

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

# Braywood Newsletter



Mrs Calvert and all her staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve

What is happening this month?

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert Rehearsal 8.45am at Bray Church
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Educational Reindeer visit for all Christmas Concert 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term. School closes at 2pm. No ASC
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	First Day back at school at 8.45am
WC 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Class meetings start (see later on in the newsletter for dates).

*For more dates see the back of the newsletter.*

## Are we ready for Christmas?

### Christmas Dinner & Pantomime

This year the Christmas Dinner will be held in the Church House. All children are expected to participate and are able to wear a Christmas Jumper if they would like to.

### Christmas Nativity Concert

There is a rehearsal for our Nativity on the morning of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. No Foundation children please. Parents are asked to drop their child off at St Michaels Church in Bray between 8.45 and 9am. The children will be brought back to school by coach. Please don't bring book bags. Packed lunch or school packed lunch on this day please.

Our concert on Thursday at 6.30pm is in church. Please don't arrive before 6pm. All pupils wearing costumes need to come to church wearing their outfits. Please do not park in the church yard or in an inconvenient place for any Bray resident. This has caused conflict over the past few years.

This year we have asked Bray Cricket Club if we could park in their car park and they have kindly agreed. There will be wardens out on the night to help parents to park their cars.

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>





# What happened last month?

## Some of the recent trips and visitors

### Santa arrived

Last week Santa arrived on a tractor much to the children's delight. He brought along with him two elves who read a story and then each child received a gift.



### Christmas Fair

It was lovely to see so many mums and dads at our fair this year. The children had lots of fun and we raised valuable cash for the school.

### PTA Halloween Discos

The whole school really enjoyed an opportunity to dance away the afternoon with their friends. The DJ was very good and entertained the children well.

### Year 4 Dance

Year 4 presented a wonderful Dance sequence this term to the whole school

### Visiting Dedworth Church

We have links to 'All Saints' church in Dedworth and Revd. Louise always conducts our Christingle service in school. This year it will be taking place on Monday of next week.

Last month the Year 1 and 2 pupils visited this church to learn more about Christianity and their celebrations.

Revd. Louise will be retiring at Easter and we will miss her support greatly.

## Standards and Progress

### Early Years

Last year 87% 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 achieved beyond those expectations.



These achievements are indicative of the hard work and passion our teachers and teaching assistants put into their work and how they are committed to ensure that children achieve well at Braywood.



# Events and news for this month

## BREAKING NEWS

**Do you know anyone who would be interested in working for our Squirrel Club?**

### Halloween and Macmillan

We raised £427.00 and £193.00 respectively for both these events.

Thank you to the PTA.

### Squirrel Club

Please note our club finishes at 5.30pm. Once we have cleared up and locked the classroom children are walked over to the office and should be picked up from there. Late pickups will incur a cost of £3 per fifteen minutes. Please remember to sign out.

### Childcare vouchers

Please check with your employer to see if they offer this scheme. It is a tax effective means of paying for after school care. It will not accept new application after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 so sign up if you think you may use them in the future. They can be used for netball and PGL trip as well as Early bird and Squirrel Club.



### Kiss and Drop

Please use kiss and drop as it really helps traffic flow during the peak morning rush. Please do not arrive before 8.30 though as this just obstructs the traffic flow. Thank you

### **END OF TERM**

**School closes on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December at 2pm.**

**There is no after school club on  
this day.**

### Christmas Nativity Concert

Our Nativity performance is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome especially our Foundation Stage children.**

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** we have a rehearsal for the concert. **Please drop your child off at St Michael's Church in Bray between 8.45-9am in the morning.**

**Foundation children do not need to be in church and can come into school as normal.**

It would be appreciated if parents could work together and car share (including children usually attending breakfast club wherever possible). The staff need to be at the church.

On the evening 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 are plenty of suitable parking spaces including the Cricket Club.

On Thursday evening your child will be expected to **be in church by 6.30pm.** Year 1 and year 4 children need to arrive already dressed in their costumes. **Please do not arrive before 6.00pm** as the church will not be open and staff will not be there.

The children in Mrs Rexworthy's class will be sitting with their parents until the last three songs where they will be joining the other children at the front of the stage.

All children can come into school on Friday morning from 8.45-10am if you would like to. If you arrive after 9am please bring your child in through the main school entrance.

