

From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered, and nurtured by God's love

# Braywood Newsletter



This the first newsletter of  
this academic year!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

## What is happening this term?

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| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>September      | PTA meeting at<br>2.30pm              |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>October        | Harvest Festival<br>morning/afternoon |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>November     | Parents' Evening<br>3.30-7pm          |
| Wednesday<br>29 <sup>th</sup><br>November | Family Assembly<br>2.15pm             |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>December        | Christmas Fair 2-<br>4pm              |

### HALF TERM

School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
October

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

## Getting back to School

We have made a good start back to school!

Just a reminder of all the things that your child needs  
when they are in the main school ( Year 1-4)

- A few pencils and a sharpener
- A good quality rubber
- A ruler, an assortment of coloured pencils
- And most importantly a few glue sticks

We would like a donation of £10 payable through epay  
from each child in school to purchase a plastic wallet  
and a small transparent pencil case for their  
homework and equipment.

Children do not need a large, embellished pencil case.  
In Year 3 & 4 if a child can tell the time, children can  
have an analogue watch but no digital watches please.

## 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 this term.

## Forest School Days

As you have probably heard from your child, we have had some very successful Forest School days to start this year off. During the trip to Longridge the children explored raft building, climbing and team building experiences whilst the younger children explored Braywick Nature reserve with an experienced guide. They made dens and shared treats around the campfire.

Year 1 had the Wild & Wilderness team that run our Forest School after school which was a special treat. This is a very popular club that uses our wild area.

These days really help the children settle into their new school. The first few days always has a pastoral theme which gives everyone in the school an opportunity to build new friendships, work as a team, and build individual resilience.

In the first week of every new term every class covers a financial unit. They now have £45 saved in their class bank!



## PTA update

The PTA would like to thank all the parents and children for their support for our fundraising efforts during the last year.

We are delighted that we have been able to substantially contribute towards the playground markings. The children really are enjoying this addition.

We are looking for funds to buy new laptops/ipads for the school.

We hope you will be able to support the school and the PTA by attending our upcoming events.

PTA bank account details are as follows:

**Bank name: Metro Bank**  
**Account Name: Braywood School Home and School Association T/AS Friends of Braywood**  
**Sort code: 23-05-80**  
**Account number: 36267534**

Please note the below dates in your diary for upcoming PTA events:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – PTA welcome meeting. At 2.30pm in the Church House. Do come along and meet some other parents.**

AGM to be arranged

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Halloween disco party

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Happy bags - further details will be provided

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm Christmas fayre at school

Kind regards  
PTA team



## **New Playground markings**

Thank you to all the parents who contributed (past and present) towards this exciting new addition. Parents have probably noticed that we have new tarmac pathways alongside this project. The windows in the old part of the school have also been replaced with a double-glazed alternative.

## **Uniform**

We appreciate all our parents supporting the uniform policy. Although we have a few branded items most of the uniform is unbranded and can be acquired at a low cost. Having a uniform can save parents being drawn into purchasing costly home clothes.

Please try to purchase the blazer if you are able rather than a coat. Most children will only need coat, hats and gloves on the really cold day and a vest, and a blazer is more than adequate. If you buy them big, they will last two years. The Braywood coat is also an excellent purchase for the younger children but can be worn further up the school.

Parents do donate second-hand uniform so do ask at the office as we only ask for a small donation.

# Events coming up soon!

## Breaking News

**We have just elected our head boy and head girl this week!**

## **Harvest**

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

There are going to be some small changes to our Harvest celebrations.

Children in the Early Years unit (Foundation and Nursery) will be hosting a small harvest presentation with refreshments.

The rest of the school (Y1-4) will be performing in the Church House twice. The first time will be at 8.45am and the second at 1.30pm.

**The school then closes at 2pm.** There will be no grab and go or after school club on this day.

## **Halloween Disco**

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

The PTA will be organising a Halloween disco. This will happen in school time in the afternoon. The younger children will have their disco at 1pm and the older children from 2pm.

Any parents wishing to help do let the PTA know in advance in order to decorate the hall.

## **Wellington Boots**

Don't forget your wellington boots to wear on the field, especially as the weather worsens.

## **Parents' Evenings**

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

It is at this time of year that we have our 'meet the teacher' parent evenings. We are holding all class meetings on the same day, and they will start at approximately 3.30pm and run until approximately 7pm.

Parents will need to book their appointments through eschools. The portal will be open on 25/10/23 at 6pm and will be closed on 6/11/23 at 6pm. Every parent will be given a 10-minute appointment. As you know parents are welcome to talk to their child's class teacher most days. Children with specific needs will have a separate appointment this term.

## **Individual and Class Photographs**

These photographs will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and will hopefully be printed in time for Christmas. Children should come to school in smart school winter uniform and in a blazer if possible.

From half term all the children are expected to wear their winter uniform. Most days children are warm enough with a blazer and will only need a coat on cold days.

**Catch up Groups**

Teachers will be starting the usual 'catch-up' groups from after half term. Some children are coming into school early to start their phonics groups as well. Thank you for your support.

