

Braywood Newsletter



Getting ready for our second term back!



Autumn 2019

What is happening this term?

Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day collecting bottles
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 12 th December	Real Elf to visit the school
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch, Panto and Santa visiting
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Performance at Bray Church at 1pm School Closes at 2pm

Working alongside parents

Our first family assembly is on

Wednesday 27th November at 9am

Our theme will be learning and how parents can help their child at home. We are very fortunate to have a special guest from the learning support team at the borough to attend after our assembly to offer individualized advice. There is a section on our website gives much more information.

https://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/web/how_to_help_your_child/36218

We are always thrilled when one of our parents help us at school. Mr Hubbard came to talk to the children about the importance of Armistice Day. We laid a wreath for the first time this year.



Please note

We are tweeting every day so please come and join us!



What has been happening in school?

Religion at Braywood

We had our first Harvest Festival at Bray Church and were pleased to see so many parents join us. These performances are very important for the children's spiritual growth.

All classes focus on RE when we start our school year. Year 1 and 2 concentrate on Judaism and for their 'Wow' Day they are visiting the Synagogue, Year 3 have visited the local Gurdwara and Year 4 are planning our assemblies with Revd. Ainsley.

Wow days to start our topics

All classes either provide special activities in class, invite visitors into school or attend trips to provide an excitement and 'wow' to our topics. For example, in Year 4 the children are covering the Egyptians. They have been mummifying fish and will be bringing this understanding to life when they visit the Egyptian exhibition at Eton College.

The boys from Eton College came to help at Braywood

We have been fortunate to have several young men from Eton College to lead music workshops for Year 3 and 4. These sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

The Year 3 children will be learning to play an instrument this year led by the Berkshire Maestros.

Standards and Progress

Early Years and Phonics Test

Last year, 87% of EYFS pupils achieved a 'good level of development'.

Year 1 pupils achieved 97% success rate on passing the Phonics Test. This is an excellent result.

Year 2 did exceptionally well last year and should be very proud of themselves. This class secured one of the best results in the borough.

Year 2

Reading – 96% achieved expected levels of attainment and 54% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Writing - 89% achieved expected levels of attainment and 43% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Maths - 100% achieved expected levels of attainment and 43% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

The rest of the school have achieved similar results. Very few children do not maintain the progress they have made from their previous year group.

Our priorities this year are to continue focusing on our writing skills, purchasing a new RSE and RE curriculum tool to help deliver our social and religious education and improving our ICT/DT curriculum with new laptops and trolley.





Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Claire Fortune will be presented with a prestigious award on Friday for her support of Dyslexic pupils. Well Done!

Trips this week

This week Year 2 have gone to the Synagogue as part of their RE topic on celebrations.

Year 4 have visited Eton College's museum to look at Egyptian artifacts and Year 3 are attending an Athletics tournament. These dates are in this newsletter, on the website and on your personal platform.

All children will be taken to and brought back from the venue. Please check your child's messages from the teachers for more information.

Harvest and Halloween

Thank you to all the parents who supported these events. We raised £80 for 'Send a Cow' charity. This will mean that we can afford a goat and a few chickens. Your food contributions were gratefully received by the food bank.



Thank you for all your support on this day. We raised a fantastic £150.00.

Christmas Fair



On Friday 6th December all children (including our Foundation) can be collected from **3pm** from their classroom to explore our Christmas Fair.

Children not picked up by 3.30pm will go into the Squirrel Club which will be running as normal. Yoga and Football will run from 2.30-3.30. on this day.

On our second Non-uniform Day you will asked to bring in bottles for our tombola.

A recent award

We are very pleased to receive an award this Friday reflecting the quality of our curriculum in relation to teaching Dyslexic pupils.

The award will be presented to Mrs Claire Fortune by the Dyslexic Institute for providing an excellent level of support for these children at our school. This award was sponsored by Lindamood Bell and will be presented at Twickenham Stadium at a black- tie event.

Please don't forget to order your Christmas presents through the easy fundraising site. The link is below.



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/?v=a>

Greenredeem

We were awarded £610.00 for our recycling efforts. Great news!

