



## Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear families,

A belated “Welcome” to the new school year. I hope that you managed to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the summer and possibly even travelled outside of West Berkshire – how exotic!

We have begun 2021-22 with a sense of excitement and not a little trepidation about what this academic year might bring. As we all know, the number of Covid cases is steadily rising but this time we have the security of knowing that huge numbers of us are protected through the vaccination programme. There will inevitably be some disruption due to people having to self-isolate but we hope that this will be minimal and that (fairly) normal service can be resumed!

As always, the beginning of term has been a total joy, in the midst of the pandemic it can be easy to lose sight of why we chose to work in education but after just a morning in the company of your wonderful children we are reminded of how much joy and pride they bring to our school. They have settled quickly into new classrooms with new teachers and new routines and the learning has definitely begun in earnest. We welcomed our youngest children into Oak class last week and Mrs Howlett, Mrs Lucas and the team have hardly sat still since! This newest cohort are full of life, curiosity and energy and with our Oak class team’s guiding hand will make a fabulous start to their education journey. We have also welcomed seven new children across the other year groups. They are all settling in well and already a valued part of our school community. On that note we do have spaces in most year groups so if you are aware of anyone looking for a school place please tell them about us.

And so, as Harvest season approaches, we are encouraging everyone to try their hardest to learn, to love and to laugh together and to sow the seeds of an abundant learning harvest. To quote one of life’s true philosophers (!)....

Best wishes,

Caroline Johnson



**OTHER ITEMS**

**Foodbank referrals and free school meals**

If you or anyone you know could do with help please let us know and we can make a referral to the West Berks Foodbank.

Equally if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please go to <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> to check and apply if necessary.

**West Berks Foodbank**

With Harvest season approaching the West Berkshire Foodbank have asked us to consider donations to them. There are certain items that they are in need of – please see below. The Foodbank does an amazing job in supporting people in the local area so any help will be gratefully received.

**HARVEST APPEAL** 

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST**

**DONATE FOOD**  
Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.

**DONATE MONEY**  
Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

**SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS**

*Don't forget... You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.*

**foodbank** trussell trust  
thank you

The current top 10 items most wanted are:

- Tinned Meals
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Soup
- Tinned Veg
- Sponge Puddings (non-fridge)
- Shower Gel/Shampoo
- Instant Coffee
- Biscuits
- Instant Mash
- Pasta Sauce

These items can be brought to:

- St Peter's Bradfield Southend on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept (9.30am service)
- St Mary's Bucklebury (8am/9:30am),
- All Saints' Upper Bucklebury (11am),
- St Denys' Stanford Dingley (11am) on 3<sup>rd</sup> October

All Saints' church at other times, by arrangement with the church office.

We will also be having a harvest collection at school and will keep you posted with details.

**Clubs**

Clubs have started this week. Tech Club is running this afternoon but is low on numbers. We have therefore opened it up to Year 3 children so if anyone is interested please go to ParentMail/Payments/Shop to book a place and make payment.

**Reception class for 2022**

It's that time of year when parents of children due to start next September are looking for schools. We are more than happy to show any potential parents around should they wish to consider us. Please ring or email the school office to make an appointment. If you are aware of anyone who is in this position please ask them to contact us.

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

**Extra Bank Holiday (end of the school year)**

Just a quick reminder that the extra bank holiday for this school year is right at the end of the summer term so term finishes on **Wednesday 20 July 2022**. This may be useful to know when/if booking a holiday for next summer.

**Youth Theatre for 4 – 19 year olds**

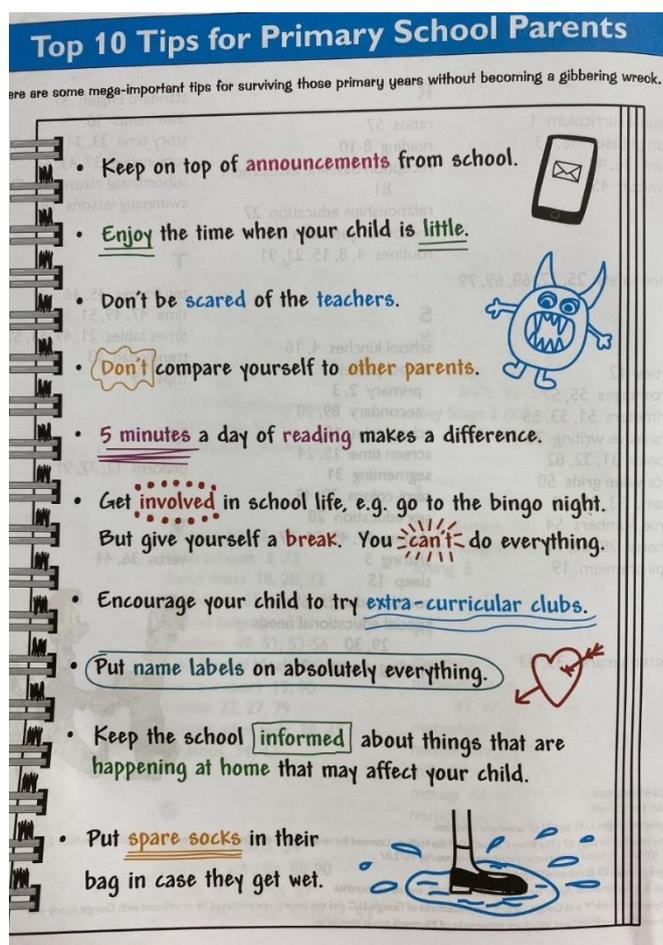
The Corn Exchange, Newbury is about to launch their Autumn season of youth theatre for 4-19 year olds - "This term, our Youth Theatre will be working with a **professional actor and educator to make new friends, develop their confidence and learn performance skills** in preparation for a **full-scale professionally-led production on the Corn Exchange main stage** in the Spring."

If your child is interested please go to <https://cornexchangenew.com/learning/youth-theatre> for more information and to book.

If your child loves to sing as well as act, they are also launching a **Junior Musical Theatre** course for 7-10 year olds on Mondays at 4pm. For more information or to book, visit: <https://cornexchangenew.com/event/junior-musical-theatre>

**And finally .....**

We thought the following tips (from a CGP book) for parents might come in useful.....



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