

# Braywood Newsletter



Getting ready for a  
brilliant 2019!



Spring 2019

## What is happening this term?

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day school open at 2pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 and 2 curriculum meetings at 3pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Maths Day and Red Nose Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Entrepreneurial Day
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Family Assembly at 9am
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Rehearsal and Concert
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	EASTER BREAK

## Easter Concert

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm**

The Easter Concert is again on the last day of term at 1.30pm. The performance should finish at 2pm when the school closes for the Easter break.

Please be advised that Bray Cricket Club will be available and that it is very important to park courteously and if possible car share.

**There will be a slight change to the organisation of this event. Parents will be asked to drop their child off at church at 8.45-9am on the morning of the Easter Concert at church.**

This will save the school a lot of money on coach costs and will allow us to rehearse on site. **Your child will need a packed lunch on that day in a rucksack with a couple of small drinks and a coat** that they can keep inside the rucksack. A school packed lunch specifically for this event must be ordered by the 1<sup>st</sup> March from the office.



### Please note

We are tweeting every day so please come and join us! Next term we plan to start using Instagram as well.



# What has been happening in school?

## Some of the trips and visitors we have had this term

### World Book Day and Author

To celebrate World Book Day we invited an author, Josh Lacey, into school. Josh read from his book 'The Dragonsitter' and then talked to the children about the mechanics of writing a book. Each class shared a workshop with him. More details can be found on his website <http://joshlacey.com/>

### Recent Classroom Trips

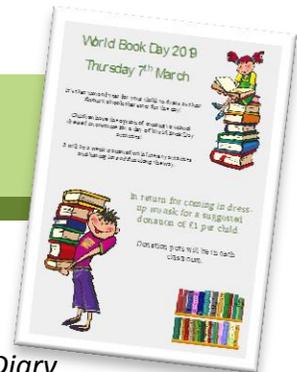
Year 1 went to Milestones this month and had great fun. Lots to learn about how life was like for children in the past.



Year 3 went to Kidzania and were told that they were a credit to our school. This trip really fosters economic awareness and independence.

Year 2 went to Reading Museum and had a wonderful workshop on Victorian toys. They wrote an accomplished recount of their experience.

## PTA update



Hi Everyone

Thanks to all the parents who supported our Valentine Bake Sale. We had a great response and raised £109.67. Thanks to the helpers, the parents who donated and the children who bought the cakes!

This term we have provided the disco for the school to celebrate World Book Day. Events to look forward to are the Easter Egg Hunt / Raffle, The Sponsored Fun Run and the BBQ / fair on Sports Day.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

### Dates for your Diary

PTA Meetings at 8pm usually at the Jolly Gardner

- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** (Easter Plans)
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** (Sponsored Fun Run Plan)
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** (Sports Day Plans)

Do please come along and have a drink with us.



# Events coming up soon!

## Breaking News

We are in the Advertiser this week again sharing the start of our Word Book Day with the author, Josh Lacey. Also, the Year 4 pupils' drawings of their mums will be published in the Advertiser on 28<sup>th</sup> March

### Money For Charity

Thank you to all the parents who gave money to Cancer Research UK. We raised £15 for vital groundbreaking research.

We also raised almost £100 this year to go towards the many charities supported by this year's Children in Need. Thank you!

### Greenredeem

It is that time again. On 1<sup>st</sup> April, residents who are members of greenredeem will be invited to donate their points to an agreed list of schools. Last year we received £1,000 which will be going to our garden area.

**END OF TERM**  
**School closes on Friday**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.**  
**There is no after school club on this day.**  
**We open again at 8.45**  
**on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

### Subject Days

- Literacy – 7<sup>th</sup> March
- Maths – 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Science – 21<sup>st</sup> March

All these days will have a focus on their specific subject area.

On **World Book Day** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - we will all dress up as our favourite book character and bring in a book. We will have our usual disco in the afternoon. The disco will be during the school day. This is a change from usual but should be more convenient for parents. Many thanks to the PTA who have generously donated the cost of the disco.

During the afternoon parents are invited into school from 2pm to share a book with their child. If you would like to take up this opportunity please inform your class teacher.

We had an author visiting the school prior to World Book Day. His name is Josh Lacey and he has written a series of books on dragons. This was a cost of £600 to the school.

On **Maths Day** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March we will be spending the day exploring number in a fun and exciting way with the children.

On this day your child will be asked to wear something red (as Red Nose Day is on the Friday) and design a number on an A4 piece of paper between zero and a thousand. There will be a prize for the best design in each class.



