



## Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Latest News...

#### Staffing update – new members of staff

We are delighted to welcome Miss Melanie Jewel and Mrs Donna Sawtell to the teaching team. Miss Jewel is replacing Mrs Brown and will be working with Oak class on a Wednesday morning and Rowan class on Thursday and Friday mornings. Mrs Sawtell will be covering our maternity leave from that start of the Spring term, working with Willow class for 25 hours a week.

#### Thank you

We would like to say an enormous thank you to the helpers who came along on our clean up afternoon to clean the outside windows and the cobwebs under the barn. It looks so much better!

#### Trips and sporting events

It has been a very busy term for sporting fixtures and curriculum events: we had the Park House Football Tournament for Y5 and 6 which we won; the Francis Bailey Football Tournament, playing against larger schools; the Y3/4 cross country at Elstree; the Trinity Small Schools Football Tournament for which we received a very large winning trophy; the Alternative Olympics for Y5 and 6 and a netball tournament at Thorngrove. Coming up, we have the football finals at Park House and a bisi badminton competition. Well done and thank you to all the children who have taken part and represented the school so well.

We have continued to develop our creative curriculum through exciting topics and events. Rowan Class have had a trip to Madejski Stadium to meet an author and a trip to Ufton Court to experience what life was like in Celtic and Roman Britain. As a whole school, we have participated in Anti-bullying week, celebrating difference and respect for all with our Odd Socks day. Bikeability has been successful again for our Year 5 children. Our School Council did a wonderful job to promote and run the Children in Need events. Thank you all so much for supporting this. They exceeded the target they set and raised over £300. Meanwhile our infants are working very hard on their Nativity play, which we are all looking forward to seeing next week.

#### IT Evening – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm

This was another very informative and successful evening. Technology is evolving so rapidly and there have now been recent concerns in the news about the safety of live streaming apps. We now deal with more incidents concerning the misuse of technologies outside of school than we do bullying issues within school. The Microsoft Powerpoint presentation used on the evening covers all the latest concerns and has been emailed out to parents. If you haven't received this and would be interested please let the school office know.

#### Links with Reading Football Club

We have been successful in applying for a joint project with Reading Football Club to promote reading within school. As a result, we will be welcoming in to school two of their players every

Tuesday next term to help hear readers and support small groups in the classes. They have also very kindly given a box of books to add to our library.

**Aviva Community Fund bid**

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our application, but as a consolation we were given £100 towards school funds from Aviva.

**Co-op Announcement**

Our school has been chosen as a local project for the co-op to support for a year. If you register, choose us as your project to support, and use your card every time you shop in the Co-op, money will be raised for the school, released in staged payments throughout the year. Please please let everyone know about this and make sure you sign up and choose Bradfield Primary as your chosen cause. The link is:

[https://www.coop.co.uk/membership?\\_ga=2.167981985.1215008717.1511994124-1462578991.1511994124](https://www.coop.co.uk/membership?_ga=2.167981985.1215008717.1511994124-1462578991.1511994124)

Other groups have raised money very successfully this way and by having this set up for a year we are very hopeful that it could bring in a substantial amount to support our curriculum enrichment. Please do support us if you can.

**Cold weather procedure for school closures**

As we approach winter, the weather will inevitably get colder. This is the procedure for bad weather forcing a school closure:

- The decision will be made at 7am in the case of overnight snow
- This information will be on Heart radio (102.9 and 97FM) and the West Berks Council website
- A notice will be posted on the school gates
- Parents will be emailed (and text for the few who do not receive emails)
- A school closure notice will be displayed on the school website under the "Latest News" section
- In the case of heavy snow during the school day we will contact parents/carers by telephone in the first instance and arrangements will be made for staff to stay with the children until they have all left.

**PTA**

Our fantastic PTA have been very busy fundraising. The disco raised £80 approx, Rags2Riches clothing collection raised £153.20, the Christmas Fayre raised £860, and Vicki Butler is doing wonders with the second hand uniform sales. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to raise money and support our children.

**Christmas Cards**

We will be putting up our post box in school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children can bring in cards for their friends and post them centrally. Please check that full names and classes are on the envelope to support our internal postmasters.

**Uniform – new logo.** We will launch the new logo on uniform from Easter 2018. However, please remember that you do not need to go out and buy new items if ones with the old logo still fit your children. Tesco Uniform Shop, Trutex and Michael Hope Uniform suppliers have all been advised of the new logo and are preparing samples for us to see.

## Other News...

### Parking outside the school

In our effort to ensure a safe environment for children and adults outside the school we have obtained four large no parking signs and a large banner for outside the school in the mornings and afternoons. These have kindly been supplied by the road safety team in West Berkshire Council. Please take notice of the signs and help make this a safer place for all.

### Lunchtime Controller needed

We are urgently looking for a new lunchtime controller to join our fantastic lunchtime team. The hours would be Monday to Friday from 12 to 1.15pm (term time only). Please can you share this with anyone who you feel might be interested. Please contact the school office for more information.

## Reminders...

Christmas events coming up:

- Guitar assembly – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm
- Christmas Shhhop – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December
- Infant plays – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 and Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30. (Mr Etherington is kindly recording this again for us and we will make this available to you via a private link.)
- Carol Service – NB change of time – will be at 2.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December– all welcome
- Christmas jumper day, also Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December wear your Christmas jumper instead of your school jumper with the rest of your uniform and make a donation for children in need.
- St Peter's Carol Service (hall) Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm – all welcome
- Christmas Parties – NB slight change – KS2 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and KS1 on Tues 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas lunch – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Celebration Assembly – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am
- Our Christingle Service – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm.
- End of term – 2-pm finish (after Christingle Service)
- Start of Spring Term – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

***“Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values”, Thomas S. Monson.***

With warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.

Jenny

### Co-op link

Please remember to sign up for a co-op card and register Bradfield CE Primary as your chosen project. The link is:

[https://www.coop.co.uk/membership?\\_ga=2.167981985.1215008717.1511994124-1462578991.1511994124](https://www.coop.co.uk/membership?_ga=2.167981985.1215008717.1511994124-1462578991.1511994124)

### Theale Library

Theale Library are running a competition up until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for 3 – 11 yr olds. Every time you visit Theale Library and borrow a book you will receive a raffle ticket. The more times you visit the more tickets you will get

### Poppy appeal collection

We managed to collect £73.03 this year which beat last year's total. Well done everyone, and to the Y6s for selling the poppies around school.



### Events coming up.....

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Shhhop  
 Weds/Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December – Infant Christmas Play  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day, Carol Service  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas party  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December – whole school Christmas lunch, KS1 Christmas party  
 Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December – Celebration assembly, Christingle Service and last day of term. Term finishes at 2pm

### Have a great Christmas and New Year

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Clubs for next term

You should have received a letter about the clubs running next term. There are also spaces in the Berzerk Drama club on a Monday afternoon and the Performers singing club on Thursday mornings. If your child is interested in either of these please ask in the school office. For all other clubs there is a sign up form. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

### Rags2riches clothing collection

A total of £153.20 was raised.

Thanks to everyone who contributed.

### Winter weather

Please remember to send children in with warm coats, gloves, scarfs and hats (all named) to keep them warm as the weather gets colder.

**For all dates of upcoming events please visit our website at**

**<http://bradfieldceprimary.co.uk/virtual-office/calendar/>**