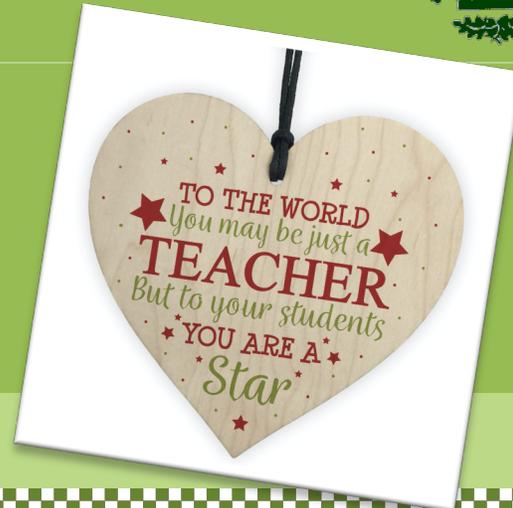


Braywood Newsletter



Saying goodbye to Mrs
Wakeman !



Spring 2020

What is happening this term?

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Thursday 12th March	Maths Day & Curriculum Meeting
Wednesday 25th March	Family Assembly at 9am
Friday 3rd April	Easter Concert - 1pm & last day of term
From 4th to 8th May	Changes to the May Bank Holiday
Friday 26th June	Grandparents into School
Saturday 27th June	Summer Fair

Saying goodbye to Mrs Wakeman

At the end of this short term sadly Helen Wakeman will be leaving Braywood after 17 years of excellent service.

Due to her increasing skill and expertise, Mrs Wakeman has managed to attain a deputy headship at a large local primary school. Although Mrs Wakeman could teach in all year groups, she actually started working in Class 1. As time grew her role became synonymous with the Year 4 children where she worked alongside Anne Farley.

Mrs Wakeman took a strong lead in Mathematics and PE across the school and was successful in her role as a teacher trainee mentor. She is a very successful teacher who makes a difference to the children in her class. She is popular with the children and brings a wealth of knowledge to all her teaching.

We will be celebrating Mrs Wakeman's career and wishing her well on Wednesday 25th March at 9.00 in the Church house. Please do join us!

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

Exciting Design and Technology

Both Year 3 and 4 have been busy making a Roman trebuchet and Egyptian shaduf using wheels, axils and levers.



Visit from various animals

We have lots of visitors in school including a vet from a local business. Our little acorns will be watching some ducklings hatch over the next few weeks.



What is it like to be a Roman?

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic Roman experience at Ufton court.



Update from the recent Parental Survey

Usually we would only receive 20-30 replies to our surveys, but we had a good response asking people to fill them in during the consultation because we want to hear from all parents. We had 91 replies for this survey. There were lots of positive comments – thank you! Parking and our playground were recurring themes.

9% of parents would like another meeting regarding of PSHE curriculum

Thoughts about Blazers..

69% of our parents thought a blazer would be a good idea and of those parents 57% would like the blazer without a trim and 43% with the trim. The main concern with the trim was keeping it clean.

Ideas for the PTA were ...

- *Astroturf & additional sports equipment e.g. a goal*
- *Bake off competitions*
- *New reading books/ ICT equip.*
- *Shaded area for parents to wait*
- *Online site for second-hand clothes*
- *Mathletic programme*

14% of parents shared an idea...

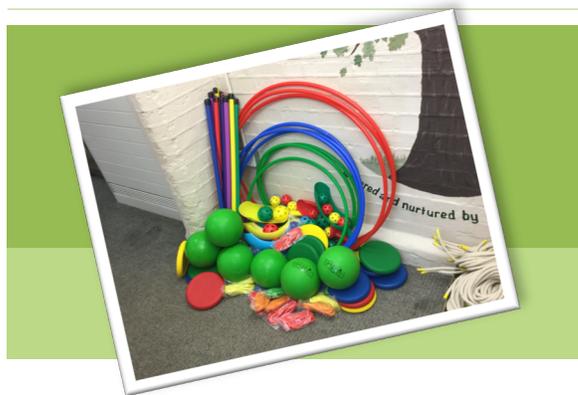
- *More parent/ teacher feedback*
- *Parking and street lights*
- *More after school clubs e.g. chess*
- *Swimming lessons for whole school*

Other themes are ---

The playground surface, climbing wall and markings are already going ahead. We have to wait for better weather and a new April budget! Resurfacing of the playground/drainage is a huge cost and one we cannot afford at present. The Church pathway is also in planning permission with the Diocese. A lottery bid for the outdoor gym is in process.

Our wifi connection is very poor and we have to wait until fibre arrives to Fifield. We already have a Vegetable garden.

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Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

**The PTA have also provided some new playground equipment!
THANK YOU!!**

Postcards of Kindness

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/discover/2019/october/postcards-of-kindness/>

We have been supporting Age UK by writing some postcards of kindness. The aim of this project is to write a postcard to an elderly resident in one of the two local nursing homes in the district. We are hoping that this will bring a lot of joy to our older local community. These will be delivered soon.

