



## Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Latest News...

It has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of enrichment activities:

Willow class had their three day visit to Ufton Court, focusing on learning in science, geography and history. Rowan class also visited Ufton Court last week for an Egyptian day. They learnt about the mummification process and played some Egyptian games. Despite the cold weather, both groups thoroughly enjoyed their time there. Horse Chestnut class visited Theale Green Academy yesterday to watch a performance of Grease – the musical. Our Year 1 and 2 classes will be visiting the Living Rainforest tomorrow to enrich their learning for their 'Flourishing Forests' topic this term.

### Sports Reports...

We have also been very busy with our sports programmes. Our Y5/6 small schools football team has done incredibly well and are through to the regional finals in Bristol in March. Our Y3/4 football team is also doing well and competed yesterday at Trinity House. They defended many goals and are developing team confidence. We have also sent a Y6 and a Y2 bowling team to compete at Thatcham. Both teams were amazing, working very well together. Coming up after half term we have a couple of cross country events, the regional netball finals at Theale and a Y2 football tournament.

### Events coming up

- Willow class are taking part in the Anvil rehearsals and concert this term. The concert at The Anvil in Basingstoke is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.
- Mother's Day Tea – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Details have already been sent out. Tickets cost £3 per person and **must be booked in advance**. Ask in the office if you need a paper form. Donations of cakes very gratefully received.
- Rags2riches clothing collection – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018
- Sports Relief Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

### Creative Curriculum – Wow Days

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 - **Whole school 'Science Day'**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – Willow Class will start a block of cooking lessons, every Thursday for six weeks. We are using part of our sports funding budget to subsidise this, in order to support healthy life choices and useful life skills. (More information for parents in Willow Class to follow)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 - Y5/6 **Mexico half day** – enrichment activities within school led by visitors

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – **'World Book Day'**. Our theme this year will be traditional tales or fairy tales.

Children can come to school dressed as a character from a fairy story or a well-known traditional tale. Book tokens will be given to all children after half term, which they can use to subsidise the cost of a new book.

### Healthy Eating

Following some high profile news reports this term, we are launching a healthy eating initiative to encourage our children and adults to make healthy choices. We also have an increasing amount of food waste at lunchtimes where children are choosing not to eat their vegetables. We will be

encouraging children to eat all of their lunches, including their vegetables. Our lunchtime staff will be equipped with stickers to reward children who do eat their vegetables and try new foods etc. We would also like to remind parents/carers of the importance of providing healthy snacks for break time, and lunchboxes. Please provide a balanced lunchbox that encourages your child to eat fruit and vegetables. You can find our healthy eating statement by following the link:

<http://bradfieldceprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Healthy-Eating-Statement-2016-1.pdf>

Please can I also remind junior parents that snacks provided for break time must be fruit, veg or a healthy oat based bar. (No nuts please.) Please avoid snack bars with a high sugar content as this causes blood sugar levels to spike, affecting concentration in class.

### **Parents Survey**

Thank you for joining us for parents evening this week. Please find attached a survey that we are asking parents/carers to complete and return to the school office as soon as possible. If you prefer, there is a shortened survey available to complete online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S3L7KWK>. Your feedback is always welcome, and helps us to improve our school. Thank you.

### **Staff update**

As you know, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Lyall tomorrow. She has been a wonderful TA and has helped many children during her time with us. She has also been in charge of the wonderful costumes for our junior productions. We all wish her the very best of luck for the future.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Phillips who will be joining us at the beginning of March to take over from Mrs Lyall, supporting the upper Key Stage 2 classes. She will be with us until July as she is undertaking a teacher-training course in September. Miss Phillips is also a qualified swimming teacher and will be supporting our summer term swimming and PE lessons.

### **Gigaclear – new broadband provider**

Over half term the school will be connected to high speed fibre broadband. We are being expertly guided through this process by the IT department from Bradfield College, for which we are very grateful. It will also mean a considerable saving to the school and hopefully faster broadband speeds.

