

# Braywood Newsletter



Getting ready for our  
second term back!



Autumn 2018

## What is happening this term?

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Assembly with guest speaker
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Christmas lunch
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and	Christmas Rehearsal at Bray Church at 8.45am.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance at Bray Church at 6.30pm



## Working alongside parents

### Family Assemblies

Taking advantage of the fact that so many parents attend our family assemblies, we would like to provide refreshments after the assembly and invite either a speaker or have teachers available to help with specific concerns such as reading practice. On 20<sup>th</sup> November the Educational Psychologist will be talking about child anxiety.

### Parents Evenings

We hope that as many parents as possible can join the teachers for our first parents' evening of the year. If you have not booked an appointment there is still time.

*Due to the fact that the teachers have given up two evenings for this event, there are no more opportunities to make alternative arrangements unless your child's class teacher feels that there is a specific reason that they would like to talk to you about your child.*

## Please note

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



# What has been happening in school?

Some of the trips and visitors we have had this term

## Mums and Dads into School Day

Although we were not blessed with the best day to eat outside, we did have a great time with our parents sharing our teaching practices and providing an outline for the year ahead.

Thank you for all coming and supporting the school so well!

## Longridge in Marlow

The Year 4 children went to Longridge for the first time this year. The purpose of the trip was to foster team building, develop resilience; going for goals and to just have a great time.

Year 1, 2 and 3 went to the Windsor Great Park to achieve the same goals.

## Singing for Bray Senior Citizens

Our Year 4 children really enjoy this event because their singing is so gratefully received by their audience. There is also cake of course!

## What's the PTA organizing this term?



This year we will need volunteers before/during and after events. Please let your year reps know if you are able to help. **An hour per family** would cover all the work needed. We will be trialling an online sign up system this year to make it easier to find out how you can help.

We really value parents' contributions and having

well attended events makes such a difference to the atmosphere and the children.



The Xmas package is coming out at the end of this week with more details regarding the Christmas Fair.



# Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

**The Kestrels are in the lead with 10 points!**

## Armistice Day

Poppies and a range of Remembrance Day gifts can be purchased from the office (or Year 4 in the playground) at the end of every day until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

There is always a service in front of the memorial on the afternoon of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to attend.

## Harvest

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Harvest Celebrations. We raised £83.19 for Alexander Devine. Our food contributions were so gratefully received from Maidenhead Food Bank.



Next year we will have the Harvest Service in Bray Church.

## Christmas Fair

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December all children can be collected from 2.30pm from their classroom to explore our Christmas Fair.

If you are picking up between 2.30 and 3.15pm your child will be found in Class 4.

Children not picked up by 3.30pm will go into the Squirrel Club.



## Children in Need

Our first Non-uniform Day will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. You will be asked to bring in bottles, money bags and a small donation towards this cause – Children in Need.

The second Non-uniform Day is on 30<sup>th</sup> November and the collection will be for sweets, and toys or any late bottles and money bags.

## Our Christmas Nativity Concert

Our Nativity performance is on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Everyone is welcome.** The nativity finishes at 7.15pm.

On **Monday 17<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. This year our Foundation pupils will be joining us.**

It would be appreciated if parents could work together and car share. The staff need to be at the church so will be unable to offer lifts. Do speak to Juliette if you have any problems, as I am sure we could help.

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 is plenty of suitable parking spaces e.g. Bray Cricket Car Park.

On Tuesday evening your child will be expected to **be in church by 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start**. Year 1 and year 4 children need to arrive already dressed in their costumes. **Please do not arrive before 6pm** as the church will not be open and staff will not be there.

All children can come into school on Wednesday morning from 8.45-10am. If you arrive after 8.45 please bring your child in through the main school entrance.



### **Christmas Dinner**

The children will be having a traditional **Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

Everyone is expected to participate. There is a great atmosphere and everyone gets a cracker and a tasty meal.

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**

### **Helping our School**

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>

We have raised over £700 with just 42 users just imagine how much we could have raised if we all used this site!

### **Green Redeem**

Please can you donate your Green Redeem points to our school THIS MONTH. We have a real chance of having the most points in the borough and earning £1,000.

You have to sign in and go through to community. You can back date your donation.

### **Wellington Boots**

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

### **Individual school photos**

We are having two sets of school photographs this term as we have had some concerns regarding our usual provider. Andre is a previous parent who started taking photographs for us to save our parents' money. Please choose the photograph you prefer; there is no expectation that you purchase both photographs.

### **Headlice**

Please do be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly as we seem to have a slight problem at the moment. Combs are £5.50



### **Thank you to everyone**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Halloween Disco. We managed to raise a fantastic £300. The Happy Bags collection was also a great success as we raised a staggering £326.

## **Teaching and learning**

### **How are you all doing with our new spellings and mathematics competencies?**

They are definitely a change to how we have traditionally covered these homework tasks. The issue for school is that the children are learning these facts for the test but then not applying them in their school

work e.g. they are learning a spelling but then not using it in a piece of writing.

This week we had quite a few children who stood up and achieved their gold award in our celebration assembly. This means that they have been tested three times and have retained these facts for all three tests. Well done!

The spelling facts used from the DfE. For more information do check out the New Curriculum expectations for spelling at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/239784/English\\_Appendix\\_1\\_-\\_Spelling.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf)



## 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.



This space is going to be for cars who have been spotted parking or maneuvering dangerously.



## What is happening this term?

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> and	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	BBC Children in Need Non-Uniform Day collections for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Assembly at 9am and then a talk about child anxiety led by the Educational Psychologist at 9.45am
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Skipping Festival  Booster Classes stop for Christmas
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Sports Hall Athletics Festival
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Trees for Sale PTA
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair at 2.30pm
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	All Clubs finish
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner for the whole school Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ufton Court Trip for Year 3
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Alice in Wonderland Panto
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service at 4pm for Year 3 and 4 at Bray Church
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert Rehearsal for whole school
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert at 6.30pm at Bray Church
Last Day of Term	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December to 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Christmas Break</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Back to School</b>

## School Clubs Timetable



## 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	Active Gamerz	3.15-4.30
	Yr1,2,3 & 4	

## Pupil Parliament Update

### Changes to the School lunches

As you may be aware the children worked hard last year discussing our school lunches and how we can improve on the original menu. This was a huge success and now we have two initiatives to ensure that we reduce the amount of waste and that we eat our lunches quietly and respectfully remembering our manners. The best class receives an additional 5 minute playtime. So far Year 1, 2 and 3 have reached that target.

### Playground markings

The whole school came up with some fantastic ideas for our playground markings when we had our Pupil Parliament meeting last term. The Year 4 pupils fed these ideas back to the whole school.



Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

*Theme – New beginnings, ambition and determination*

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