

Braywood Newsletter



Happy New Year to you
all!



Spring 2020

What is happening this term?

Wednesday 22 nd January	Family Assembly
Monday 27 th January	PTA meeting at 8pm – Jolly Gardener
17 th to 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 10 th February	Parent/Staff /Child Consultations
Friday 28 th February	PTA Cinema Night
Thursday 5 th March	Literacy Day & Curriculum Meeting
Thursday 12 th March	Maths Day & Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 25 th March	Family Assembly at 9am
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Concert - 1pm & last day of term

Working alongside parents

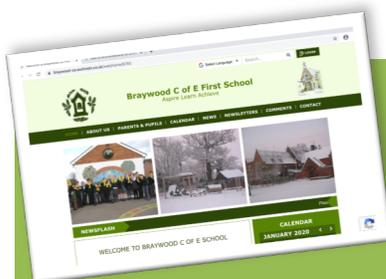
Our annual parent, pupil and teacher's consultation day is on

Monday 10th February from 9am – 6pm

All parents are invited into school to discuss their child's education with their class teacher from 1pm to 6pm for 15 - minute periods. The older children (Y2, 3 and 4) will be attending the consultation with their teacher and parents as we are keen for the children to deliver their own learning objectives. The consultations will take place in the Church House, but parents will need to call into Class 2 to sign in and collect your child's work. If you want to look at your child's work, then you will need to arrive a few minutes earlier.

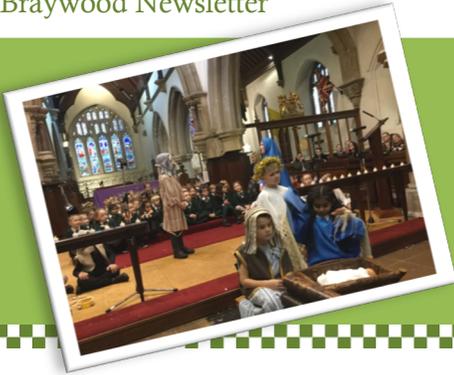
The year 3 and 4 pupils are working on their presentations now in preparation for this day and the younger children will have had a one-to-one consultation with their teacher to discuss their targets for the rest of the year.

Sessions are arranged on eschool. Bookings will be available
from **Friday 31st January**



Please note

Don't forget to look at our website for all the latest information especially on the curriculum, assessment and helping your child in the classroom.



What has been happening in school?

Some of the trips and visitors we have had this term

Christmas at Braywood

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on the last day of term for our Nativity Concert. It is a lovely way to end the Autumn term. All the children had a lovely Christmas meal, met Santa and his elf, shared a Christingle service with All Saints Church and were treated to a Pantomime.

We all hope that you had a lovely Christmas break at home with friends and family.

What else have we been doing?

During the Christmas period, the whole school's topic is 'Celebrations' that looks specifically at religion. Year 1 visited All Saints Church to learn more about Christianity whilst the Year 2 & 3 children visited a Synagogue to learn more about Judaism. Our Year 4 pupils were working with Revd Ainsley to reflect upon their new role as worship leaders. They do this very well.

Foxleigh Grove Nursing Home

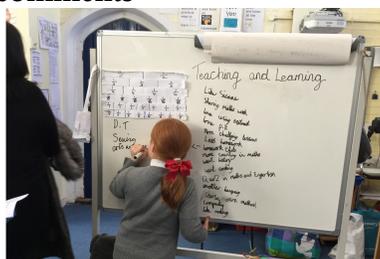
Our Year 4 have visited Foxleigh Grove Nursing Home. Initially we sang to a small audience and then we worked in small groups to share a creative activity.

We feel that there is much to be gained from younger children spending time with older adults. This is why we also perform for the Bray Senior Citizens in October.

Update from the Children's Leadership Groups

Our Pupil Parliament

At our last whole school pupil parliament meeting we discussed teaching, learning and the curriculum. These sessions are led by all our Year 4 children and it was interesting to hear their comments



Our Eco Club

Our Eco Club is a popular KS2 club which meets every Thursday organised by Rebecca Biddle and Juliette Longman.

