



Bradfield C of E (Aided) Primary School

13th July 2022

Dear Bradfield families,

So, we come to the end of another year at Bradfield Primary School and for some of us this will be the end of our time here. The end of the school year has its very own feel to it. There is a mixture of excitement that the holidays are coming, panic that there is so much still to do and nervousness about what the new year will bring. As always there is also a tinge of sadness at the prospect of saying goodbye to our year 6 children as they move on to the new adventure of secondary school.

Anyone who has had the privilege of working with these children over the past few years will know what a special bunch they are! Thankfully they are enjoying a slightly more traditional end to their year 6 than some Covid hit cohorts. A week on residential, year 5/6 production, sports day and a leavers service with real people will all send them on their way with some great memories and having helped them face and overcome personal challenges. We wish them all the very best secure in the knowledge that they are fantastic young people, ready to face the world!

I do not want to dwell on the impact of the past couple of years on us all however, the pandemic has, of course, impacted school life. But in some ways, it has brought the staff team closer together with a greater appreciation for each other's talents and strengths and this means that any departure is keenly felt by all. This year we see a number of staff leaving all of whom have put their hearts and souls into driving the school forward and supporting our vision. I would like to personally express my gratitude to Mrs Babb, Miss Bisley, Miss Bambrick, Mrs Garland and Miss Baker and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

And of course, I am moving on to a new challenge in September and I would like to say thank you to so many people for the support, kindness, wisdom and friendship I have encountered here. The next headteacher will be a very lucky person to be part of this community.

I hope and pray that the summer brings rest, relaxation and joy to you all and leave you with my favourite Irish blessing.



MAY THE ROAD RISE
TO MEET YOU



may the wind
be always at your back
may the sun
shine warm upon your face,
may the rains
fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again
may god hold you
in the hollow of his hand.



Best wishes,

Caroline Johnson

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

Y3 Iron man art



We thought you might like to see some of the fabulous art work created in year 3. They made portraits of the iron man using white chalk, and focused on the light and shadow to try and create a 3D effect.

Hot weather

We will be regularly checking the weather forecast over the next few days and into next week as this hot spell continues, and taking steps to keep children safe such as keeping them out of the sun and reducing time spent outside. Please help us by sending your child to school with sun cream already applied, water bottles and sun hats.

Y2 Forest School next week cancelled

The final session of Forest School this year for Y2 was due to take place next Tuesday but given the forecast for extremely hot weather we have decided to make yesterday's session the last one.

Extra curricular clubs for September

Mrs Sawtell is busy finalising the details for next term's extra curricular clubs and we will send you the list before the end of term. Booking will be through ParentMail at the start of term in September. Please look out for the information email and make a note of the date bookings go live to ensure your child gets a space in his/her chosen club.

The Orchard

As you know Angie is retiring at the end of term and The Orchard will be under the new management of Premier Education. This is a new chapter in our wrap around care provision at Bradfield Primary allowing us to keep providing this popular service. Please check out the flyer from premier Education and the booking link <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19747/> for more information.

Reports coming out next week

We will be sending home your child's report next Tuesday. We will post any child's who is not in school. Please complete the form in ParentMail as soon as possible to acknowledge receipt of the report and to make any comments you may have.

Foodbank referrals

Please remember that we can make referrals to the West Berks Foodbank for any of our families who are finding it difficult making ends meet at the moment. They will arrange for food parcels to be dropped off to your home, after contacting you to determine your particular needs. Please email or telephone the school office for more information.

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Lost property

Please please have a look through the lost property box if you are missing any items. It will be out under the barn this afternoon in the junior playground. It is currently overflowing with items – water bottles, jumpers, polo shirts, cardigans, trousers. Anything not claimed by the end of term will be recycled.

Last day of term – Weds 20 July

11 am Leavers assembly at school – all parents invited to say goodbye to our Y6s and other children who are moving to new schools.

1.30pm School finishes with The Orchard running until 4pm.

Start of next term – Monday 5 September 2022

We hope you all have a lovely summer break.