

Braywood Newsletter



Our Year 4 singing
to the Bray senior
citizens!



Summer 2019

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Friday 28 th June	Grandparents into School 1-3pm
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	SUMMER BREAK

Changes to our staffing structure

From September 2019

The staffing structure at our school is very stable but sometimes things must change!

Anne Farley plans to retire after almost 20 years of wonderful service. She has many strengths both as a teacher and leader, and her passion and commitment for our school is unequalled. Over the years Mrs Farley has taught in many year groups but is most fondly remembered as a Year 4 teacher where she mentored many new teacher trainees. As Literacy lead her most successful initiative, the Ruth Miskin Scheme, has had the most impact on all the children's learning. We are thrilled to say that her next step is to take on the role of Chair to the Governors.

Tuss Ingram is also leaving us in July. She is a talented, popular and enthusiastic teacher who has worked with our school for an impressive 10 years. Mrs Ingram trained as a student teacher and has worked successfully in our Early Years and Year 3 classrooms. She is an accomplished talent and it is no wonder that she has been snapped up by a school that is much closer to her home. We shall greatly miss her but we wish her all the best in her new role.

Please note

We are tweeting and posting on Instagram every day now so please come and join us! The children will be explaining what has been happening in their classroom.





What has been happening in school?

Some of the trips and visitors we have had this term

Robot Wars

Year 4 enjoyed a fun morning making robot cars using Lego and electrical circuits. Once the cars were programmed the children then raced each other. This activity allows our older children to explore complex aspects of the computing curriculum. This was paid for by the school.

PE Focus

Recently we have enjoyed two PE tournaments with a focus on orienteering and cricket.

Netball

'On Thursday 25th April Braywood entered 3 teams into a Netball tournament held at Trevelyan School. The children played against 7 other teams from Eton Wick, Oldfield and Dedworth schools.

The children supported and encouraged each other, they showed respect to their opponents and staff when changing positions and had a lot of fun during the 8 games they played. We were very proud of all the children. Well done everyone'



Trips and Visitors

Year 1 are visiting Eton College's Natural History Museum. This is an eclectic collection of artifacts which feeds directly into their topic work.

Year 4 had a fascinating talk about Space from Mr Brayshaw (one of our governor's husband). It is amazing what some people have the privilege to do for a job!



PTA update

Hi Everyone

Wow, I can hardly believe we are in the final term already!

We have had an amazing year so far and our aim is to finish the year with a celebration event! Due to the gradual decline in numbers attending the Summer Fair (we know weekends get very busy for families) we have decided to try something different this year and do something in conjunction with Sports Day, which is the last day of term, and make it a real end of year celebration event.

There will be a few stalls on the playground's summer raffle, teas/coffee & drinks and a BBQ & Salad Bar. A few details are yet to be sorted – so please look out for more details to follow soon!

*This week we have our final Happy Bag Collection of the school year, **Tuesday 11th July**, and the Collection Deadline for Prize-winning is this Friday 15th June. Although we will continue to collect sponsor money after this date. (Please see the email sent out last week).*

There will be a few pop-up events – weather dependent. Our pop-up "Lolly Fridays" always go down a storm with the children – especially on warmer weather days! And I'm sure we will add a bake sale into the mix at some point too!

*With all that in mind, I am holding a **"Pop-in" PTA meeting on Tuesday 11th June at 2pm in the Annex.***

The "Pop-in" meeting we held last term was great in that we got to see some different faces and had some fresh input. As a result, we are doing it again and will hopefully get some different perspectives and fresh ideas.

The focus of this meeting will be the End of Year Celebration – ideas and feed-back for stalls, how to most efficiently run the BBQ, year-group hamper ideas, so that we have good parent input to make this both a successful and fun event, with most of the preparations done beforehand.

I look forward to seeing you at the pop-in meeting, and if you are unable to attend but have some ideas please feel free to come and have a chat!



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Year 4 are participating in the Santander 'fiver' challenge and will be trying to use their £5 wisely to make a profit. A car wash will be on Tuesday 25th June so please do come and support this event!

Staffing at Braywood

As you have seen from the front page of this newsletter there will be some changes to the staffing from September. We are very fortunate as we did not have to advertise for a teaching position as we have many excellent candidates in-house. Mrs Teeder will be the full-time teacher in our Foundation Stage and Mrs Rexworthy will be the full-time teacher in Year 3. There should be no issues with transition as that is all in hand and both teachers are looking forward to their new challenges. In September we will also be having a trainee teacher studying with us all year in Year 4.