Cooking for the homeless

We were in the Maidenhead Advertiser recently because we have been making biscuits for the local homeless people. This initiative is generated by our Chair of Governors, Anne Farley, who is cooking a series of meals alongside the Shelter charity. Our Year 4 children, under Sonia's skilful coaching have been baking these biscuits. Apparently they have gone down very well.



Special Curriculum Days - Literacy Day

This day coincides with World Book Day. This year we are following the theme of 'sharing a book'. To this end we would like all children to bring in a book they enjoy and would like to share with a friend. Year 3 and 4 are asked to also bring in a book to share with a younger child such as Foundation or Year 1.

The theme of the day is drama. Mrs Teeder (our Literacy Coordinator) has organised a drama specialist to work with the children on drama workshops throughout the day. In addition, everyone will be exploring playscripts. The children need to be in their school uniform for these sessions so they will not be dressing up on this particular Literacy Day.

The children will be allowed to swap their books at the end of the day so please let your child know whether they are allowed to do this. They will all receive a £1 book token which can be spent on Friday 6th March at an Usborne book sale. As outlined in previous newsletters the PTA disco has been moved to the end of the summer term. The Squirrel Club invite any child to join them from 3-4.30pm if they would like to dress up!

There is, however, a special curriculum meeting at the end of the day for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. This will be held at 2.15 pm in the Church house.

We will be discussing early reading skills, phonic teaching and how to help your child in all areas of English.



Special Curriculum Days - Mathematics Day

On this day we will be focussing on times tables and the fact that you are a rock star if you can recall these facts quickly.

We are asking on this day that your child comes into school dressed as their favourite rock star. Together with exciting Maths activities the children will be learning more about problem solving. This should be lots of fun.

There is a second curriculum session at 2.15 pm in the Church House for Year 2, 3 and 4. This will cover the various strategies used to help your child understand more about the craft of manipulating number.

Special Curriculum Day Entrepreneurial Day

The aim of this day is to open the children's horizons to different careers. In the morning we have invited members of our local community to talk to the children and in the afternoon, children will visit specific workshops led by our parents. We are very grateful for our parent volunteers for giving up their time.

Sports Relief

To add to these experiences, we have an athlete join us for an assembly and then an action-packed PE activity. This is to support Sports Relief and there is the opportunity to sponsor your child. If you are not interested in sponsoring, each child has the opportunity to purchase a Sports Relief wristband.

There will also be a specific leaving PE tournament for Mrs Wakeman during the last week of this term.

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 Michael's 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.

Australian Bush Fires

Thank you for your support with this. We managed to raise £160 to support the Australian Bush Fires.

Car Parking

There have been a lot of complaints regarding parking cars on the double line, sitting in the car with the engine running and turning around in our drive. Please remember our Traffic Code of Conduct.

Summer Camp

We are holding a summer camp between 20th -24th July & 10th - 14th August. If you are interested, please let the office know. See attached leaflet.

Important Dates for Next Term

- **Transition Days** for Y4 and New Pupils – 3rd July
- **Braywood Alumni** - 5th July
- **End of Year Production** – 8-9th July
- **Sports Day and End of Year Picnic** – 17th July

News from the PTA

Please remember

There is going to be a cinema night tonight at The Old Court, Windsor.

We had a fantastic Valentine Cake Sale. A really lovely ending to the term. Thank you for all your contribution.

Class Reps will be selling the tickets for the Year 1 Dance

Show. Please remember that there is only **one** ticket per family.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March at The Jolly Gardener at 7.30pm. I hope that you can join us.

March is very busy month raising money for Sports Relief, so our next main event is the Sponsored Fun Run in May and possibly VE Day. Many thanks

Sally Hackett



Children playing with the PE equipment we raised over the years.

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

Please remember for safeguarding reasons children cannot be handed over to an older sibling at the end of the school day.



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

What is happening this term?

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
Friday 6 th March	Osbourne Books talk and sale of books.
Thursday 12 th March	Maths Day with Maths Curriculum Meeting for Y2, 3 and 4 in Church House at 2.15 pm
Thursday 19 th March	Entrepreneurial day with speakers
Wednesday 18 th March	Piano Assembly by Sarah Walker at 9am
Wednesday 18 th March	PTA meeting at 7.30pm at Jolly Gardener
Sunday 22 nd March	Mothering Sunday Service at St Michael's Church in Bray at 10am
Wednesday 25 th March	Family Assembly at 9am
Friday 27 th March	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 1 Dance Show, parents are invited from 2pm.
Wednesday 1 st April	Pupil Parliament Day on our Vision – Parents invited into school
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. All clubs start on 27 th April.
Tuesday May 12 th	Visit to Rainforest regarding Chocolate topic for Y4
Thursday 21 st May	Lego workshop for Y4 in school
Thursday 23 rd May	Netball tournament for Netball team
Monday 25 th May	Bank Holiday 25-29 th May is half term Back to school on Monday 1 st June
WC 29 th June	All clubs finish (although the Boosters classes will finish after half term).
Thursday 7 th May	VE Day Celebrations
Wednesday 3 rd June	Y2 and 3 going to Windsor Great Park Open Day

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	
	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. We have received one nomination and will be dealing with this in due course.



Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

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