



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

8 October 2020

Dear families,

Autumn is well and truly with us, sending us the usual mixture of sunshine, showers and chilly mornings. I know it happens every year but it still seems to be a shock to the system when it comes!

School life is continuing in as normal a pattern as possible as you will see from the number of events happening over the next couple of weeks. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the events organised by the PTA who have been extremely creative in continuing to run fundraising events during these times. Their efforts have recently enabled us to spend over £1500 on a new whiteboard for a class where the old one had recently "died". The cheers from the children when the new one was installed rocked the building! In order for the PTA to continue to be able to support the school, I would urge you to contribute whatever you can in supporting the events. I for one will be ordering at least 1 cake (I may need to run the marathon to burn off the calories!)

As you will know, parents evening will be a different experience for us all this year and whilst I may not be able to welcome you to the school itself I know that you will find your meetings informative and helpful. Look out for further details on joining instructions and a brief summary of your child's progress next week.

Staffing news

Miss Jewell recently left the staff to pursue a higher qualification in Creative Arts and she has been replaced by Mrs Michelle Petty who is working both in Oak class and in year 3. Whilst we were sorry to see Miss Jewell leave we are delighted to welcome Mrs Petty who has not stopped smiling since she arrived! It is also a pleasure to inform you that Mrs Colbourne has returned to the staff and can also be found in Oak class and year 3. We know from experience that Mrs Colbourne is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the team and we are very pleased that she can continue to be part of the Bradfield community.

We have also been delighted to welcome back Mrs Coulam who will be working with us on our recovery curriculum. Bradfield School seems to be a difficult place to leave behind!

Please stay safe as the nights draw in and stay well.

Best wishes

Caroline Johnson

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

OTHER NEWS

Thank yous

Rev'd Jules collected your harvest donations this week for the Foodbank. Thank you for being so generous in your donations. When we hear how much was collected in the local area we will let you know.

A big thank you also for the fantastic uptake of school meals last week for Census Day. Over 95% of infant children had a school meal on the day, meaning important extra funding for our school.

Thank you for your continued support in adhering to our covid guidelines. It is important that as we settle back into school we do not become complacent about these practices and we will be continuously reminding the children of the importance of washing hands and keeping within their bubbles.

Uniform reminder

Please can we remind you of our uniform requirements. Full details can be found on our website at <https://www.bradfieldceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=38>

We have had queries recently regarding hair bands and ties. Just to clarify – we would prefer plain dark colours like blue, black, brown for any hair ties, scrunchies or hair bands. Large, brightly coloured bows and scrunchies are not appropriate for school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please can we also remind you to make sure all items of clothing are named so that any missing items can be reunited with their owners quickly.

Colder weather – ventilation in school

As we approach Autumn and Winter the weather will inevitably turn colder. To comply with the necessary measures currently in place we do need plenty of ventilation in the classrooms and around the school building. This will mean that it may feel colder than the children are used to. Please therefore dress your child appropriately with extra layers – vest, long sleeved T-shirt under their polo shirt and jumper. Please also remember to send in waterproof, warm coats and sensible shoes as children will be going outside for breaks whenever possible in all weathers.

Mini Marathon – Friday 16th October

All children will be taking part in the mini marathon. Please make sure that they have their PE kit in school on this day. Sponsor forms have been given to children and any monies should be paid through the PTA Just giving site at <https://www.justgiving.com/bradfieldprimaryschoolpta>. Unfortunately, WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CASH due to the current Covid situation. Completed sponsor forms should be returned to school with your child by the Friday after half term 6th November 2020.

Tempest Photos – Tuesday 20th October

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 20th October in the morning to take individual photos of all children, including sibling photos where applicable. Please therefore make sure that your child is smartly dressed in full school uniform on the day.

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

Rags2riches clothing collection – Tuesday 20th October

Please leave any bags under the barn after school on Monday 19th October or before school on Tuesday 20th October. Clean, good quality clothing accepted, paired footwear, jewellery and accessories, belts and handbags. ***NO pillows, curtains, duvets, books, CDs or any school uniform items***

PTA cake sale – Thursday 22nd October

Cakes are available to order through ParentMail/Payments/Shop. There are 6 to choose from, and you can order more than 1 of any of the items. Collection will be on Thursday 22 October in the usual playground where you drop off and collect your children.

Parents evenings – Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October

This year for the first time we are having online (via TEAMS) parent/teacher meetings. Please remember to book through ParentMail/Parents evenings for your preferred day and time slot. You will be sent the joining details prior to the evenings and once bookings have closed.

Please let us know if you have any queries about this.

Prospective parent tours

If you know of anyone with a child due to start school in September 2021 please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a tour of the school. These will take place outside of the school day but will give parents/carers a chance to have a look around and ask any questions they may have. We are very proud of our school and welcome the chance to tell others all about us.

Half term holiday

School finishes on Thursday 22 October (Friday 23rd is a staff training day) and children return on Monday 2 November 2020.

Flu nasal sprays – Friday 20th November

The school nurse immunisation team will be at school on Friday 20th November to administer flu nasal sprays to all children. To give your consent/non-consent please do so online at <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>.

Taekwon-do lessons

Little Pumas - aged 4 - 6 years

Tuesdays Kennet School, Thatcham, 5.15 - 7pm

Fridays Hurst School, Tadley, 6.15 - 7pm

For more information please contact Jason Cooper on 08456001967/0770882315

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Purley Pre-School

Long Lane, Tilehurst RG31 6YG

For children aged 2 – 4 years

Full and half day sessions available

Forest School for all 3 and 4 yr olds

Breakfast and holiday clubs available

For more information please ring 07504831149 or email

supervisor@purleypreschool.co.uk or visit www.purleypreschool.co.uk

St Peter's Pre-School

**Bradfield Southend
Autumn places available.**

**Please contact via the
website**

**[www.stpeterspreschool.
org.uk](http://www.stpeterspreschool.org.uk)**

Jubilee Day Nursery

For children 3 months to 5 years

We are open 51 weeks of the year, excluding
Bank Holidays and one week between
Christmas and New Year.

The Nursery is conveniently situated in
Padworth Common, just off the A4 between
Reading and Newbury and close to the
North Hampshire border, just a few
minutes' drive from Aldermaston, Burghfield,
Mortimer, Tadley and other surrounding
villages.

Please call our team on 0118 970 1600 for more information or visit
<https://www.jubileedaynursery.co.uk/>