Braywood Newsletter

Getting ready for our second term back!

Autumn 2019

What is happening this term?

Friday 29th November
- Non-uniform day collecting bottles

Friday 6th December
- Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December
- Real Elf to visit the school

Wednesday 18th December
- Christmas lunch, Panto and Santa visiting
- Christmas Performance at Bray Church at 1pm
- School Closes at 2pm

Working alongside parents

Our first family assembly is on

Wednesday 27th November at 9am

Our theme will be learning and how parents can help their child at home. We are very fortunate to have a special guest from the learning support team at the borough to attend after our assembly to offer individualized advice. There is a section on our website gives much more information.

https://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/web/how_to_help_your_child/36218

Please note

We are tweeting every day so please come and join us!
What has been happening in school?

Religion at Braywood
We had our first Harvest Festival at Bray Church and were pleased to see so many parents join us. These performances are very important for the children’s spiritual growth.

All classes focus on RE when we start our school year. Year 1 and 2 concentrate on Judaism and for their ‘Wow’ Day they are visiting the Synagogue, Year 3 have visited the local Gurdwara and Year 4 are planning our assemblies with Revd. Ainsley.

Wow days to start our topics
All classes either provide special activities in class, invite visitors into school or attend trips to provide an excitement and ‘wow’ to our topics. For example, in Year 4 the children are covering the Egyptians. They have been mummmifying fish and will be bringing this understanding to life when they visit the Egyptian exhibition at Eton College.

The boys from Eton College came to help at Braywood
We have been fortunate to have several young men from Eton College to lead music workshops for Year 3 and 4. These sessions were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

The Year 3 children will be learning to play an instrument this year led by the Berkshire Maestros.

Standards and Progress

Early Years and Phonics Test
Last year, 87% of EYFS pupils achieved a ‘good level of development’.

Year 1 pupils achieved 97% success rate on passing the Phonics Test. This is an excellent result.

Year 2 did exceptionally well last year and should be very proud of themselves. This class secured one of the best results in the borough.

Year 2
Reading – 96% achieved expected levels of attainment and 54% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Writing - 89% achieved expected levels of attainment and 43% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Maths - 100% achieved expected levels of attainment and 43% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

The rest of the school have achieved similar results. Very few children do not maintain the progress they have made from their previous year group.

Our priorities this year are to continue focusing on our writing skills, purchasing a new RSE and RE curriculum tool to help deliver our social and religious education and improving our ICT/DT curriculum with new laptops and trolley.
Trips this week
This week Year 2 have gone to the Synagogue as part of their RE topic on celebrations.
Year 4 have visited Eton College’s museum to look at Egyptian artifacts and Year 3 are attending an Athletics tournament. These dates are in this newsletter, on the website and on your personal platform.
All children will be taken to and brought back from the venue. Please check your child’s messages from the teachers for more information.

Harvest and Halloween
Thank you to all the parents who supported these events. We raised £80 for ‘Send a Cow’ charity. This will mean that we can afford a goat and a few chickens. Your food contributions were gratefully received by the food bank.

Christmas Fair
On Friday 6th December all children (including our Foundation) can be collected from 3pm from their classroom to explore our Christmas Fair.
Children not picked up by 3.30pm will go into the Squirrel Club which will be running as normal. Yoga and Football will run from 2.30-3.30. on this day.

A recent award
We are very pleased to receive an award this Friday reflecting the quality of our curriculum in relation to teaching Dyslexic pupils.

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

Elf visiting our school

Events coming up soon!

Breaking News
Claire Fortune will be presented with a prestigious award on Friday for her support of Dyslexic pupils. Well Done!

Greenredeem
We were awarded £610.00 for our recycling efforts. Great news!

Poorly Children
Please remember that if your child is unwell they should not be in school. This is especially important if your child is unwell with sickness. The guidance from The Public Health Organisation suggests that your child should not return for 48 hours. Over the winter months there are some severe bugs going around and it is not just the children who end up getting poorly.

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 are excited at the possibility of a real Elf visiting our school on 12th December. She is going to be showing the children some magic and giving everyone a book.

**Christmas Dinner**

The children will be having a traditional **Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday 15th December.**

Everyone is expected to participate. There is a great atmosphere and everyone gets to dress up and have a tasty meal.

The F, Year 1 and 2 have a free meal whilst the 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

**Our Nativity**

Our Nativity performance is on Friday 20th December 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 Michaels Church, Bray between 8.45 and 9am with a packed lunch and light coat inside a rucksack.

The children will be given a drink and a snack inside the church and will eat lunch in the hall. This is where you will find all your child’s belongings at the end of the performance.

This year 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.

**Individual school photos**

All children have had their individual school photographs and these will be available for sale soon.

**Phil the Bag**

This Thursday the PTA are asking everyone to bring in their bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding etc. This is a great initiative as we usually raise a lot of money for our school.

**Parking**

There may be a few parents using their hazard lights when they are parked outside the school. It has been brought to our attention that for oncoming traffic this can be confusing and may look as if you intend to pull out. Apparently, it is not in the Highway Code.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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**News from the PTA**

**Message from our new chair**

I would like to introduce myself as the new chair of Braywood School PTA. My name is Sally Hackett and my daughter Ava is in Y2. This is the first time I have taken on such a role and I am very much looking forward to chairing the PTA here at Braywood.

I believe the role of the PTA is vital in supporting the school to provide the best education & opportunities for our children. These can be in many different ways such as organising volunteers to help in school or financially through fundraising activities which help fund trips and equipment the school would otherwise be unable to afford.

We have many great activities scheduled for the upcoming school year. Christmas Fayre being the next main event. We are all very busy, and as they say, many hands make light work, so please do volunteer to help whenever possible.

Thanks in advance for your help & support
Sally Hackett
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Pupil Parliament Update

Next PP meeting is on Wednesday 18th December aongside Governors

At this meeting we are discussing the curriculum, teaching and leaning in the classrooms and how the children feel that we could help them further. Are there any other areas of the curriculum they would want to learn about? Later in the year parents will be invited to discuss similar questions at our next family assembly.

With the Governors the children will be talking about their work in the class whilst they conduct a ‘deep dive’ into various curriculum areas. The children really enjoy having the governors into school to talk about what is happening in their classroom.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – Diversity, British Values and Advent

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