**Remembrance Day**

We will also be marking Armistice Day with the sale of poppies and merchandise can be purchased after half term. Our Year 4 pupils will be laying a wreath as usual.

**Parents' Evening****Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

At this time every year parents have the opportunity to have a 10-minute conversation with their child's new teacher. These are booked through our e-schools system, and the office will send an email explaining the process nearer the time.

This will start around 3pm and conclude early evening.

**BBC Children in Need****Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be supporting Children in Need by asking parents to donate cakes that we can sell at the end of the school day.

This is usually a fun day and children can wear home clothes and bring in a donation towards the Christmas Fair.

**Family Assembly****Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

We are having our usual celebration of children who will have earned a Headteacher's Award on this day

**Trips this term**

Our Foundation/Nursery are having a mobile farm come and visit and the Year 1 will have an owl visit. These fit in with their topic work. Year 4 are singing to Bray Senior Citizens and Year 3 are aiming to visit a Gurdwara.

**Advanced notice about Christmas**

Our PTA are hard at work organizing a Christmas Fair and there is more information regarding the contributions you can offer in the PTA section.

As a school we are organizing a Christmas Meal for the whole school where the children wear Christmas jumpers. We provide a pantomime free of charge and a Christmas treat and if there is time, Christmas parties. Hopefully, Santa will be visiting!

**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 do let the office know.

**Teaching, Learning and our Curriculum****Getting to school on time**

We ask parents to bring their child in on time as we need to start our lessons promptly.

The bell for Year 1 and Year 2 goes at 8.30am and teachers will close their door once all the parents have left. This usually takes 5 -10 minutes. Similarly, in Year 3 and Year 4 children line up in the playground when the bell rings and are taken into their classroom.

The gates will be closed at 8.50am - 8.55am and any parents arriving after that will need to come into school through the main door. **Teachers are unable to add a child to their electronic register once they are late.**

Nursery children are welcome to use the main door to enter the school.

**Holidays in term time**

For children to learn they need to be in school. We do not approve any term time holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances. Children need to understand that school needs to be attended every day. If they get used to taking time off this can lead to truancy and unreliable habits when they are in senior school.

Always ask at the office if you are unsure and send an email if your child will not be in school.



## Reminders

Please remember the Traffic Code of Conduct

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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| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>September   | Maidenhead Advertiser “First Year in School” photographs  |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>September   | Flu immunisation – Reception to Year 4.   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | School Census – change to Caterlink’s menu (see attached)   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>October  | Year 4 sing to Bray Senior Citizens in Bray Village   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>October     | Harvest Festival for Y1-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.45-9.15am or</li> <li>• 1.30 to 2pm</li> </ul> Reception / Nursery from 1.30pm |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>October     | <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2.00pm</b><br><br><b>We open again on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>November     | Halloween Disco   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | Our Remembrance Celebrations  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | Parents evening for Reception and Year 1-4. Appointments are made through eschools  |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>November    | Whole school individual & siblings photographs  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>November | Year 3 & 4 visiting Ufton Court   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>November    | Children in Need Cake Sale<br>Non uniform day and voluntary donations for the Christmas fair  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>November | Family Assembly at 2.15pm   |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>November  | Road Safety for Year 3 & 4  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup><br>December     | Christmas Fair  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>December | Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>December  | Christmas Fun day and Pantomime<br>Reception and Nursery Nativity at 2.15pm   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | Christmas Concert<br>In St Michael’s church all day   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | <b>Last day of term</b><br><b>School closes at 2pm</b>  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>January   | <b>Inservice – school closed</b>  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>January    | School opens at usual time  |



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| Monday    | Wildness & Wonder<br>Wildness and Wonder | 3.15-4.30pm  |
| Tuesday   | Playball<br>Creative Art                 | 3:15-4:15pm  |
| Wednesday | Little Muskeeters                        | 3.15-4.15pm  |
| Thursday  | Avenue Dance Co                          | 3.15- 4.15pm |
| Friday    | Football                                 | 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                               |
|----------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Week 1   | Chicken Korma and Rice   | Pasta Bake and Salad     | Chicken Fingers and Chips | Spaghetti Bolognaise and Salad | Sandwiches or toasties and crudities |
| Week 2   | Pasta Bake and Salad   | Pizza and Salad          | Fish Fingers and Smilies  | Sausage and Mash               | Sandwiches or toasties and crudities |
| Week 3   | Burger and Waffles   | Spanish Chicken and Rice | Sausage and Chips         | Chicken Pasta Bake and Salad   | Sandwiches or toasties and crudities |
| Snacks & | All sessions start with a snack of Rice Cakes, Biscuits or Fresh Salad |                          |                           |                                |                                      |

**This menu is a guideline!**

| Activities                         |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday                             | Creative Activities         |
| Tuesday                            | Decorate biscuit, pizza etc |
| Thursday                           | Cinema and read with pupils |
| <b>We are aimig to get back to</b> |                             |



Kind Regards

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