

Braywood Newsletter



**Celebrating 160 years with
our black and White Ball!**

February 2017



What is happening February and March?

Monday 6 th February	Internet Safety Week for the whole school.
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day Celebrations
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day Disco.
Tuesday 7 th March	PTA Meeting at 8pm Jolly Gardener
Thursday 9 th March and 16 th March	Farm to Fork to Tesco Y2 Farm to Fork to Tesco Y1
Friday 17 th March	Rock Steady Concert at 9am

Black and White Ball

We are really pleased to invite you to our

160th CELEBRATION BALL

On Saturday 24th June at 7pm

We have a three course meal, a jazz band to wile away the evening and great company.

The tickets are £40 per person but we only have 150 available. We are asking parents to come and buy their tickets as soon as possible before we offer the tickets to our past parents.

Please note launch of the new website

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 trips and visitors we have over January

Kidzania

Everyone in Year 1 and 2 had a wonderful trip to Kidzania. There was so much to explore and the children are still talking about the experience.

Family Assembly

The Year 4 boys did a really good job delivering the important message regarding Internet Safety. We also said goodbye to Julie after 12 years dedicated service to our school. The parents were very generous with their gifts, thank you.

Farm Visit

The 'Little Acorns' had a lovely morning working alongside a range of farm animals on the first week back after the Christmas holidays. They are looking at their topic 'The Farm' and have been drawing and labelling animals, sharing stories, making milkshakes, and researching more about farm animals. It has been lots of fun.

Musical opportunities

Music is a strength at our school and this is all the more apparent when we share our successes such as the Rock Steady Concert.

All of our Year 3 pupils have brass lessons (tenor horn) provided free of charge for half of the year. This is funded by the Government and facilitated by Berkshire Maestros. It is a wonderful experience for these children.

World Book Day – Roald Dahl

On Thursday 2nd March the school will start their work on literacy and World Book Day. The main theme is Roald Dahl which is a very popular choice.

On Friday 3rd March the children will be allowed to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

Your child will be asked to decorate a World Book Day bunting poster for the hall and they will already be dressed up for the disco. These went out with the PTA flyer.

Kiss and drop will operate before the older pupils' disco.

Please return your slip asap



World Book Day Disco

On Friday 3rd March we will be having our Spring Discos.

F & Year 1 – 3 to 4.15pm

Y2, 3 and 4 – 4.30 to 5.45pm

Any helpers please contact Corinna direct.



Events and news for this month

BREAKING NEWS

The KITES are in the lead but they need to
watch out for the Owls and Falcons

More information below

Parents' Consultation

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher this week. The teachers thought it all went very well but it would be interesting to have your feedback if you have any comments.

Class 1 Meeting

Mrs Kilner is holding an additional meeting to talk more to parents about the Phonics Test in Year 1 in June. This meeting will be on

**Thursday 9th February at
4pm in Class 4.**

All Year 1 parents are very welcome.

Wellington Boots

We have purchased wellington racks for the whole school to use at break times and lunchtimes. Year 2, 3 and 4 children will be able to use their boots on the field at lunchtimes so if you have a spare pair of boots for your child do bring them into school after half term - named please. Year F and 1 children will have their wellington rack positioned in their garden area.

Parking

Unfortunately someone has now reversed over the flowerpot outside the Church House so we will be putting up some cones to prevent anyone doing a 3-point turns as it is very dangerous.

Happy Bags

This raised £248.70. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Durance and Mrs O'Leary for organising this event.

Church Collection

We raised an amazing £305.66 for our collection after the Christmas Concert. Thank you for your generosity.

Shopping



Please don't forget to use the easy fundraising site when you are buying any goods as the school will benefit

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/?v=a>

Children in Need

Thank you, we raised £265.21 in November's spotty cake sale for Children in Need. Thanks to all the parents who made this possible but especially Corinna Jellyman.

**HALF TERM
Mon 13th – Fri 17th Feb**

School closes on Friday 10th February at the usual time and starts again on Monday 20th February at 8.45am



We are collecting **SAINSBURY ACTIVE KIDS** vouchers. We usually purchase all our PE equipment using the vouchers from this scheme. Please drop them into the collection box in reception.

