

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

Braywood Newsletter



We have achieved so much this Autumn Term thanks to our parents, teachers and pupils!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve

What is happening this month?

Tuesday 7 th November	PTA meeting at The Jolly Gardener at 8pm.
Wednesday 8 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner
13 th (8.45am) & 14 th (6.30pm) December	Christmas Concert Rehearsal & Christmas Concert
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term. School closes at 2pm.

For more dates see the back of the newsletter.

Are we ready for Christmas?

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas fair starts at 2pm. Please collect your child from their classroom. Santa is arriving with presents in the morning.

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.

Christmas Nativity Concert

There is a rehearsal for our Nativity on the morning of Wednesday 13th Dec. 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.

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.

More information below...

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

Going for Goals

In September Corinna Jellyman organized for Geoff Smith to talk to us about his goal – climbing Everest.



Forest School

If the aim was problem solving, team building and just having fun these days were a great success.

Mums and Dads into School

It was lovely to see so many mums and dads in school to learn more about their children's education. It was a brilliant day and the children and staff really enjoyed the day.

Year 3 and 4 trip to Ufton

Our KS2 children are studying Ancient Egypt. At Ufton Court they learnt more about ancient Egyptian games, farming, pyramids and the art of mummification.

Milking a cow

Everyone had a go at milking 'buttercup' the cow this month. The school funder this event.

Y4 singing to the Bray Senior Citizens' Club

"Many thanks to you and the staff for bringing the children's choir to Bray on Wednesday. It was lovely to hear the children and to see them interacting with the club members. I hope the children enjoyed the afternoon as much as we enjoyed seeing them."



Standards and Progress

Early Years

Last year 87% of pupils achieved a 'good level of development'.

Phonics

For the last two years our Year pupils have achieved 97%-100% success rate on passing the Phonics Test. This is due to our effective 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

Can you spare a few hours a week?

We are in desperate need of lunchtime controllers.

Armistice Day

Poppies and a range of Remembrance Day gifts can be purchased from Year 4 (in the playground) at the end of every day until the 10th November.

There is always a service in front of our memorial on the afternoon of the 11th at 3pm.

On Tuesday we are having a Remembrance Assembly led by Captain Peter Dale.

Non-uniform days

Friday 10th & 17th November

On these days you will be asked to kindly bring bottles and tombola on the first Friday (10th) mystery bags and toy tombola on the second Friday (17th).

Halloween and Macmillan

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

Thank you to the PTA.

Bray Church Choir

If you are interested in joining a choir then the St Michaels's Community Choir is practicing for a concert on Sunday 10th December at 3pm. The proceeds will go to the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.

They will be holding practices in church on Monday 20th and 27th November and the 4th and 7th December from 7-8pm in church.

Kiss and Drop

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

Harvest Festival

This was fun and we raised £257.03 which we will put towards Unicef Hurricane relief.



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 1st 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 Tuesday 19th
December at 2pm.

There is no after school on
this day.

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Survey during parent's evening

We are using a short survey to canvas opinion on two areas.

The first topic concerns trips and how working parents can find it difficult to collect their child from a different venue. If a trip is close to school such as The Great Park or Braywick Nature Reserve we have traditionally asked parents to collect from the venue instead of ordering a coach. The cost of a coach would be approximately £4.50 for a single journey and £7.00 for a return. Is there a need to change this policy?

The second area is for information only. We are asking whether parents would be interested in the school became a primary school. There are no plans to go ahead with this proposition as our school would have to become an academy to be able to achieve this goal. We have no plans to become an academy at present either. It is always good to be well informed of parental opinions.



Christmas Nativity Concert

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

On **Wednesday 13th 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 to be with children.

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.

On Monday evening your child will be expected to **be in church for a 6.45pm start.** Year 1 and year 4 children need to arrive already dressed in their costumes. **Please do not arrive before 6.15pm** 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 two songs where they will be joining the other children on the stage.

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

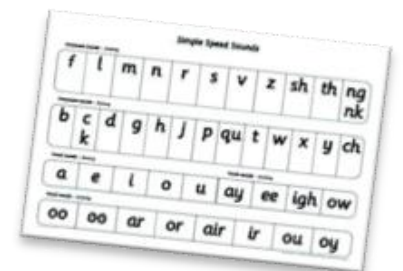
progress is so much more marked if this learning is reinforced at home.

To make the allocation of books more efficient teacher 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





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 9

Kestrels 7

Hawks 8

Falcons 6

Kites 10

Owls 9

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

What is happening this term?

Thursday 2 nd November	Benchball tournament
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents Evening
Monday 6 th November	Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 th November	Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 8 th November	Whole School seasonal Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 10 th November	Non-uniform day
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 1 & 2 visit to All Saints Church
Thursday 16 th November	Skipping competition for Year 2
Friday 17 th November	Non-uniform day
Tuesday 21 st November	Sports Hall Athletics Year 3 & 4
Thursday 23 rd November	Family Assembly at 9am
Friday 24 th November	Debbie Brecknock's piano assembly at 9am
Friday 24 th November	Rocksteady concert at 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th November	Open Morning for Prospective parents
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair from 2-4pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Sarah Walker's Piano Assembly at 9am
Monday 11 th December	Christingle with Revd Louise Brown
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas dinner for all
Tuesday 12 th December	Treasure Island Pantomime
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Concert Rehearsals in Bray Church from 8.45am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Nativity Concert at Bray Church at 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Last Day of Term at 2pm
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Wednesday 20 th December to Tuesday 2 nd January. Wednesday In-service Day

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 18th Sept

PTA Update

There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday 7th November and on Wednesday 6th December at 8pm at the Jolly Gardener

The PTA is busy organizing our annual Xmas Fair. This takes place from 2pm to 4pm. Adults could kindly collect your child from the classroom and take them around the fair. The children will have all had a gift and a story from Santa in the morning.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – Family, friendships and love

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