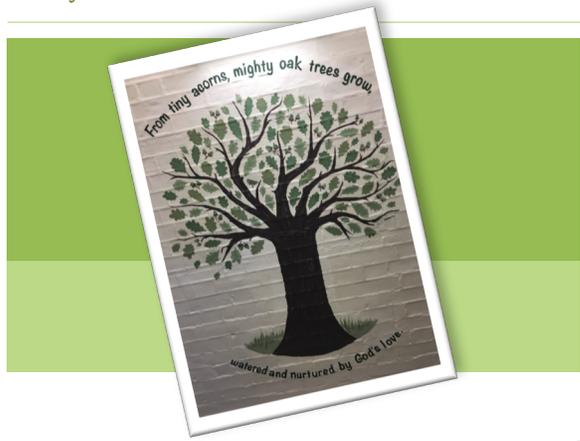
During these sessions the children learn a great deal about the current issues of the day. They regulate our energy consumption, try to save the school money and they make

interesting things such as bird feeders.

In one of our club meetings before the Christmas Fair we made fat balls, which we sold on our own stall, and raised £12.

Don't forget that we also raise money by selling re-useable beeswax sandwich wraps for £5 each in various designs. 50p from each wrap sold goes to the school. Ask Juliette or Rebecca for details.





Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

The PTA have provided some fantastic PE equipment and 16 laptops for our school. THANK YOU!!

Family Assembly

At our next Family Assembly on Wednesday 22nd January, we will be talking about the recent changes brought in by the Government on (RSE) Relationship Education. Parents should be better informed on the content of this curriculum area after this session.

After this assembly, parents who would like to know more about this area of our curriculum are welcome to stay and talk to the class teachers for half an hour.



Paper or Pens

If any parents know of any businesses who would be happy to either donate spare paper to our school, participate in community projects or who contribute towards match fundraising could you please let the office know.

Communication with the office

As outlined in previous newsletters the office has a new whole school WhatsApp organised in year groups which you will have all been invited to join. If you have not had an invitation, please speak to the office.

We are creating a distinction between a social communication tool that parents have set up in each year group and a structured school communication tool which should complement eschools' messaging systems. The reason why we have created this distinction is because a lot of incorrect information regarding school procedures, dates etc are being circulated resulting in some confusion.

The PTA, class teachers and office staff will be using this new platform and any points or questions raised on the parents' WhatsApp will be put onto the school WhatsApp by the class representative and answered by a staff / office member.

Remember if you have any comments you want to make to the PTA they have their own Facebook page. The name is Braywood First School PTA.

PE and Sports this term

Every year group participates in either a sports tournament, a competition or a show. During March, Year 4 will compete in a Football competition and Year 1 will be performing in a Dance Show in April.

We have excellent sporting facilities and usually at the end of every year we are awarded with either a bronze or a silver 'kite' award.



To improve our Gymnastics' provision the PTA have raised over £8,000 to purchase a range of PE equipment including netball posts, agility stools, planks, ladders and wall bars. Most children have used this equipment with one class saying that 'this was the best PE lesson ever!'



Extended Schools

Our Breakfast and After School Club are always very popular. Our prices are very low in order to provide good value for money whilst offering interesting, fun activities and a healthy, but balanced menu.

Our Squirrel Club (ASC) now runs until 6pm. There is a £4 cost from 5.30pm to 6pm and a £4 charge for arriving after 6pm.

Literacy and Maths Days

During March we have a series of curriculum days to excite the children in these subject areas.

After the Literacy Day there is an opportunity to hear more about Reading, Phonics Test and the Year 2 SATS. This will be for the Foundation, Year 1 and 2 parents from 2.15pm in the Church House.

After the Maths Day there will also be a curriculum meeting outlining the various teaching techniques used in lessons to teach Maths. This meeting will be for Year 2, 3 and 4 parents at 2.15pm in the Church House.

Our Easter Performance

Our Easter performance is on Friday 3rd April at 1pm. Everyone is welcome and the school closes when the performance finishes.

We ask that Year 1-4 parents drop your child/ren off at St Michaels Church, Bray between 8.45 and 9am with a packed lunch, a drink, light snack and light coat inside a rucksack.

The children will eat lunch and have a break inside the Church Hall. This is where you will find all your child's belongings at the end of the performance

Our Foundation pupils will be taken to church by coach and will be part of the performance.

