

# Braywood Newsletter



Wishing you all a  
peaceful and enjoyable  
Easter break.



March and April 2017

## What is happening in March and April?

Wednesday 29th March	Windsor First School Dance Show at Brigidine
Thursday 30th March	Bocketts Farm trip Y1/2 Mosque trip Y3 / 4
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Concert St Michael's Church Bray
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes on Friday 31st March after the Easter Concert and starts again on <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am</b>
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April is an in-service day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 swimming starts

## Easter Concert

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

1.30-2pm

St Michael's Church, Bray

All the children will be transported to the church by 1.30pm and school closes at 2pm once the concert has ended. As usual the parents will not be allowed to park in the churchyard (unless you have a blue badge) so please try and car share. There is no after school club and most staff will not be returning back to school.

## 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 activities covered this short term

## Sport Tournament

We have had a lot of success recently in our tournament competitions. We have managed to get to the county finals in Football, every child did their best and enjoyed their experience.

In Netball we competed against local schools and came first and sixth. All children entered both teams so we are happy to say that we all came FIRST!

Well done to everyone who entered these competitions.

## World Book Day

We had a great World Book Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Everyone made such an effort with the costumes – Look at all our Umpa-lumpas!



The day finished with a wonderful PTA disco



## Whole School Council Day

Two weeks ago we had a very successful whole school council day. This is organised through our houses and the Year 4 discussed playground management and what the children would like for new playground markings.

In the morning everyone had a specific PE lesson and in the afternoon the whole school competed in a PE tournament.

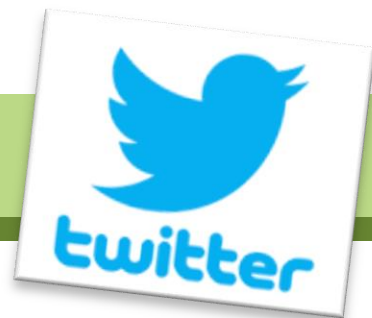
*Are you following us on twitter?*

As I mentioned at the last family assembly we have opened a **twitter account**, where we will endeavour to send messages as often as possible. This is displayed on the bottom of our website and is linked to the PTA Facebook.

We have had a lot of fun learning how to do this and I hope you enjoy reading them!

Our address is @braywood and although you are unable to reply the aim of this initiative is send reminders or updates on the daily running of the school.

We are encouraging everyone to open a twitter account and follow us!



Follow this link to get the twitter app.

[https://www.google.co.uk/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=twitter+app+download&\\*](https://www.google.co.uk/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=twitter+app+download&*)



# Events and news for this month

## BREAKING NEWS

The **KITES** and **OWLS** are in the lead but  
watch out it is still all to play for !  
More information below

## Black and White Ball

We are really pleased to  
invite you to our  
**160th CELEBRATION  
BALL**

**On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 and  
staff.

### Class Meetings

We start every longer term  
with class meetings so our  
parents can hear more about  
what will be happening in  
their child's classroom.

The dates are as follows

Foundation	24 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 1	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 2	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 3	27 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 4	28 <sup>th</sup> April

All meetings start at 8.45 am  
and finish at 9.15am as the  
teacher has to go back to  
class to teach. All meetings  
are in the Clockhouse.

### Happy Bags

Don't forget your happy bags  
on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
Bags should be dropped off  
outside the Church House on  
the day.

### Red Nose Day

We raised an impressive  
£429.18 selling red noses and  
cakes. Thank you.



### Lost Property

All lost property will be left  
outside on Tuesday and  
Wednesday. Anything not  
collected will go into Happy  
Bags on Thursday.

### Packed Lunch Boxes

Please collect all boxes on  
Thursday, we will throw  
away unclaimed items.

### Family Assembly on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

This assembly will be talking  
about PE and will start at  
9am in the Church House.

### Shopping

Don't forget to shop online  
via Easy Fundraising as it  
triggers donations to the  
PTA.



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

## Continued

### Payments to school

We are trialling **electronic payments** for our Year 3 and 4 parents through Eschools platform next term to see if we are able to roll out this process to the whole school. We are restricting this to school dinners and there will be a letter going out to explain this further after the Easter holidays.

Your comments on this would be welcome. If we transfer to this electronic system then we will ask for all payments to be paid this way wherever possible.

Please email any thoughts or speak to Juliette if you would have any difficulties with this arrangement.

### Governors meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

### **May HALF TERM** **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May -Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

School closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at the usual time and starts again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am

## Sponsored Run



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May we are holding our first sponsored run, which will be organised by the PTA.

### Swimming lessons for our Year 4 children

From **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Termly Payments

There will be a letter going out to parents about the final instalment of our termly payments after Easter.

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## 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 48**

**Kestrels 42**

**Hawks 43**

**Falcons 54**

**Kites 58**

**Owls 58**





### After School Club

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



### Summer Uniform

Please note children can return in summer uniform next term.

### Summer Menu

Once we return children will be able to order a school packed lunch. Sandwiches include cheese, tuna or ham.

Caterlink's summer menu to follow.

### Getting a good night's sleep

There was a documentary on BBC recently which raised the issue of children and how it is important that they get a good night's sleep. 4-5 year olds require 10-13 hours and 6-8 year olds need 9-11 hours. The finding of this programme found that a pupil could be as far as 2 years behind with their learning if they are tired not to mention their capacity to emotionally react to situations inside of school.

A good bedtime routine is very important, reading to your child, having a bath etc. helps children get to sleep. ICT and Television stimulates the mind and puts the body into wake up mode and so should be avoided if possible.

For more information see

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08hymf3/panorama-sleepless-britain>

### What is happening in May 2017

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER BREAK School closes on Friday 31st March after the Easter Concert and starts again on <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am</b> Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April is an in-service day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTA Meeting
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Assembly at 9am
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 / 2 visitor from Thames Water tbc
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 and 4 trip to Verulamium Museum
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole school visitor from Trinity tbc
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsored Run led by PTA
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA meeting
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Non uniform day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Braywick Nature Centre Foundation trip
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Fair
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 / 2 Reading Museum trip
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert
Mon-Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> July	PGL Trip Y4
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Swan Upping Y3
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day & Family Assembly



## 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	

Clubs start w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April

## PTA Update

There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
May 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 – Family, friendships and love*



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