

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

Braywood Newsletter



What a good start back to
Braywood!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

What is happening this term?

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| 19 th October | Halloween Disco |
| Friday 21 st October | Harvest Festival from 1-2.30pm |
| Thursday 3 rd November | Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm |
| Wednesday 16 th November | Family Assembly 9am |
| Friday 9 th December | Christmas Fair 2- 4pm |

HALF TERM

School closes on Friday 21st
October

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

Our Harvest Festival

Friday 21st October from 1pm to 2.30pm

*We are collecting for a local foodbank so please bring in
tins, dried foods asap.*

After much talk about adding colour to the school once the main effects of Covid are over, we aim to start this work during our Harvest Festival. Please come armed with a spade and wellington boots to help the school plant hundreds of daffodils, crocus, bluebell, and snowdrops. We plan for every child to plant a few bulbs alongside an adult from 1pm followed by a cup of tea and cake for our hard-working parents. The concert should start around 2pm with an expected finish time of 2.30pm. The theme is planting and harvesting.

We have started this project 'Colour after Covid' already by creating a reflection area in the playground with an engraved bench and an oak leaf table. We aim to add a small tree and garden. The PTA have already arranged to have fruit trees to be delivered and wisteria and clematis have been planted on the fence along the field. We are hoping by the time spring comes, Braywood will be a riot of colour!

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 can see, we have had some very successful Forest School days to start this year off. At Longridge the children explored canoeing, 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.



HRH The Queen

As a school we reflected on the loss of Queen Elizabeth.

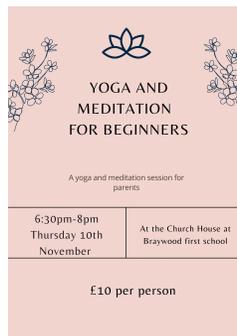
The children discovered more about her impact as a monarch during some lessons. Revd Ainsley led an assembly for us, and we left flowers and a personalised card on the Long Walk.

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 the trim trail is now open for the kids to enjoy. We are looking to raise money for the playground markings and buying new laptops for the school.

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



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

19 October - Halloween silent disco party

3 November @ 7:30pm- PTA meeting for Xmas fayre, venue to be confirmed

9 November - Happy bags - further details will be provided

10 November @ 6:30pm Yoga and meditation night at the Church House as school

9 December 2-4pm Christmas fayre at school



Kind regards
PTA team



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Sorry that this newsletter is a little late!

Trim Trail

Thank you to all the parents who contributed (past and present) towards our new Trim trail, dragonfly, reflection bench and oak table. The dragonfly is to remind us that we need to look after our planet and the oak table and bench is a small, quiet reflection area for children to go to during play.

Cost of living Crisis

We would like to feel that we can support parents where we can with the cost-of-living crisis. Clearly, we are suffering as a school as well.

With the trips we are trying to tie the visits together because the cost of a coach is now astronomical.

When we have our parents evening there will be a questionnaire regarding our school uniform, trips and other areas relating to this area. If you have any thoughts do please let the office know.

Visit to Windsor Foodshare

Some of our Year 4 pupils are visiting this Foodshare unit and will be delivering our Harvest donations whilst learning more about how the unit works.

Halloween Disco

Wednesday 19th October

Through Covid we celebrated Halloween in school but this year we are resurrecting the popular Halloween disco. The PTA have organised our first silent disco.

Children get over excited on these days and many end up in tears, so we are going to ask that children come to school in school uniform with their costume in their bag. We will help them get changed and they will go home with their costume on and their uniform in their rucksack. Blazers will stay in school.

Year F & 1 will have their disco at 2.30pm to 3.30pm and can be collected from their classroom from 3.45pm.

Year 2, 3 and 4 will have their disco at 3.35pm to 4.35pm and can be collected from their classrooms at 4.45pm.

There will be no grab and go on this day but if you want the Squirrel Club it will be open as usual and we will adjust cost accordingly. If your child is not attending the disco, then school closes at the usual time.

