



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

27th April 2022

Dear Bradfield families,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to enjoy some sunshine somewhere! Years 3 and 4 presented us with a beautiful, thoughtful reflection on the Easter story at the end of last term. Many thanks to Mr Millward, Miss Bambrick and team for all their hard work and to the children for their dedication to their roles!

We are delighted to welcome another new child to our school, Finley has joined us in year 2 and is already settling in really well and seems happy to be here. Welcome Finley and family!

It seems odd to think that we haven't had a "proper" Spring/Summer term in school for 2 years so we are determined to enjoy it even more this year. We will be welcoming visitors back into school for Friday assemblies from 6th May. These will begin at **2:45pm** and all are welcome.

We are also planning to have a whole school Jubilee Celebration on Thursday 26th May with children and staff learning about a particular decade of the Queen's 70 year reign. More details will follow as dressing up may be suggested! We will end the day with a whole school picnic and the opportunity to celebrate a significant moment in the history of our country. This will happen on the last day of the half term. School will be closed from Friday 27th May – Sunday 5th June for the half term break.

This half term is quite short but with a lot to pack in and we are keen to get started!

Dancing through the decades

Miss Bisley and Mrs Sawtell will be getting the children (and possibly the staff?) into the mood over the next few weeks by running dancing sessions in the playground on Monday lunchtimes. Each week will feature music and moves from a different decade – anyone remember the Macarena?!

Children in Y2-Y6 will be invited to attend, and practise for a performance at the Jubilee event at Bucklebury Farm Park on THURSDAY 2 JUNE during the afternoon. Only children able to attend the Jubilee event on 2 June are asked to join Mrs Sawtell and Miss Bisley, but further details will follow.

School places

We are very proud of our school and hope that you feel the same. Schools are financed based on the number of children on roll and with the increases in costs we are all facing, the higher this number the better!

Please follow us and share our stories through Facebook and talk about us to your friends and neighbours. We have some spaces in all year groups and are very happy to show prospective parents around. A telephone call or email to the school office is all that is needed to book a show-round so please help us spread the word!

Vacancy

We are still looking for a new member of our Orchard club team. The club is expanding and we are searching for the perfect "someone" for the role of Deputy Manage. If you or someone you know is interested, please see the ad on Facebook, on our website or on Teach West Berks webpage.

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

School Uniform

Summer uniform is recommended this term as the days become warmer. Please refer to the school website for our uniform policy.

Healthy snacks

Please remember that as a school we are trying to promote healthy eating and have requested that only **healthy snacks** be brought into school for breaktimes. We have seen an increase in the number of crisps, chocolate and sugary snacks being consumed.

Volunteers

As the Covid restrictions are being lifted we would warmly welcome volunteers back into school. If you have any time you could regularly devote to supporting children in school please contact the school office. Staff would be extremely grateful especially for any help with reading with children on a regular basis.

Seedlings request



If anyone has any spare vegetable or flower seedlings that Miss Colbourn can have to add to her collection and plant in the garden area at the top of the junior playground please let the office know.

Playground

Please note that pre-school age children should not be playing on equipment in the school grounds nor permitted to play in the garden area. We are not insured for any accidents to children not on or school roll and the garden is in the early days of growth and is quite delicate at the moment. Please supervise your children during drop off and pickup times.

Bank holiday Monday

Just a little reminder that next Monday, 2nd May, is a bank holiday and as such, the school is closed. Enjoy an extra lie in!

Thank you!

A huge thank to the Parish Council for a very generous donation to the school which will help enormously to offset the costs of a new phonics scheme which will be in place from September. The money will be put towards the purchase of new books.

Sheds!

And another huge thank you to parents and the PTA for funding our magnificent new sheds. Whilst these may not seem exciting to many, staff have been beside themselves with joy at the prospect of filling them! Mrs Howlett in particular, is so happy that she can actually SEE the resources she has without rummaging around in the old, somewhat crooked, shed. So, once again thank you very much for your generosity.



Forest School shed



The Orchard and PE equipment shed



Early years equipment shed

Values day

On Friday 29th April we will be taking a day off timetable to explore our school Values of Courage, Compassion, Resilience and Joy. Children and staff will be looking at the links between these values and some key Bible stories to see how these living these values can change lives for the better. We will be sharing our thinking and learning at assembly on Friday 6th May.

External assessments

This term is also the time when the children are asked to undertake external assessments. We try hard not to make these a stressful time for the children as the results are about the school NOT about the child. Your child may come home and say that they did some different tests in school but please reassure them that doing their best is all anyone asks. This year, alongside KS1, KS2 SATs and Year 1 Phonics screening we also have the first Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. These assessments all take place during May and the first weeks of June.

Staff will be in touch with details regarding SATs information shortly.

Best wishes

Caroline Johnson

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