



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

11th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Latest News...

Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sharon Anne McGreal to the lunch staff team. She will be working every lunchtime with us.

Mrs Leese has had her baby; a little girl called Lucy Marion. Both mum and baby are doing well and we are looking forward to seeing them when she is up and about again.

We will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Lyall who will be leaving us at February half term to spend more time with her family. Denise has been with the school since December 2008 and has made an enormous difference to so many children. We would like to thank her very much for her dedication and hard work throughout her time at Bradfield Primary School.

Mrs Goodwin will be out of school for two weeks from Monday 15th January for a minor operation. Mrs Sheena Hall will be covering some of her lessons, and I shall also be covering some of them.

Events coming up (further details will follow)

- On Monday 15th January, Y5 and Y6 are seeing a puppet theatre performance regarding developing resilience to peer pressure and smoking. The POP (Ltd) theatre company will be performing "Meet The Stinkers".
- Willow class are going to Ufton Court on 29th to 31st January (with the Y4 Willow children visiting each day)
- Parent Teacher meetings will be on Monday 5th February from 3.30 – 6pm and Tuesday 6th February from 3.30 – 7.30pm
- Y6 will be going to Theale Green to see a production of "Grease"
- Willow class will be taking part in the Anvil rehearsals and concert this term. The concert at The Anvil in Basingstoke is on Monday 12th March at 7pm. Rehearsals will be held here at school, on 1st and 28th February.

Creative curriculum – Wow Days

We are continuing to develop and enrich our curriculum in order to support high levels of engagement and understanding. Consequently we have built in the following enrichment activities for each class to inspire their learning this term:

Rowan class are going to Ufton Court for an Ancient Egyptian day on Monday 5th February

Horse Chestnut and Willow classes will be taking part in a Mexico Day with visiting performers on Friday 23rd February. Please look out for further information on these two events.

Willow and Horse Chestnut will also be taking part in a chocolate making demonstration on the 16th January which has been funded by the PTA.

Hawthorn and Hazel (Y1 and Y2) will be visiting the Living Rainforest on 9th February.

Please see the curriculum overviews (sent separately) for more detailed information about the learning for each class.

Co-op reminder

Please remember that 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. 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

Please do support us if you can. We are aiming to use the proceeds to purchase two new ovens and cooking trolleys and a woodwork trolley to enrich our Design Technology work. We also need some more science resources to support understanding about the human body and animal and plant variety and lifecycles.

Cold weather procedure for school closures - reminder

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

- We will aim to make the decision as close as possible to 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.

Safety in frosty/cold weather. When it is icy/frosty, one of the most slippery areas of school is the FS2 soft pore floor covering outside the FS2 classroom. Please avoid this on very cold days. Another area that gets very slippery is the wooden staging in the junior playground. Please do not let your children climb on this before or after school.

Uniform – new logo. We will be launching 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 are all selling uniform with the new logo and should have items available now if you need to buy anything. Tesco online uniform suppliers do make a 5% donation to school on every purchase.

Other News...

Parking

Please note that the disabled parking spot in the staff car park is reserved for disabled badge holders only.

Attendance

Our attendance and punctuality figures have deteriorated this year, partly due to the aggressive bugs we experienced last term. If your child is sick, please adhere to the 48 hour rule and keep them off until fully recovered. We will also be reinforcing handwashing and hygiene in school.

Please remember that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and that ten half sessions of absence over a 4 week period may incur a fixed penalty fine.

Remember to allow additional time in the mornings during these winter months to ensure that your children arrive at school punctually at 8.50am.

New Facebook Page

We now have a new Bradfield Primary Facebook page. The idea is to put reminders, photos and important news items on there to keep you updated. We feel this will be a useful way of keeping in touch with parents and carers. Our main way of contacting you will still be by email but in the case of school closure or any other emergency we feel that this will be a very effective way of communicating with you. You can find us at www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary.

Changes in contact details/address/ telephone numbers

Please remember to let us know if you have changed address, telephone number or email address so that we always have up to date contact details for you.

Interested in cello lessons for your child?**Free Trial Cello Lesson Available on Monday 29th January**

Our cellists gave a wonderful performance to the school at the end of the last term and we hope this has inspired others to want to play an instrument. Cello Lessons take place in school on a Monday afternoon. If your child is interested in a free taster lesson for the cello, please email Jude Barnby, the cello teacher, at judebarnby@berkshiremaestros.org.uk to book your place.

Hall Bookings

Don't forget that our school hall is available to hire for parties and events. Please contact the office if you are interested.

With very best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2018,

Jenny

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Facebook page

Please go to our new Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary If you "like" us you will see any future posts. We will use this for reminders, important announcements, photos etc.

World Book Day

Put this date in your diaries – **Thursday 1st March** is World Book Day where children will be able to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Hiring the school hall

Please remember that the hall is available for hire for parties/events (but not the use of the kitchen). Please ask in the school office for details.

Change of menu

On Thursday 18th and Friday 19th January the school dinner menus will swap over, which means fish fingers and chips on Thursday and pizza on Friday. The online website has already been changed.

Clubs for next term

Please can we remind parents/carers that if you have signed your child up for clubs and not yet paid please can you do so as soon as possible.



Half Term Sports Xtra courses

There are courses running at The Kennet Leisure Centre, Thatcham and Willink Leisure Centre, Burghfield Common on 12th to 16th February 2018 from 9.30 to 4pm for children aged 5 – 12 yrs.

To book and for more information please visit www.sports-xtra.com or tele 07585553127 or email phil.west@sports-xtra.com

Winter weather

Please remember to send children in with warm coat, gloves, scarf and hat (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/>