



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

12 March 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

This is a very worrying time for us all with news updates and advice seeming to appear almost hourly about the latest situation with the coronavirus. In school we are ensuring that the children understand the need for good personal hygiene, frequent handwashing and covering their noses and mouths when coughing and sneezing. I would be grateful if you could speak to your children about being sensible about the risks of the virus and that whilst lots of people may get it, the overwhelming majority will recover and be perfectly healthy. We do not want anyone to worry unnecessarily.

We have heard that schools are being closed in a number of countries to help slow down the spread of the infection and I understand that this is one measure under consideration by our government currently. If the decision is made then we will communicate arrangements to you along with details of how learning can be continued through the use of online platforms. Prior to any closure, there may also be the need to cancel larger gatherings in school and I will be in touch if this becomes necessary.

All in all, it can be difficult to see beyond the gloom and doom at the moment but this morning the sun was shining when I left home which hopefully means that Spring is on the way!

Contingency Plan (Coronavirus – Covid 19)

This week we sent out our contingency plan to all parents/carers/staff and governors. This can also be viewed on the Latest News section of our website. Our priority is the safety of the school community, and we are taking advice and instruction from Public Health England. Please make sure you read the information sent to you. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and communicate any developments with you.

SEND Local Offer Information Day

Wednesday 25 March 2020 9am – 2.30pm Thatcham Town Football Club, Waterside Park, Thatcham
RG19 4PA

A range of local service providers who are on the West Berkshire SEND Local Offer will be available to chat to and find out more about their services. There will be speakers who will be holding workshops on a range of topics.

No booking required – Transition and Post 16 – Dyslexia & Dyscalculia – Behaviour – Home Education

Come along and support our Local Services. Lots of stalls will be there and it will be a great opportunity to network with other parents/carers and professionals and to find out what is available to everyone in West Berkshire.

For more information contact fionaworby@roseroad.org.uk or call 07860942280

For details about events, latest news etc please visit <https://www.bradfieldceprimary.co.uk>

Parents skills

As part of our commitment to preparing children to “Learn to Live”, we would like to start organising some visits from parents and carers to talk about their jobs and careers. As a start point we would be very grateful if you could complete a form to be sent out shortly asking what jobs or careers you have experience of and whether or not you would be willing to talk to the children about what your job entails and why you chose it and (hopefully) enjoy it. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

World Book Day

Last week the children enjoyed a week of activities to promote a love of reading including an Extreme Reading photo competition, a Book in a Box competition, sharing stories across year groups and a Storytime evening where the children came back to school dressed ready for bed and listened to a story in the hall. Grace in Y6 said “it was so much fun. I went to year three and there was fairy lights and hundreds of blankets and pillows. It was so comfy! The teachers read two books – ‘the magic finger and ‘I believe in unicorns’”. The hot chocolate provided by the PTA was very welcome too.





Sports Relief: all this week children have been busy 'cycling to Liverpool' on an exercise bike. Sponsor forms have been sent to parents/carers, so please complete and return them as soon as possible. On Friday 13th March children can come in dressed in sports clothing in return for a £1 donation. Also look out for the adult sweepstake in the entrance foyer if you want to take part. Well done to all the children, and especially the School Council and Mrs Whitaker who have helped put the ideas into practice.

Hair cut for charity

Elin Rees recently had her hair cut and donated it to a charity which then makes wigs for children who have lost their hair. She raised over £400. Well done Elin!

Coming up:

Indian Dance Company: are visiting on Monday 16 March. They will be working with all classes, and at the end of the afternoon there will be a presentation to parents. Please come along at 2.30pm and join in the fun. To cover the cost of this visit we are asking for a small donation. Please pay via ParentMail/Payments/Shop, if you haven't already done so.

Mothers Day Breakfast and Tea: on Friday 20 March in the morning and afternoon the PTA are running a special Breakfast and Tea to celebrate Mothers Day. During the sessions there will be performances by the children, and pastries/cakes will be served to the parents/family members who attend. Tickets are available through ParentMail/Payments/Shop.

The PTA are asking for the loan of tea pots, and the donation of cakes please. These can be dropped off in the school office the day before or day of the event.

Y1 and Y2 trips to Rushall Farm and Portsmouth Aquarium

Letters with details have been sent to parents. Please note that for both these trips (Rushall Farm on Friday 27 March and Portsmouth Aquarium on Wednesday 22 April) the children will need packed lunches. Both days promise to be really exciting days out and we will be sure to share photos and feedback with you.

FS2 Forest School

Oak class will be taking part in six sessions of Forest School at Rushall Farm straight after the Easter holidays. The sessions will be for 2 hours on Wednesday mornings. This is always a popular event and we are very fortunate to have Rushall Farm so close to be able to use their facilities. Sharron Wastie has offered very kindly offered to transport the children in the Sunshine Club minibus, so many thanks to her too. Letter with full details to follow.

Dates for your diaries – (please keep checking the school website calendar for dates)

Thurs 12 March – An evening of chocolate

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Mon 16 March – Indian Dance Company in school all day – details to follow
 Fri 20 March – Mothers Day Breakfast and tea – run by the PTA. Details will follow
 Mon 23 March – Y6 COINS event at Shaw Church
 Weds 25 March – Choir at the Anvil Theatre for rehearsal and evening concert
 Thurs 26 March 9am – Parent assembly including Performers Club children performing
 Fri 27 March – NO PARENT ASSEMBLY
 Fri 27 March – Y1 and Y2 day at Rushall Farm
 Mon 30 March 9am – Cup presentation assembly
 Thurs 2 April – PTA NON-UNIFORM Day - £1 donation
 Fri 3 April 9.30am Y3/Y4 presenting the Easter Story – parents welcome
Fri 3 April – Last day of term – school finishes at 1.30pm
 Mon 6 April – Friday 17 April – Easter Holidays
 Mon 20 April – Summer Term starts

Facebook Page. You can find us at www.facebook.com/bradfieldceprimary.