### Red Nose Day

The official Red Nose Day is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March but we will be celebrating this day together with our Maths Day (as above) Red Noses are available for sale from the office now and these can be worn on Maths Day.

### Curriculum Meetings

There will be an opportunity to find out more about the KS1 SATs in Year 2 and the Phonics Test in Year 1 in the curriculum meeting on World Book Day at 3pm in Year 2. A crèche will be provided and the meeting will last 30 mins.

### 'Squirrel Club'

Our after-school club is having a pancake day on Shrove Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Do come along and have fun.

See the timetable on the last page of this newsletter.

### Student Teacher

Nicola Povey will be working alongside Mrs Wakeman from 25<sup>th</sup> March for 9 weeks.

**Holidays**

Children are required by Government legislation to be in school every day unless they are poorly. Their position is that schools are open for roughly 40 weeks of the year and school breaks are dedicated to family holidays etc. They expect a child's attendance to not fall below 95% and we at school celebrate 100% attendance.

As a result, Mrs Calvert cannot authorise any holiday unless it is for exceptional reasons such as a funeral, but even here we can only authorise the day of the funeral.

As a school we are sympathetic to the difficulties this presents such as cost, wonderful opportunities etc. but we are obliged to follow the Government ruling on this area.

**Family Assembly**

Our next Family Assembly will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. We will be seeing who has achieved a Headteacher's award and hearing more about the distinctiveness of a Church School.

**Year 1 Dance Show**

The Year 1 pupils are busy preparing for their Dance Show on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. They have had a block of dance sessions from the Windsor Sports Partnership. There is an opportunity for parents to watch the show at Windsor Boys School from 2pm.

**Electronic Homework**

Each teacher posts a message on eschools every Sunday evening explaining what will be happening in the classroom that week. Your child's homework will be posted in a block (or weekly) in the same message.

To support this process the letters regarding trips etc. from the office are also on your platform. We organise communication in this way so that you only need to check the website once a week.

We are mindful that you are all busy so we provide a weekly update from Mrs Calvert through the office because we are a busy school with lots of enriching curricular activities.

**Results of the Survey**

The results of the recent survey will be published in the next newsletter.

**Sandwich Wrappers**

Please consider purchasing a eco-friendly wrapper for your child's (or your own) sandwiches at a cost of £5. They are brilliant and for every purchase the school will receive £1. See below for details.

**Teaching and learning**

**Getting to School**

of our school working alongside our neighbours and the borough to secure real improvements. A meeting was held at school to ban the HGVs from going past our school. It is also proposed that the speed limit is reduced to 30 mph outside of our school. We obviously hope that this will go ahead as soon as possible. More details are in the local Maidenhead Advertiser.





## Reminders

**PLEASE REMEMBER NO TRIM TRAIL AFTER SCHOOL DURING THESE WET MONTHS.**

Could parents also remember not to walk through the Lychgate and in front of our neighbour's kitchen when you come into school nor allow children to run and play on the gravestones. These are not agreed ways to come into school.



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

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Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day for whole school Reading in school from 2pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Meeting on KS1 SATs and Phonics Test at 3pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	World Maths Day and celebrate Red Nose Day for whole school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Entrepreneurial Day for the whole school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Road Safety Workshop in school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Assembly at 9am – guest speaker
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Revd Ainsley invites you all to Mothering Sunday at Bray Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 1 Dance Rehearsal and Concert at 2.15pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Concert Rehearsal at 9am and Easter Concert at 1.30pm at Bray Church. School closes at 2pm
8 <sup>th</sup> until 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	EASTER BREAK
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School at 8.45am
Summer Term	Provisional dates for swimming TBC
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	May Sponsored Fun Run at 1pm with PTA stalls
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term Break
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School at 8.45
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Twilight Session for Prospective Parents led by Year 4 at 5pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Assembly with talk on ICT
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation to Braywick Park
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents into School from 1pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Class Meetings at 8.45am Year 4 visit to Middle Schools
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	New Children's Visit Year 4 visit to Middle Schools
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Alumni High Tea
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert and Year 4 goodbye drinks
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July	PGL Trip and Summer Parties
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers, Sports Day and Goodbye BBQ for all School Closes at 1pm after registration



Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	Netball Years 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
Friday	Yoga Class Y1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.30

### 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 & 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.				

Activities	
Monday	Creative Activities
Tuesday	Decorate biscuit, pizza etc
Thursday	Cinema and read with pupils
<b>We are planning for a homework Club over the next few months</b>	



Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

*Theme – New beginnings, ambition and determination*

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