Changing fortunes at Braywood

It is not unusual to hear about the tight budgets that schools have to manage. It is no different at Braywood. We have seen our budget drop year on year and have the added challenge of the low birth rate in Windsor.

We are asking our parents to help us. Alongside this newsletter are some flyers which we hope will help promote our school. So many prospective parents say they have never heard of our school and the best way to promote ourselves is through word-of-mouth.

We have got one of the best staff:pupil ratio's in the borough with almost three members of staff

in each classroom. I would like to continue this trend and maintain our high numbers.

Braywood Cottage

Just for your information we have tried so many different ways to acquire Braywood Cottage, if you do know of any property developer who you think may help do let the office know!

Changes to our 'Kiss and Drop' and clubs

From September 2019 there will be more clubs on offer after school for your convenience including a long-awaited Homework Club. Do watch out for the September Newsletter. We are also considering holding a two-week summer camp.

We are also going to change our 'kiss and drop' provision. As usual we will be trialing this change and parents can express their opinion.

Also from September 2019, Kiss and Drop will now run from 8.20am to 8.40pm. The children will be still taken down into the playground between 8.40-8.45am. As the provision has been extended there will be a cost of £1 per family regardless of whether you have 2 or 3 pupils. We will take a register every morning and parents will be charged every half term through schools.

Some parents will like this change because they do not have to queue on the road in the morning, others will not be as happy because they are being asked to pay for this facility.

Kiss and Drop is a service which costs the school £15 a session due to staffing costs. This cost will increase with the increased timings to £20 a session from September. Please let me know any immediate thoughts through the office.

Greenredeem

I can't believe it but we are in the top three for our Greenredeem collection points again. Last year we received £1,000 and we may achieve that goal again. Please could you donate any further point as the scheme closes at the end of June.

Family Assembly

Please come and join us on for our Family Assembly on Wednesday 12th June. We have an invited guest, Paul Hay who will be talking about Internet Safety. The children will then have class workshops. This has been at the cost of £200 to the school.

Foundation Trip

Our 'Little Acorns' are going on their first trip on Thursday 13th June to Braywick Nature Reserve. They will be taken to the park and transported back to school by coach.

Grandparents into School afternoon

All our grandparents are invited to come and join us at school on Friday 28th June from 1 to 3pm. This is usually a wonderful afternoon.

Open Classrooms and Reports out

On Friday 19th July, after school, is an opportunity to collect your child's reports and look at their work in the classroom. Reports can only be given to parents and carers.

Braywood Alumni High Tea

We are also asking our parent's help by circulating our invitations to our first Alumni event on Sunday 30th June from 2pm to 4pm. This event is for past pupils of all ages to come back to Braywood, take a look at the school again and meet their first teachers. There is tea and cakes available

PGL Trip for Year 4

Highlight of the Year 4 calendar is their residential trip. There is a meeting on Thursday 13th June to explain more about this event. The children will be out of school from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th July.

The rest of the school will be having summer parties and a talent show.

Transition Class Meetings

The Year 4 children will be visiting their next school on Thursday 4th to Friday 5th July. We take this opportunity to let the rest of the school meet their next class teacher.

The new children will be joining us on Friday 5th July to meet their new teacher and the rest of their new class mates.

To help parents understand more about the transition into your own child's new classroom we are running a meeting on Wednesday 3rd July at 8.45am in the Clockhouse.

Swan Upping

On Tuesday 16th July the Year 3 pupils will be visiting Oakley Court to observe the Swan Upping Ceremony. This is a special treat that is provided by the school.

Summer Concert

The Y3 and 4 Summer Concert is coming up on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July. Drinks will be available after each event.

Last Day of Term & Sports Day

On the last day of term we will be hosting our usual Sports Day.

We will start the day with our last Family Assembly at 9am outside in the playground. After the assembly we will be offering teas and coffees for our parents. During this time the Y4 children will be ringing the bell and this is an opportunity for the Y4 then to say goodbye to their teacher.

Sports races should run from 10.30 to 12.00pm. Parents are invited to bring in a picnic or we are providing a BBQ for lunch. Children will be required to stay for afternoon registration and then the school closes between approx. 1.30 - 2pm.

END OF TERM
School closes on Tuesday
23rd July at 2pm.
There is no after school
club on this day.
We open again at 8.45 on
Thursday 5th September

Teaching and learning

Results of the Parents' Survey

Is your child feel happy and safe?

