

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

# Braywood Newsletter



A 'Happy New Year' to  
all our families!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve

What is happening this month?

WC 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Class meetings start
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Maidenhead Mosque and Gurdwara
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Hindu Temple visit for Y3/4
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Concert in Bray Church at 1.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Break</b>

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

## Parents Evening

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 and F from 1pm**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 2, 3 and 4 from 9am**

The Year 1 and Foundation parents are invited into school to discuss their child's education with their class teacher from 1pm to 6pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March for 10 minute periods. The older children will be attending the consultation with their teacher and parents as we are keen for the children to deliver their learning objectives. For this reason, the sessions will be running from 9am to 5pm and will be 15 minutes long.

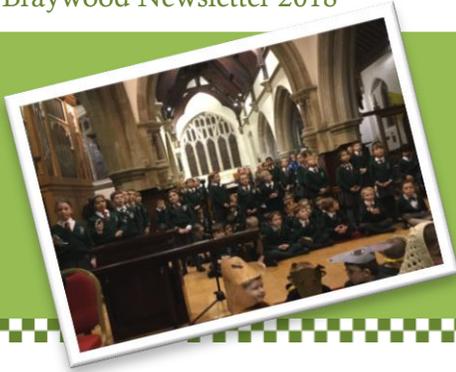
Sessions are arranged on eschool and bookings will be

available on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

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

### Christmas Concert

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our Christmas Nativity Concert. The children sang tremendously well and the Year 4 pupils did the school proud. Well done to everyone!

### 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 almost £3,000 for the school.



### Reindeer visit

The whole school had the opportunity to see and hear more about reindeer. This was especially lovely just before Christmas.

Many thanks to the PTA who kindly funded this experience.

### Christmas Lunch



For the first time, we all had Christmas lunch over in the Church House. Two children from each year sat on 15 tables alongside an adult who served out the food. The event went really well thanks to our cook Sonia who delivered a delicious Christmas dinner for us.

## *Up and coming tournament and competitions*

The Year 1 pupils have started to practice for their dance competition. There is a lot of work involved in this project including the choreography of the performance; rehearsals to ensure we can perform without an adult present and the actual performance on stage in front of a large audience including other first school parents.

Performances, tournaments and competitions are very important in school because it allows all skills and interests in school to be celebrated.



We have a Tag Rugby tournament coming up for Year 3 and 4 on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February at the Windsor Rugby Club and Mrs Wakeman is planning a possible Netball or Gymnastic competition in the near future.

Mrs Wakeman spends a great deal of time coordinating these additional curricular opportunities in order to enrich our school's curriculum.



# Events and news for this month

## **BREAKING NEWS**

All clubs start next week!

### **Neasden Hindu Temple**

Above is a photograph of the impressive Hindu Temple in London that our Year 3 and 4 pupils will be visiting.

### **Collection at the Church Nativity Concert**

We raised £351.11 for Reverend Louise's café at the Dedworth Church; our school Nativity costumes and a contribution towards St Michael's Church in Bray.

Thank you for parking courteously at this event. We only had one car which was damaged and no complaints from the local residents.

### **Squirrel Club**

Our Squirrel Club goes from strength to strength with numbers reaching a record high. As a result we can afford to appoint new staff who will be supporting our existing team of Danielle, Gill, Sarah and Julia. Corrina Jellyman and (possibly) Claire Whitfield will be joining our team so that we are able to have three staff members on duty every day.

### **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 applications 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.

**END OF TERM  
School closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
February at 2pm.  
There is no after school club on  
this day.**

### **PTA Meetings**

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.

### **Head lice**

Please be advised that we have an outbreak of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair. Thank you

### **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.

### **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.

### **Easter Concert**

The Easter Concert is again on the last day of term at 1.30pm. The concert should finish at 2pm when the school closes for Easter.

Please be advised that the Bray Cricket Club Car Park will be available and that it is very important to park courteously.

## Continued

### Caterlink

There has been a slight change in the Caterlink menu this term. They have replaced some of the jacket potato meals for pasta to provide a more varied choice of meal. They are proving to be very popular!

There has been a new menu sent out and we have attached an electronic menu to this newsletter. The menu was late coming out this term and we have asked Caterlink if we could have the menus at the end of the previous term. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Due to our census day Fish and Chips will be served on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and the Thursday choice will be available on the Friday.

### Organisation for our consultation events

Whether you are arriving in school time or after school time please can you come to the office where one of our office staff will direct you to your appropriate class teacher. All the teachers will be in the Church House and parents will be staying in Class 2 until it is their time slot. There will be more detailed information to follow nearer the time.

### World Book Day

We have got an author 'Coral Rumble' coming into school during our literacy day. More details on that to follow.

On World Book Day your child will be able to come into school dressed in their favourite book character. The

PTA World Book Day disco will be at the end of the day.

### Berkshire Meastros

We are hosting the **Big Play Days** this January at the Windsor Music Centre. It is a chance for all pupils in the area learning an instrument to join an ensemble rehearsal for the day and experience the fun and excitement of playing in a group. There will be an informal performance at the end of each session with a good mix of ages and abilities, so if you know how to read music or not, all will be welcome.

To sign up, visit [http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/big\\_play\\_days.html](http://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/big_play_days.html) where you will find all the information you need. It costs £3, and sessions take place at various times depending on your instrument, so check the website for details.

Day and Time
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 4.15 - 5.15
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 11.00 - 12.00
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 09.00 - 10.00
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 08.15 - 09.00

Any questions, please contact me at [benjaminstevens@berkshiremaestros.org.uk](mailto:benjaminstevens@berkshiremaestros.org.uk) and I look forward to seeing you all there for some top quality music making!

### Children leading their Learning - Going for Goals

All the children are busy working on their targets as this terms PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) is about 'Going for Goals'

Even the very young children need to understand the learning intention of the lesson or as we say to the children can they answer the 'learning question' at the end of the lesson.

## Teaching and Learning

All the pupils will have time with their teacher to discuss their work and what would be their specific targets.

Year 3 and 4 are very busy preparing their presentations regarding their learning in the classroom. They always enjoy working on the computers! This is all in preparation for the forthcoming parents' evenings.

We feel that the children's learning is a partnership between the teacher, pupil and their parents. If we all understand the learning journey then we will be able together to make the right choices for each child.

We look forward to seeing you all at these meetings. Please see dates on the front page.



### 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:

**Eagles 12**

**Kestrels 12**

**Hawks 14**

**Falcons 13**

**Kites 16**

**Owls 17**

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



In the event of a snowfall please check the website for details. We will always endeavor to stay open and operate a whole school 'kiss and drop' session.

## What is happening this term?

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
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 trip to Maidenhead Gurdwara and Mosque
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 3 and 4 trip to Hindu Temple at Neasden
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Tag Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 and F Parent Consultations from 1pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 2, 3 and 4 Parent Consultations
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day and PTA Disco
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Literacy Day with visiting author
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Concert at 1.30 pm at Bray Church
29 <sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	EASTER BREAK
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Fun Run
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair at 2pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Day & Leavers assembly

All 'Booster' groups will start next week

## 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	Yoga Club	
	Year1,2,3,4	3.15-4.15

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

## PTA Update

**There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm at the Jolly Gardener**

The PTA have helped us a lot this year paying for group reading and Read Write Inc books, dictionaries, keyboards and most importantly the stage lighting in the Church Hall.

Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

*Theme – Courage, Resilience and Determination*

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