



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

15 July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

The end of the term and the school year is fast approaching and as we all know, this has not been anything like a normal Spring or Summer Term. Nor, I suspect will we experience a normal summer break. For many of you, your children have been at home since the end of March and will not be returning to regular schooling until 5 months later. We will all have our stories to tell of living in lockdown I am sure.

I have communicated some of the ways in which we will be supporting the return to school in September and further more practical details will be sent to you over the summer break. For those of you whose children have been back into school, albeit infrequently, you and they will be familiar with the types of measures in place for reducing the risk of infection and we will be continuing with many of these practices in the new academic year.

You have also been sent some outline information on how we intend to manage the recovery of lost learning time once we return to school and I want to thank you all for the work you have done at home to keep your children's enthusiasm for learning alive.

One thing we have all learned at this time is not to take even the little things for granted. Not being able to see family and friends, play in the park, go to the shops, attend church services or stop and share a chat with neighbours were once all things we did without having to consider the risks involved. I hope that as we begin to return to a more normal life we will be grateful for those small luxuries and appreciate what we have even more.

As this is the last newsletter of the year I would like to wish you all a safe, and hopefully sunny, summer break, thank you for your continued support and understanding and to say how much we are looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Our new teachers

As you will have seen from the previous newsletter, we have 2 new teachers joining us in September. Both Miss Tompkins and Miss Bisley have been into school already and have met some of the children in their new classes.

Miss Bisley has successfully completed her teacher training through Winchester University achieving Qualified Teacher Status alongside a PGCE. Miss Bisley was a highly valued member of the teaching staff at her training school and has continued to work supporting children during lockdown. She has competed in show jumping to a high standard, representing GB in international competitions around the world and comes to us with excellent references and a desire to excite learning in the children in year 2.

Miss Tompkins has recently completed her PGCE through Oxford Brookes University which has a highly recognised Education department. Miss Tompkins' passion is for drama and music. She gained a first class degree in drama before embarking on teacher training and she too comes to us with excellent and enthusiastic references from previous schools.

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We are already getting to know them both and they have been part of our planning process for the recovery curriculum in September. I know that you will welcome them warmly and hope that you get to meet them personally at some time in the autumn term.

Extra-curricular clubs

The school lockdown has meant that extra-curricular clubs have not been operating since March. We hope that with the latest guidance it will be possible for us to reopen access to clubs in September. Mrs Sawtell has been finalizing the clubs we can offer and we hope to be circulating the list to you this week. Please sign up through Parent Mail for clubs in the normal way. We will not be taking payment for these until we can be sure that they can operate under any restricted guidelines. We will be asking providers for their risk assessments and safe operating guidelines.

I do hope that our wide range of clubs can reopen in September so that our children can benefit from the activities and experiences on offer.

School Uniform

The PTA have signed up to a new online second hand uniform website, details can be found at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools>. As children will be expected to **wear full school uniform again when they return in September**, you may well need to re-stock certain items. If so check out the website and see what is on offer. Please remember that up until the October half term the summer uniform can be worn, and please ensure children are wearing sturdy outdoor shoes as they will be spending a lot of time outside during lessons and break times. Other local uniform stockists are My Clothing at <https://myclothing.com/bradfield-c-e-primary-school/7126.school> and Skoolkit at <https://www.skoolkit.co.uk/school-uniform/1174> or at their shop in the Kennet Centre in Newbury.

Travelling over the summer

Please remember to consider any travel quarantine restrictions in place for your return to the UK if you are travelling abroad over the summer holidays. Full details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

A Few Reminders

In case you missed them last week.....

School lunches

Earlier this year we took the decision to look for an alternative supplier for our school lunches. It was felt that the quality and cost of the existing offering could be improved. The tender process began just before lockdown which was not ideal! However, I am pleased to say that the contract has been awarded to Dolce, a company which works in a number of other local schools.

<https://www.dolce.co.uk/>

From September, meals will be prepared in a “mother kitchen” at another local school and delivered and served at Bradfield. I hope that you can participate in some form of tasting once the distancing measures are relaxed, the food is scrumptious!

School grid - You should have received an email from Schoolgrid about signing up for an account which will enable you to order, make payments, register allergies/special requirements all via the app. Please make sure you do this as there will be no cash or cheques accepted in school – all payments will need to be made online. If you cannot see the email please check your spam/junk folder in the first instance, and contact the school office if it is definitely not there.

We have heard from ISS (our current catering company) to say that they will now be refunding any credit to the school, and not directly to parents/carers as originally communicated. Therefore we will

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be in touch again in September, once we have received the credits. For any of you with credit on your Y6 child account you can contact ISS and request a refund at support@cypad.com

End of Year Reports

Reports will be emailed to parents this week. An accompanying letter will explain how the attainment has been assessed for your child and you will see that this year the details are limited due to the lockdown and school closure. Please confirm receipt of the report and return any comments or order a paper copy via the form in ParentMail/Forms/Acknowledgement of report.

End of term

Just in case you missed this last week.....

Please note that **Friday 17th July is a half day opening** so children will need to be collected early, see times below. The only exception is the yr 4 group in on that day. Mrs Coulam would like to keep them a little bit longer! Year 4 please provide a packed lunch for that day.

Pick up times for Friday 17th July . Pickup from usual place.			
FS2	12:00	Lions	12:00
Yr 1b	12:10	Tigers	12:10
Yr 6	12:20	Yr 4b	2:00

Summer activities

Summer activity packs will be available on the class web pages from next week. You will also find some summer activities being promoted by West Berkshire Council, story competitions, summer reading challenge, Berkshire Maestros events and lots more so please go to <https://www.bradfieldceprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=59> to view.

Reading Books

Just a little nudge.....Please can you return ALL reading and library books to school by 16th July. All returned books need to be “quarantined” before being replaced on the shelves. It is really important that we receive all books back as replacing each one can cost up to £6.

And Finally, A Personal Thank you

I would like to thank all the staff for their unswerving positivity during the past 5 months and their willingness to be flexible and learn new skills. I also want to thank Mrs Aslett and Mrs Handley-Archer who have answered phone calls, emails and queries from parents, staff and outside agencies so cheerfully and constructively while still getting on with their “day jobs”. They are the glue that keeps us all standing!

Best wishes to you all, stay safe and well

Caroline Johnson