Wellington Boots

Don't forget your wellington boots to wear on the field.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 3rd November

It is at this time of year that we have our 'meet the teacher' parent's 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 Thursday 19th October at 9am and will be closed on Tuesday 1st November 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 later in the year.

Individual and Class Photographs

These photographs will be on Monday 14th 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.

Family Assembly

Wednesday 6th November

We are having our first Family Assembly after many years. It will be at 9am and all parents are welcome.

The Foundation children will be performing a song during the Harvest Festival, and they will do the same during this family assembly. These young children can find these experiences a little overwhelming.

BBC Children in Need

Friday 18th November

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November. We are 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.

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.

Trips this term

Our Foundation and Year 1 children are having a mobile farm come and visit them on 22nd November. These fit in with their topic work.

Celebrations is a topic area that is shared across the whole school. Year 1 & 2 are visiting St Michaels Church to support their Religious Education topic and Year 4 are singing for the Bray Senior Citizens.

As Year 4 missed the trip to the Gurdwara last year, Year 3 and 4 are visiting this place of worship as a part of their Religious Education topic.

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

Teaching towards Mastery

Our curriculum is engineered towards mastering a specific learning objective that has been taught. The children are aware of what they are learning and the success criteria of each unit of work. To help them further this year we have been showing them what it looks like to have mastered that specific topic.

We always advocate that it is 'hard work' that makes you smarter' and 'mistakes are

treasures', as this helps the children's attitude towards learning and their overall self-esteem. A positive mental attitude towards learning will not only go on to increase a child's confidence, but it will also give them the strategies to cope when life gets a little more challenging.

If you do notice your child is unhappy or struggling with their work do, **please speak to your class teacher.**

Children's Mental Health

For children to develop 'strength of character' they need to be able to have the strategies to manage difficult situations. This could be in the classroom, with friendship or at home.

It is important that children go through this process at school and learn to understand and regulate their emotions in a safe, informative, and nurturing environment.



Reminders

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.



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| Wednesday 12 th October | Year 4 Trip to Bray to sing to Senior Citizens |
| Wednesday 12 th October | Year 1 & 2 trip to Bray Church |
| Wednesday 19 th October | Halloween Disco |
| Thursday 20 th October | Year 3 & 4 trip to the Gurdwara |
| Friday 21 st October | Planting bulbs at 1pm Harvest Festival at 2pm |
| Friday 21 st October | SCHOOL CLOSSES at 2.30pm We open again on Monday 31st October |
| Monday 31 st October | Visit from Owl Sanctuary for Year 1 |
| Thursday 3 rd November | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 9 th November | Happy Bags Collection |
| Wednesday 10 th November | Armistice Day Assembly Led by Revd Ainsley for children |
| Wednesday 10 th November | Yoga and Meditation Night |
| Monday 14 th November | Individual and class photos |
| Wednesday 16 th November | Family Assembly at 9am |
| Friday 18 th November | Children in Need Day with Cake sale |
| Monday 21 st November | Year 3 & 4 visit Ufton Court |
| TBA | Year 1 & 4 visit museum at Eton college |
| Tuesday 22 nd November | EYFS & Y1 visit from the Farm |
| TBA | Year 2 visit to Norden Farm |
| Friday 9 th December | Christmas Fair 2pm to 4pm |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch wearing Christmas jumpers |
| Thursday 15 th December | Xmas Fun Day |
| Friday 16 th December | Christmas Nativity in Bray Church from 1.30pm |
| Friday 16 th December | Last day of term School closes at 2pm |
| Wednesday 4 th January | School opens at usual time |



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| Monday | | 3.15-4.15pm |
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| Tuesday | Playball | |
| Wednesday | Art and Craft | 3.15-4.15pm |
| Thursday | Avenue Dance Co | 3.15- 4.15pm |
| Friday | Multi-Sports | 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 |
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| 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 | |
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| Monday | Creative Activities |
| Tuesday | Decorate biscuit, pizza etc |
| Thursday | Cinema and read with pupils |
| We are aimig to get back to | |



Kind Regards

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Theme – Friends and Family

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