### **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](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. We understand that after 3 months there is already **£498** due to us so potentially this could be well over £1000 by the end of the year.

**Staying safe in the cold weather.** We are currently having another bout of very 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.

Please also note the following advice from the NHS:

***“Make sure that you stay warm. If going outside make sure you dress appropriately. If indoors, make sure that you keep your heating to the right temperature; heating your home to at least 18°C in winter poses minimal risk to your health when you are wearing suitable clothing . If there is anyone you know who might be at special risk, for example, an older person living on their own, make sure they know what to do to stay warm and are well stocked with food and medications. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111***

***More information is available on the winter health pages at NHS Choices ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))”***

## **Other News...**

### **Parking**

Unfortunately, we continue to have reports of inconsiderate parking outside the school. This is affecting our neighbours and is potentially dangerous to our children, especially when pavements are blocked by cars. There should be no parking in the entrance to the old doctors' surgery as this is obstructing the pavement. Please consider our neighbours and everyone's safety when dropping off or collecting your children. Please also remember you can park in the Queen's Head or the village hall car parks and walk to school.

### **Attendance/lates/absences**

Remember to allow additional time in the mornings during these winter months to ensure that your children arrive at school punctually at 8.50am. We do have an issue with children arriving late to school and would like improve on this in the future. Please make sure that your child arrives in plenty of time so that they do not miss valuable learning time. If you are having problems with this please speak to Mrs Aslett in the office and we will see if there is anything we can do to help.

Following reports in the news recently we would like to assure you that we will aim to follow up all absences with a phone call to the first named contact, and then subsequent contacts if there is no reply. It would help us greatly though if you can contact us by telephone or email as early as possible on each day of absence for your child. Please also remember to let the kitchen know if your child is absent and you have pre-ordered a meal for them on that particular day. Otherwise, you may still be charged.

### **Facebook Page**

You can find us at [www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary](http://www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary).

### **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.

### **Half term holiday 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Next week is half term so we hope you all have a good week. We look forward to seeing you all again at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

With very best wishes,

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)

### School meals promotions

The catering company are planning several special menus: Friendship day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March and St George's day on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Look out for further details.

### World Book Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day where children will be able to come to school dressed as a character from a fairy story or well-known traditional tale.

### 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.

### Reading FC Soccer schools

RFC are running Soccer Schools at various venues over the February half term, Easter and Whitsun holidays. For more information and booking please visit: [www.readingfc.co.uk/club/community/soccer-schools](http://www.readingfc.co.uk/club/community/soccer-schools) or ring 01189681480/1460. It is essential to book at least 3 days before start of course.

### Performers Club

Performers Club will be singing in assembly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the afternoon. Please note that assembly will start at 2.30pm on this day.

### Rags2riches collection

There is another collection on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please save your old clothing for this date. Bags will be given out after half term.

### Berzerk Productions Easter school

Berzerk Productions are running a Troll's Easter school on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April (age 6+) at South Street Arts Centre, Reading. To book please visit <http://www.berzerkproductions.com/drama-classes/easter-school-2018>

### Stageability Drama workshop

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 from 10 – 3pm in Pangbourne there is a comedy workshop. The cost is £25 and it is for ages 5-12 years. To book and for more information please visit [www.berkshire.stageability.co.uk/halfterm.html](http://www.berkshire.stageability.co.uk/halfterm.html) or telephone 01189333791 or 07721565898

### Global Premier Soccer holiday courses

Global Premier Soccer are running 2 holiday courses at Rivers Health Club, Reading, RG30 6AY and Park House School, Newbury, RG14 6NQ from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February.

To book a place please visit [www.openplay.co.uk](http://www.openplay.co.uk) or for more information please contact Mark Winchcombe on [mwinchcombe@globalpremiersoccer.com](mailto:mwinchcombe@globalpremiersoccer.com) or telephone 07771592200

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

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