

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

Braywood Newsletter



Welcome back everyone!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve

What is happening this month?

Monday 10th September	Gate opened at 8.30am and 2.30pm from this date
10th – 13th September	Adventure activities for whole school
Friday 21st September	Mums and Dads into School
Monday 17th September	Clubs start this week
Thursday 13th September	PTA Annual General Meeting 8.00pm Venue TBC

For more dates see the back of the newsletter.

Forest School Experiences

The organisation for the days are as follows:

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We provide these experience to not only help the class work together as a cohesive team, but to develop individual resilience, problem solving skills and challenge. They are also a lot of fun.

This year there will be a coach to and from Windsor Great Park and parents drop off/collect their child from school at the usual time. Mrs Wakeman will be circulating more information about Longridge.

Have you joined us on twitter?

You can always log onto our website to find out more information through the link <http://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/website>





Changes

What is new this academic Year?

Extension to Class 1

You may have noticed that we have been having some building work done over the summer holiday.

This has involved extending the Year 1 classroom to almost double the size. We are very pleased with the results and this improvement will allow the class teachers to have a larger space for the children to learn and play.

There is also a new entrance to the classroom, which will be used from the start of next week. You are more than welcome to come and have a look!

Extension to the Dining Hall

As you are probably aware we are a bit squashed in our dining hall and the aforementioned extension has also allowed us to increase the size of our dining hall.

We have just had the whole area painted which has resulted in a great space for dining, our Breakfast Club and our After School Club and for small group work. A very versatile space!

We now need to focus our attention on the secret garden and that will be our next project.

Staff Arrangements

We very rarely make changes to our staffing at Braywood because I have a philosophy of 'growing our own' team. This allows staff members to become fully immersed in our ethos and approach towards learning.

Half of our teaching staff started their career as students of our school. The most recent addition to this figure is Mrs Veronica Clark who will be the class teacher in Year 1 on Thursdays and Fridays. She has worked at our school for over 18 years and is an excellent practitioner.

Standards and Progress

Early Years

This year 83% of pupils achieved a 'good level of development'.

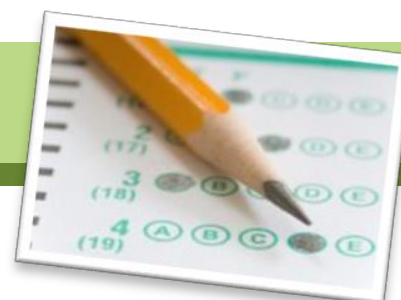
Phonics

For the last two years our Year 1 pupils have achieved 97%-100% success rate on passing the Phonics Test. This is due to our excellent phonics scheme and curriculum.

Progress across the school

In Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 between 89% - 95% achieved nationally expected standards and made a similar degree of progress from last year's standards.

Similarly across the school we had between 30% - 50% of these pupils achieve beyond those expectations.



These achievements are down to our fantastic teaching team and strong and dedicated leadership. It is indicative of the hard work and passion of our teachers and teaching assistants. More detailed information was in the Governors Report to Parents.



Events and news for this month

BREAKING NEWS

**Please remember about the gates being opened
at 8.30am in the morning!**

General Reminders

GATES

The gates will be open in the morning from 8.30am and then again at 2.30pm.

We have changed the times the gates are open in the morning to allow the Breakfast Club children to play out in the playground in safety.

Please do not drive to school too early in the mornings because it only causes more congestion on the road.

DOGS

We seem to be getting a steady increase in the dogs in the school grounds. Traditionally dogs are not allowed in the playground area because some children are scared of dogs and with the best will in the world they do foul the area. We have already had a parent clear up some dog poo this week.

Please can I request that dogs are not brought into school at all, even in the church year as the same issues apply.

TRAFFIC

All of our parents are aware of the Traffic Code of Conduct and for our new parents it was in your Induction Pack.

Obviously there is no parking on double yellow lines; drivers should be courteous to other road users and observe the speed restrictions. Mobile phones should not be used even during 'Kiss and Drop' and three point turns are not allowed at any time. If you are using our early morning drop off system you need to approach from the Windsor direction.

Our neighbours are very patient but no one should be using their drive to turn around in (as I am sure you would not want that to happen in your driveway). Also parents should not be parking over a driveway. This means the whole width of the driveway because some need to move horseboxes etc.

Most parents observe these rules but for the parents who do not we are inviting photographs from other road users to be published in our newsletter.

Most schools have parking issues outside their school and as a school we have made significant improvements to our situation. If you are interested in joining a working party who will look at the challenges of the traffic outside our school we are presently looking at the increased volume of lorries using Oakley Green Road due to the changes in the changes in the flow through Holyport.

TRIM TRAIL

The trim trail is still out of bounds after school for safeguarding reasons.