Best wishes,

Caroline Johnson

Easter egg trail and bonnet parade

On Saturday 18th April 2020
 11am – 3pm
 at Highclere Castle, Newbury, RG20 9RN

The Murray Parish Trust are organising a fun filled day following an Easter Trail, garden games and music. There will be bouncy castle, music tent. Easter Bonnet Parade, Garden games, chocolate eggs, Easter bunny meet and greet.

Tickets £7 per adult, with a £5 donation per child to take part in the Easter Egg Trail where they will receive an Easter Egg at the end (while stocks last)

Go Beanies Activity Easter Camp

Weekdays from 6 - 17 April 2020 at Beale Park.
 9.15am - 4.30pm

Lots of activities on offer ranging from creative arts, nature explorer, science and discovery and play. More information about us and the activities on offer can be found at www.gobeanies.org

Please email info@gobeanies.org or call 01189962678 for more information or to book your child's place.

Help with music lessons - Berkshire Maestros

Greenham Common Trust can offer financial support towards music lessons with Berkshire Maestros. A £50 per term bursary may be offered (subject to availability) on any group or individual lesson. To qualify you must not be in receipt of PPG or tax credits.

To apply please visit www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk or email finance@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Internet Safety Talk

On Thursday 26 March 2020. 2 sessions – 1pm and 5pm
 Meeting Room at Café @ no. 10
 Arlington Business Park, Reading, RG7 4SA

Internet Safety Talk “Supporting Young People Online”.

Arlington Business Park are inviting members of the local community to a free seminar where we will equip you with knowledge on how to protect your children online, to identify potential risks faced by the internet user and learn simple strategies to help model and reinforce online safety.

To book email events@arlingtonbusinesspark.co.uk with your full name, the event name and how many spaces you would like to reserve on the session.

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Newbury Library - Romans Family Fun Day

Saturday 25 April 2020

10am – 3pm. Drop-in. Free entry.

Newbury Library, The Wharf, Newbury, RG14 5AS

Do you know what a Bulla is? Find out this and other fun facts from the Roman re-enactors of Butser IX Legion.

Hands on activities, real and replica artefacts, crafts and a quest with a chance of winning museum goodies.

For more information go to

www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on or call 01635 519562 or email museum@westberks.go.uk

Procision Sports Academy Holiday Course

Football Holiday Course for boys and girls aged 4 - 14 years

Park House School, Andover Rd, Newbury, RG14 6NQ

Mon 6 - Thurs 9 April and Tues 14 - Fri 17 April 2020
Normal day, extended day and half day options
Early bird discount (code APRIL20) for bookings made before 31 March, 25% sibling discount

For prices and more information, please contact Dan Crane on 07714017683 or email

dcrane@procisionfa.co.uk
www.procisionfa.co.uk/sports-academy/holiday-courses

Easter Day Camps at Bradfield College

ACTIV8 Easter Day Camps for 8 – 14 year olds

Activities such as indoor swimming, football, dance, dodgeball, kwik cricket, walk the plank

From 9am – 4pm weekdays

Mon 6th – Thurs 9th April and Tues 14th – Fri 17th April 2020

£26 per day (105 sibling discount). Drop off from 8.30am.

For more info or to book call 01189644600 or email frontdesk@bradfieldcollege.org.uk

Kids Disco Thatcham Town Football Club

Hosted by Thatcham Town FC, Waterside Park, Thatcham RG19 4PA.

Friday 3 April 2020

5.30 – 6.30pm (FS2 – Y2)

7 – 8pm (Y3 – Y6)

£5 per ticket – will include a hot dog. Limited to 100 per session

DJ, disco, games, glow sticks and a tuck shop

Two separate discos to help raise funds for our artificial training facility. The event is being organised by one of our committee members who is also a West Berkshire Primary school teacher.

Tickets on sale from: Best Buds Florist, The Cutting Bar, Thatcham and McColls

NWN Photo competition

Newbury Weekly News Young Photographer of the Year 2020 competition.

The theme is “Our Planet”. Select one image that best illustrates how you interpret the theme. Open to 5 – 13 years and 9 – 18 years. Photos can be taken on a phone or tablet, with a digital camera or using film.

To enter email your photograph picturedesk@newburynews.co.uk or post to NWN Photo Competition, Newspaper House, Faraday Road, Newbury, RG14 2AD.

Please include your name, address, school name, year group, contact phone number and email, and the name/contact number of parent/guardian

Closing date for entries: 15 May 2020

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Berkshire Maestros

Strings, recorder, woodwind, brass and percussion players can join Berkshire Maestros popular Easter courses.
Suitable for players of grade 1 – 5

Friday 3 April 2020 9am – 5pm at Leighton Park School, Reading, RG2 7DE. £50 includes a hot lunch.

To book go to www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Newbury Big Play Day at the Newbury Music Centre on
Saturday 21 March 9am – 10am

For students learning a woodwind, brass or string instrument up to Grade 2 to have a go at playing in a band with
other musicians

For more info and to reserve a place go to www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk/regsiter

Rags2Riches

The recent clothing collection has raised
£104.90.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.