97% said yes and 3% said no.

Is your child achieving well and are the teachers helping your child make progress?

94% said yes and 6% said they were not sure. 2 parents thought the children could be stretched more.

Are you happy with our Football Club?

34% said yes, 14% said no and 52% said they did not know.

Which photographer do you like at the moment?

Our original photographer 46%

Our new photographer 20% and 34% did not know.

As you are aware we have had some complaints about our photographer. But the survey suggested that most people preferred our original photographer. The latest photographs are slightly different so please let the office know your thoughts.

Ideas for the changes in our garden
Firstly (thanks to the PTA) we are totally renovating our gymnastics equipment in the Church House. We are purchasing wooden wall bars, new benches and linking climbing equipment. This will cost approximately £6,500.

The PTA have also very kindly offered to purchase an outdoor gym and a traverse wall. This again will cost £7,000. The playground markings have been discussed by the children, governors and staff. This work will take place when we have completed the landscaping in the Foundation Stage.



Reminders

PLEASE REMEMBER NO TRIM TRAIL AFTER SCHOOL DURING THESE WET MONTHS.

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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Tuesday 11 th June	PTA Meeting at school at 2pm
Wednesday 12 th June	Family Assembly 9am with Internet Safety speaker
Thursday 13 th June	Foundation Trip to Braywick Nature Reserve
Thursday 13 th June	PGL Meeting for Year 4 at 8.45am and 3pm
10 th to 14 th June	Phonics Test Week
Monday 17 th June	Year 1 trip to Eton College Natural History
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 4 'Fiver Challenge' with Santander Theme – car wash
Wednesday 26 th June	Piano Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Grandparents into school 1pm to 3pm
Sunday 30 th June	Braywood Alumni from 2-4pm
Monday 1 st July	Year 2 Rotary Maths Competition
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 Transition day to Middle School and 'meet your new teacher' sessions for the rest of the school
Friday 5 th July	Year 4 Transition day to Middle School and meet your new teacher session for the rest of the school
Friday 5 th July	New children's visit to Braywood all day
Thursday 11 th and 12 th July	Summer Concert at 6pm with drinks in the evening.
15 th -17 th July	PGL Trip for Year 4
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 3 Swan Upping Trip
Friday 19 th July	Reports out and Open classroom
Tuesday 23 rd July	Sports Day Family Assembly and BBQ picnic. School closes at 2pm
Thursday 5 th September	Back to School at 8.45
Thursday 5 th September	Meeting for all our parents o the first day back
9 th , 10 th & 11 th September	Forest Day trip for Y1, 2 & 3
Thursday 17 th September	Year 4 Longridge Trip
Friday 20 th September	Mums and Dads into school

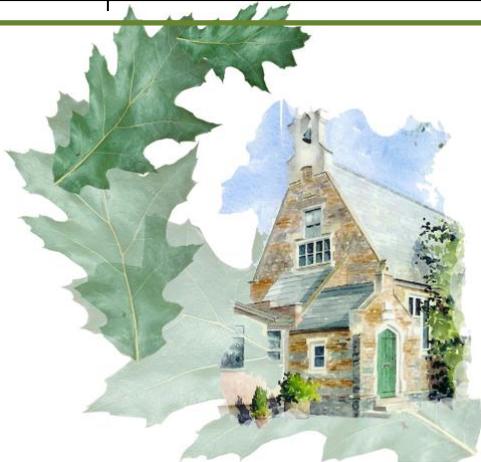


Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	Netball Years 3 & 4	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Chelsea Football	
	Foundation	2.45-3.15
	Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	Ballet Years 1&2	3.15-4.00
	Ballet Years 3+	4.00-4.45
	Modern/Tap dance 2+	4.45-5.30
Thursday	Sewing Years 1-4	3.20-4.35
Friday	Yoga Class Y1,2,3 &4	3.15-4.30

Braywood Extra - Squirrel Club

Menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 & Puddings	All sessions start with a snack of Rice Cakes, Biscuits or Fresh Salad and Hummous All meals finish with a pudding of - Yoghurts, Swiss Roll, Jelly, Ice Cream, Flapjacks and a variety of fruit.				

Activities	
Monday	Creative Activities
Tuesday	Decorate biscuit, pizza etc
Thursday	Cinema and read with pupils
We are planning for a homework Club over the next few months	



Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – New beginnings, ambition and determination

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