It is close to a busy main road and because the school cannot monitor the situation nor be responsible for any accidents that may occur we are asking that all parents do not allow their child to use the trim trail after school. All pupils do get plenty of opportunities during the school day to use the apparatus.

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WELCOME

A big welcome to our new families! I hope that you found the induction chat on Wednesday helpful and if you have more questions Mrs Rexworthy and her team or the office staff are all at hand to answer questions.

UNIFORM

A big thank you to all our parents who have helped us make the move to purchasing our uniform online a success.

We still have some of the larger sizes left for purchase at a significant discount. Please talk to a member of our office staff for more details.

MUMS and DADS into SCHOOL DAY

We look forward to seeing as many mums and dads as possible on Friday 21st September. It is a great opportunity to find out more about what goes on at school.

There is a fantastic lunch available again at the cost of £6 for an adult and £2.20 for Year 3 and 4 pupils. Foundation, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

Due to the fact that we are a very small school we have to have restrictions on numbers. Everyone is welcome for lunch but we ask that one parent only attends in the morning and if two parents can attend the other parent attends in the afternoon. We do not have space to accommodate one parent all day.

We plan to cover literacy and maths in the morning and Science in the afternoons. There will be a short class meeting at the start of every session.

CLUBS

Clubs will be very similar to last year and will start on 17th September. Booster Clubs will be after half term.

LUNCHES

Below is our lunchtime menu. This will not really change all year.

END OF TERM
School closes on Friday 19th
October at 2pm.

There is no after school club on this day.

Anxiety

We start off the school year with lots of work on PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) to help the children to focus on 'New Beginnings'.

School is your child's personal space and they are in control of their decisions. It is therefore important that children are allowed to manage their learning supported by the teachers professional skills. This is a very natural part of how children learn to engage or manage their world. Every

day is a fresh start whether that is with their work, behavior or friendships.

Children often have to be brave at school to 'have-a-go' at (what to them) are new experiences and they will do much more successful if parents 'let them have a go' e.g. put away their own coat/packed lunch, be accountable for their homework etc.

Online Games

What we are finding is that some children are acting out the video games that they have been watching at home. We put out a plea that children should not be playing games that are rated above their age range such as Call of Duty, and even 'Fortnite' as it is addictive. Young children do not have the mental maturity to be able to manage the feelings that these games evoke such an anxiety.



After School Club

An emergency telephone number 07545881264 is available if you do not get a response from school.

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Below is a rough guideline of our Caterlink lunch timetable. We are on week 1.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Main	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Wraps (Peppers & Onions Incl)	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Ham Pizza with Green Salad	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Whirl with Mashed Potatoes	'Cheese' d'rid Tomato Pizza with various toppings (Peppers, Pineapple, Onion)	Quorn Roast with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce or Cheese with Garlic Slice	Veggie Sausage & Chips
	Side	Sweet Corn Broccoli	Crudités and Mixed Salad	Carrots Cauliflower	Crudités and mixed salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Pear & Ginger Muffin Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Chocolate Cake & Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Apple, Cheese and Biscuits Fresh Fruit	Ham, Cheese or Tuna mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Fruit Pie with Custard Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Chocolate Mousse
Week 2	Main	Beef Cottage Pie with Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Slice	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Green Salad	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian	Bean and Leak Sausage with Oven baked new Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Slice	Quorn Roast with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Bean Burger in a bun with Green Salad	Cheese & Tomato Calzone with Chipped Potatoes
	Side	Peas Carrots	Crudités and Mixed Salad	Broccoli Carrots	Crudités and Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Pear Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Traditional Flapjack	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Chocolate Cookie & Natural Yoghurt	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Apple Pie with Custard Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Chocolate Crispy Cake Fresh Fruit
Week 3	Main	Chicken coated in Breadcrumbs with New Potatoes	Italian Meatballs in Tomato sauce served with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sausage in a bun with Green Salad	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian	Vegetarian Pin Wheel with Oven baked new potatoes	Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza with various toppings (Peppers, Pineapple, Onion)	Quorn Roast with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta with homemade tomato sauce or Cheese with Garlic Slice & Green Salad	Vegetable Fajita with Chips
	Side	Broccoli Garden Peas	Crudités and Mixed Salad	Cauliflower Green Beans	Crudités and Mixed Salad	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Orange Shortbread Fresh Fruit	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Pineapple Cake Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Platter	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Cheese & Biscuits	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwiches with Crudités Iced cake Fresh Fruit	Jacket Potato Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo Gingerbread Man Yoghurt





Clubs

Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	Netball Years 3 &4	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Chelsea Football	3.15-4.15
	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	3.15-4.15

All clubs Start W/C 17th Sept

PTA Update

Next meeting is the AGM Thursday 13th September at 8.00pm Venue TBC

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – Family, friendships and love



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