## Continued

### Children in Need

Thank you for your contributions. The PTA raised £194 for Children in Need this year.

### Christmas Fair

The PTA worked very hard this year to organize a very successful Christmas fair – many thanks to Corinna and her team. We raised almost £3,000 which is a staggering amount.

The children have been talking about what their perfect Christmas fair would look like during their whole school council meeting yesterday. They came up with some great ideas!

Please do try to attend PTA meetings or help with these functions as *'many hands make light work'*. The PTA are always keen to hear new

ideas or opinions; you are all considered members of the 'Friends of Braywood' PTA. There is always a shortage of helpers at events like this which is why the Christmas fair runs from 2pm to allow staff and TA to help on stalls.

### Collecting Stamps

We are collecting used stamps for the Royal Institution for Blind People. After Christmas there will be a box in the porch to put your stamps in and they need to have 1cm border around them. If we do collect enough stamps the RNIB will receive £20 for each batch.

### Christmas Postbox

The Christmas post box is open for the whole school to use. Year 4 enjoy delivering the Christmas cards to each class every day.

### Mobile Phones

Can all parents remember that it is against the law to use (or look at) a mobile phone whilst in the car. As a school we are often under scrutiny from the police because of the traffic situations outside the school and there is an increased risk of being fined because of this.

This is particularly noticeable whilst parents are waiting for kiss and drop.

### Class Meetings for January

Dates for your diary

**Year F – Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 1 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 2 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 3 – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 4 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

All meetings are held in the Clockhouse at 8.45am.

## Teaching and Learning

### Changes to Reading

All children in school are covering some form of reading every day either through group reading, literacy groups or sharing stories. We also have three volunteers who read on a one-to-one basis with the children alongside all the teaching staff who administer home reading books by hearing their pupils read during their lunch break.

The home reading books and library books are to support this learning at home. This is obviously very important because children's

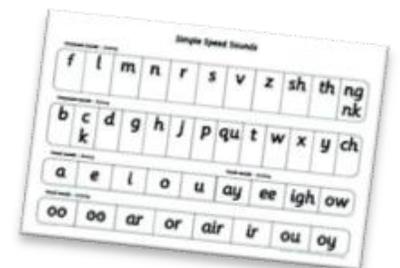
progress is so much more marked if this learning is reinforced at home.

To make the allocation of books more efficient teachers will now be scanning the books and keeping an electronic record in school. Your child's book will be accompanied by a learning log which is a communication tool to be used by parents. Do take ownership of this book and keep the teacher informed of your child's reading at home.

We hope to phase this in soon.

Link to the website for more information on helping your child.

[http://braywood+ce.schools.co.uk/web/help\\_your\\_child\\_to\\_read\\_/36258](http://braywood+ce.schools.co.uk/web/help_your_child_to_read_/36258)





### After School Club

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

Here are this month's house point's results:

<b>Eagles</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Kestrels</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Hawks</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Falcons</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Kites</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>17</b>

We have recently appointed Year 4 House Captains alongside our Y4 Sports leadership roles.

## What is happening this term?

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle with Revd Louise Brown
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner for all
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Treasure Island Pantomime
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert Rehearsals in Bray Church from 8.45am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity Concert at Bray Church at 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term at 2pm
<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	In-service Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Judo Assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Foundation Class Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Class Meeting
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Class Meeting
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Class Meeting
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Class Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Happy Bags

All 'Booster' groups have finished this week  
All clubs finish this week and will not start again until 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Christmas Lunch Menu**  
 Roast Turkey served with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy  
 or  
 Quorn Turkey served with vegetarian sausage, sage and onion stuffing, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy

**Herby Roast Potatoes,  
 Honey Glazed Carrots & Garden Peas**

**Dessert**  
 Gingerbread or Homemade Christmas Pudding

**caterlink**  
 feeding the imagination

## Clubs



Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	French Yr1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Chelsea Football	
	Foundation	2.45-3.15
	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
	Netball Years 3&4	3.15-4.15
Friday	No Club at present	

**All clubs commence on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan**

## PTA Update

**There was a PTA meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm at the Jolly Gardener. Please do try to attend the PTA meetings.**

Everyone would like to wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and

Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

*Theme – Family, friendships and love*

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