills whilst being a supportive team player. The Year 1 pupils have the Wildness and Wonder team in school; Year 2 and 3 are going to Braywick and Year 4 to Longridge.

**Class Meeting**

At the beginning of an academic year there are class meetings which are planned for the morning before the children go on their forest day. They will outline what will be happening in your child’s new classroom, how things are organized and how you can help. These meetings start as soon as the children are dropped off and will last approximately 30 mins.

**Braywood Extra**

There is a small increase to the cost of Breakfast and After School Club due to rising inflation by 50p each session. A leaflet is attached to this email and will be circulated. In addition, ‘Grab and Go’ will be just for 20 minutes after the school day due to staffing.

Please remember when you do ‘Grab and Go’ that you collect as quickly as possible because we have limited car parking spaces, and it is dangerous to maneuver in the car park when there are lots of cars.

**Clerk to the Governors**

We have a position on our Governing Body for the Clerk to the Governing Body. This is a role that involves attending training, 3 committee meetings annually, writing minutes etc. Parents cannot apply but if you know anyone who is interested, please so let the office know.

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**Latest news on our data**

**Phonics test**

Everyone in Year 1 has performed very well through the phonics test. Knowing your sounds are the building blocks of both reading and writing so we do start work on them early in Foundation.

**Times Tables Tests**

The Year 4 pupils have been working very hard, not just learning their times tables, but to be able to recall them in 6 seconds, 25 times in a row.

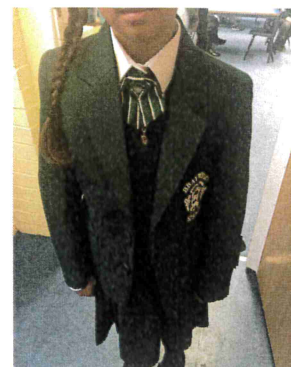
This is quite a challenge, but they have proved very capable.

**Key 1 SATS**

At the end of Year 2 the DfE has decided to assess the standards of these 6–7-year-old children. It is very well organised and children usually like to do these activities.

This year is no different from the past trends, the children have excelled, which is especially impressive when you think of the disruption to their education that Covid has caused.

Prior to Covid parents voted in favour of having a blazer and the staff and governors agree that this would be a positive step forward in the perception and reputation of our school.



**KEEP CALM & FOLLOW THE RULES**

**Reminders**



Please remember to wear your hat and apply sun cream !

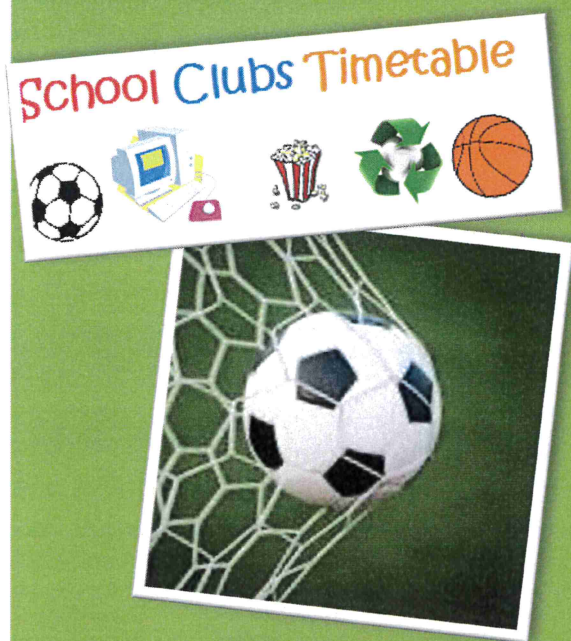
This space is going to be for cars who have been spotted parking or moving the car dangerously.

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



**What is happening this term?**

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| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Hexagon Concert YR3 & 4  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Drowning Prevention YR4 Braywick Leisure Centre                        |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                                 | Non-uniform Day (bottles and toy tombola)                              |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Year 3 & 4 rehearsals for the Summer Concert at the Old Court, Windsor |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July                              | Y4 treat at Bray Lake Watersports                                      |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Y1 & 2 trip to Bockett's Farm  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | YR4 Transition Day Middle School                                       |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | New Children Visit   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Look at work and collect school reports                                |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Year 3 & 4 Rehearsals for the Summer Concert at the Old Court, Windsor |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July | Summer Concert   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Visit from our new children  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                              | Summer Fair 11-2pm   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Family Assembly, Sports Day & Family Picnics                           |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                             | <b>School closes between 1-2pm</b>                                     |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                            | <b>Back to school at 8.45am</b>  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                            | New Children's Class Meeting at 9am                                    |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                            | Year 4 'Mighty Oaks' Class Meeting at 8.45am                           |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                           | Year 4 trip team building trip to Longridge                            |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                           | Year 3 'Oaks' Class Meeting at 8.45am                                  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                         | Year 2 'Rising Oaks' Class Meeting at 8.45am                           |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Year 3 team building trip to Braywick Nature Centre at 8.45am          |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Year 1 'Mighty Acorns' Class Meeting at 8.45am                         |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September                            | Year 2 team building trip to Braywick Nature Centre                    |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September                            | Year 1 team building trip at our school with Wildness and Wonder       |



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| Monday    | Gymnastics          | 3.15-4.15pm  |
|           | Wilderness & Wonder | 3.15-4.30pm  |
|           | STEM                | 3.15-4.30pm  |
| Tuesday   | NONE AT PRESENT     |              |
| Wednesday | Performing Arts     | 3.15-4.15pm  |
| Thursday  | Avenue Dance Co     | 3.15- 4.15pm |
| Friday    | Multi-Sports        | 3.15- 4.15pm |
|           | Football Club       | 3.15- 4.15pm |

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

*Comments from the children during Pupil Parliament sessions.*

The children discussed what they like about the playground and especially the Trim Trail. They discussed their favourite playground markings and what types of toys they would like to play with outside.

The design of the Trim Trail is already and will include new swing steps, a web climber, an A-frame climber, and a V-bridge. Other items will include various benches and a Dragonfly Play Sculpture.



Kind Regards

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