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Extra-curricular Clubs

If your child attends an afterschool club please do not provide them with a large snack. The school provides fruit or biscuit which should keep your child energy levels up through this activity.

Swimming lessons for our Year 4

From **Thursday 20th April to Thursday 13th July** the Year 4 pupils will be having their weekly swimming lesson at the Windsor Leisure Centre. They will be taken by coach to the lesson for a 1pm start and will be brought back to school for 2pm. This has cost the school approximately £2,000. It is part of our curriculum provision so our Governors have always been very keen that parents do not have to pay for these lessons.

Year 1 Dance Show

On Wednesday 29th March our Year 1 pupils are participating in a Dance Show at Brigidine School. The theme is 'a moment in time' and the children will be leaving Braywood by coach at 8.30am. We have decided that it will be easier for our parents if we hire a coach and we all go to the venue together as there are no parking facilities nearby. This has been paid for from the termly payment.

There is a show for parents to watch and there will be more details to follow.

Farm to Fork visits at Tesco for Year 1 and 2

9th March Year 2

16th March Year 1

These are popular trips and

are always very informative for the children.

Year 1/2 trip to Brocket Farm

30th March

Mrs Clarke will be providing more details after half term

EASTER CONCERT

Friday 14th March at 1.30pm

Our Easter Concert on Friday 14th March. The whole school is taken down to church for 1.30pm and the concert lasts about 30mins.

All pupils need to be collected from the church please.



Our Houses

As you are probably aware the children are all placed in a specific 'house' which are named after birds of prey. Initially this was part of our PE provision and we used the house points gained from our whole school PE competitions.

We have now extended this to adding the 'stars of the week' who will add a point to

their particular 'house' if they get chosen on Monday by their teacher for good learning behaviours or academic success.

To stress the importance of these houses we have bought each child new PE bag which are 6 different colours relating to 6 different birds of prey.

Here are this month's results:

Eagles 25

Kestrels 18

Hawks 21

Falcons 26

Kites 27

Owls 26



After School Club

An emergency telephone number 07545881264 is available if you do not get a response from school.



SAVE THE DATE

Summer Fair

Saturday 1st July

PGL

17-19th July

Summer Concert

12-13th July

Sports Day and last family Assembly

20th July

Internet Safety

Obviously the Internet is a really valuable resource but equally it does present its challenges. In school that usually resolves around keeping the children safe on line. We have Internet Safety lessons in September of every year to ensure that children remember how to use the Internet responsibly.

They are working towards being a SMART learner

- SAFE- No Secrets, Don't share your details
- MEETING- Never meet strangers
- ACCEPTABLE- Take care with attachments, emails etc.
- RELIABLE- Is your source reliable?
- TELL - Tell if you are worried about something.

Cyber bullying is always an area we teach. Children have to know what to do if they are receiving unkind messages. Photographs are a new medium we need to consider with the emergence of many new social media sites. Children and young people will be the first generation that will have their life tracked by a series of photographs which will be on the Internet forever. We as a school have a duty of care to ensure that the photographs we release onto the website are respectful of our parents' views and follow data protection regulations. Most of the photographs on the website are of larger, more anonymized groups of pupils.

For more information see <http://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/web/home-and-school-links/36219>

What is happening in March & April 2017

Thursday 30 th March	Year 1 trip to Brocket Farm
Friday 31 st March	EASTER CONCERT At Bray Church at 1.30pm for the whole school.
Monday 3 rd April to Tuesday 18 th April	EASTER BREAK School closes on Friday 14 th March after the Easter Concert and starts again on Wednesday 19 th March at 8.45am Tuesday 18 th March is an in-service day
Wednesday 3 rd May	PTA Meeting
Thursday 4 th May	Family Assembly at 9am
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 2 visitor from Thames Water
Wednesday 17 th May	Year 3 and 4 trip to Verulamium Museum
Friday 26 th May	Sponsored Run led by PTA

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 presnet	

Clubs start w/c 16th January

PTA Update

There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday 7th March at the Jolly Gardener at 8pm

The PTA have kindly offered to pay for the wellington racks which cost £1,705 and will be helping the school purchase more stand-alone desktops computers for the school after Easter. Their help and hard work is invaluable.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – New beginnings, ambition and determination

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