It would be appreciated if parents could work together and car share. There is **no opportunity for any parents to park on the church site** unless they have disabled passengers. Please park considerably towards Bray residents. There is plenty of suitable parking spaces e.g. Bray Cricket Car Park.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

New laptops thanks to the PTA

We have bought 16 new DELL laptops for the whole school to use last month. This was at a cost of approximately £7,000. This has made a tremendous difference to our computing lessons. The PTA has also bought the school a PSHE and a RE scheme to help teach these areas of the curriculum.

Additional Mufti Day

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils would like to host an additional mufti day on Friday 14th February for the donation of £1 to support the Australian Bush Fires.

Important Dates for Next Term

- **Changes to the May Bank Holiday** from 4th to 8th May.
- **Grandparents into School** - 26th June
- **Summer Fair** – 27th June
- **Transition Days** for Y4 and New Pupils – 2nd July
- **Braywood Alumni** - 5th July
- **End of Year Production** – 8-9th July
- **Sports Day** and End of Year Picnic – 17th July

News from the PTAMessage from our new chair

Happy New Year

Here are a few dates for the diary!

Happy Bags will be doing a collection on Thursday 6th February, so please start collecting all your unwanted

clothing, (no uniform) paired shoes, handbags, belts, light jewelry scarves and hats.

We are planning a Valentine's Day Cake sale Friday 14th February after school in the playground.

There is going to be a cinema night on Friday 28th February at The Old Court, Windsor. More information to follow and tickets will be on

sale beginning of February

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school. You all play a part in bringing the school together and helping Braywood become the best it possible can be for your children.

Sally Hackett

Reminders



Safeguarding

Our dedicated safeguarding lead is Mrs Calvert. If you have any concerns, do please let her know.



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Has our car been parked incorrectly and been reported by another parent?



Please remember no children on the trim trail after school during the Winter months.

What is happening this term?

Monday 20 th January	Year 3 Trip to Ufton Court
Wednesday 22 nd January	Family Assembly at 9am Discussion with parents regarding RSE Curriculum area.
Monday 27 th January	PTA Meeting at The Jolly Gardener at 7.30pm
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 3 Rugby Tournament at Windsor Rugby Club
Friday 31 st January	Piano Assembly by Debbie Breknock at 9am
Thursday 6 th February	Happy Bags Collection outside the Church House
Monday 10 th February	Parent- Staff and Child Consultations with appointments throughout the day
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 1 Trip to Milestones Museum
Thursday 13 th February	ICT Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes at 2pm No After School Club on this day
17 th -21 st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	School starts at 8.45am
Friday 28 th February	Cinema Night event run by the PTA
Monday 2 nd March	Y4 walk around Fifield
Thursday 5 th March	Y4 Football Competition
Thursday 5 th March	Literacy Day & Literacy Curriculum Meeting for YF, 1 and 2 in Church House at 2.15 pm
Thursday 12 th March	Maths Day with Maths Curriculum Meeting for Y2, 3 and 4 in Church House at 2.15 pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Piano Assembly by Sarah Walker at 9am
Sunday 22 nd March	Mothering Sunday Service at St Michael's Church in Bray at 10am
Wednesday 25 th March	Family Assembly at 9am
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 1 Dance Show, parents are invited from 2pm.
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Concert at 1pm at St Michaels Church in Bray
6 th -17 th April	Easter Break
Monday 20 th April	Back to School for 8.45
Monday 20 th April	All class meetings at 8.45-9.15am



Clubs

Monday	NETBALL	3.15-4.15
	PERFORMING ART	3.20-4.20
Tuesday	BOOSTER CLASSES	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	BALLET Years 1&2	
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	HOMEWORK KS2	3.15-4.15
Thursday	RUGBY	4.45-5.30
	ECO CLUB	3.15-4.15
Friday	YOGA	3.15-4.15
	FOOTBALL	3.15-4.15

*For more details please consult attached timetable.
Please remember providers are responsible for
contacting you regarding the club not our office.*

Governors Leadership Update

Advertising for a new Parent Governor

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the school, promoting our vision and for promoting high standards. Our Governing Body is made up of 2 parent governors, a staff governor, co-opted governors, 2 foundation governors, a local authority governor and the head teacher. A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our Governing Body. The Governing Body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held. There is a letter attached to this email with more details.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

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