Poorly Children

Please remember that if your child is unwell they should not be in school. This is especially important if your child is unwell with sickness. The guidance from The Public Health Organisation suggests that your child should not return for 48 hours. Over the winter months there are some severe bugs going around and it is not just the children who end up getting poorly.

Wellington Boots

Don't forget to bring in an old pair of your child's wellington boots so they can play on the field.

Elf visiting our school

Helping our School

We are excited at the possibility of a real Elf visiting our school on 12th December. She is going to be showing the children some magic and giving everyone a book.



The children will be having a traditional **Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday 15th December.**

Everyone is expected to participate. There is a great atmosphere and everyone gets to dress up and have a tasty meal.

The F, Year 1 and 2 have a free meal whilst the Year 3 & 4 will be charged in the normal manner. Any queries please speak to Juliette.

All children can wear a Christmas Jumper/T Shirt for the Christmas Lunch

Our Nativity

Performance

Our Nativity performance is on Friday 20th December 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 and light coat inside a rucksack.

The children will be given a drink and a snack inside the church and will eat lunch in the hall. This is where you will find all your child's belongings at the end of the performance

This year 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.

Year 1 (and any year 4 children who are dressing up) need to arrive at church already dressed in the clothes the class teachers have specified. Thank you

Individual school photos

All children have had their individual school photographs and these will be available for sale soon.

Phil the Bag

This Thursday the PTA are asking everyone to bring in their bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding etc. This is a great initiative as we usually raise a lot of money for our school.

Parking

There may be a few parents using their hazard lights when they are parked outside the school. It has been brought to our attention that for oncoming traffic this can be confusing and may look as if you intend to pull out. Apparently, it is not in the Highway Code.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

News from the PTA

Message from our new chair

I would like to introduce myself as the new chair of Braywood School PTA. My name is Sally Hackett and my daughter Ava is in Y2. This is the first time I have taken on such a role and I am very much looking forward to chairing the PTA here at Braywood.

I believe the role of the PTA is vital in supporting the school to provide the best education & opportunities for our children. These can be in many different ways such as organising volunteers to help in school or financially through fundraising activities which help fund trips and equipment the school would otherwise be unable to afford.

We have many great activities scheduled for the upcoming school year. Christmas Fayre being the next main event. We are all very busy, and as they say, many hands make light work, so please do volunteer to help whenever possible.

Thanks in advance for your help & support
Sally Hackett



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 run and play on the gravestones. These are not agreed ways to come into school.



What is happening this term?

Tuesday 26 th November	Year 4 trip to Eton College Year 2 trip to the Synagogue
Wednesday 27 th November	Family Assembly Guest speaker talking about helping your child with their homework
Thursday 28 th November	Year 3 Athletics tournament
Thursday 28 th and Friday 29 th November	Phil the Bag – collections at the Church House drop your bags on either day
Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day collecting bottles
Friday 29 th November	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair 3- 4.30pm
W/C 9 th December	All clubs finish
Thursday 12 th December	Real Elf visiting school
Saturday 14 th December	Christingle service at St Michaels Church, Bray at 4pm everyone welcome
Monday 16 th December	Father Christmas Visits school
Monday 16 th December	The Snow Queen Pantomime
Monday 16 th December	School Parties
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner for the whole school and Governors visit
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Concert at 1pm at Bray Church
Last Day of Term	Last Day of Term – school closes at 2pm
20th December to 4th January	Christmas Break
Tuesday 7th January	Back to School
Tuesday 7th January	All class meetings at 8.45-9.15am
w/c 14 th January	All clubs start

School Clubs Timetable



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	Depending upon class timings
	BALLET Years 3+	4.00-4.45
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.*

Pupil Parliament Update

Next PP meeting is on Wednesday 18th December alongside Governors

At this meeting we are discussing the curriculum, teaching and learning in the classrooms and how the children feel that we could help them further. Are there any other areas of the curriculum they would want to learn about? Later in the year parents will be invited to discuss similar questions at our next family assembly.

With the Governors the children will be talking about their work in the class whilst they conduct a 'deep dive' into various curriculum areas. The children really enjoy having the governors into school to talk about what is happening in their classroom.



Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – Diversity, British Values and Advent

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