

Braywood Newsletter



Back to school after
Lockdown!



Autumn 2020

What is happening this term?

Wednesday 2nd September	Back to School
Tuesday 8 th September	Forest School Day for everyone.
Mon/Wed 7th/9th Sept	Visits from our new children.
7th to 11th September	Children meet their new teacher
To be confirmed	Parents to have a discussion with their child's teacher
26th to 30th October	HALF TERM
Wed 23rd September	Happy Bags
21st December to 5th January	CHRISTMAS BREAK
4th January	Inservice Day

Back to School after Lockdown

After such a prolonged period of lockdown, we are pleased to report that all the children have settled into the new routine at school very well. There is a buzz of happiness around the school! The teachers have talked a lot regarding each child's 'personal bubble' and everyone just accepts the additional hygiene regimes. This week every child will be spending much more time with their new teacher and getting to know their new classroom. They will be sharing a forest school experience together and at a later date, competing in a PE tournament in their classroom groups.

The children have adjusted really well which is largely thanks to our parents preparing them so well. Whilst the children have been with the teacher they had last year, we have been undertaking some preliminary assessments. It appears that quite a lot of children have made some real strides in their progress. The teachers would like to say a big thank you for all our parents' support. It is not an easy accomplishment to look after your child for so long during these difficult times, but it is clear that the children are so happy to be back.

Please note

Don't forget to look at our website for all the latest information especially on the curriculum, assessment and helping your child in the classroom. There is also a section on Coronavirus under 'parents and pupils'.





What has been happening in school?

Some of our recent achievements.

Forest School Day

Helping us get back to school are our forest school experiences. Despite the fact that we could not go to Windsor Great Park the children still participated in team building exercises, cooking on a campfire and shared time with their friends.

This is part of our pastoral support for the children to help them adjust into their new classroom. The children are so keen to be making this next move!

Year 4 Leavers

Last year's Year 4 pupils attended the school and managed to perform a Leavers' Assembly for their parents. They took home their special book, a presentation book, a compilation of photographs from when they started school and named sweater.



PE Tournament Day

This has now been postponed. All Y4 children are going to take on the responsibility of Sports and Music leadership this year. Below is a picture of our circuit training with the visit from the athlete before lockdown.



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New Parental Survey

Parental Survey

It would be helpful to gather our parents' opinions about lockdown, how home learning went and what would help if we find ourselves in a similar situation.

During lockdown every single parent logged onto eschools. This platform is important to the school because it holds all our communication tools, it links to national data sites, it holds our parents' payment tool, our register and all our dinner data.

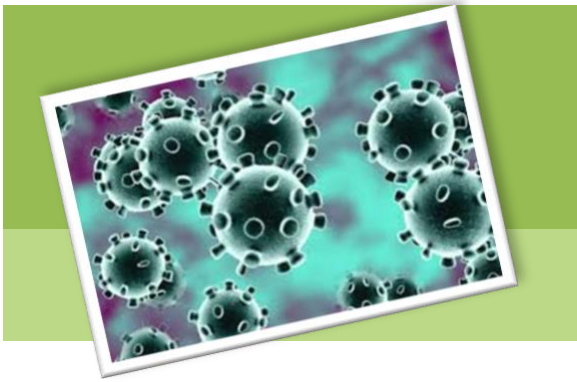
However, we are always looking to improve especially in the area of homework because the better this is, the better parents can support their child's education. Taking a positive from this pandemic, this is a perfect opportunity to review our practices.

Please email any thoughts to the office.

Thank you

Questions

1. What were the positives and the challenges through lockdown?
2. How did you teach your child at home?
3. How did the school help this process?
4. Although it is impractical to have virtual lessons for young children but what type (if any) of virtual support would help demonstrate the learning?
5. If you could plan the type of homework what would it look like?



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

**Nearly every child has returned back to school.
THANK YOU!!**

Coronavirus Update

Here are some reminders of school procedures during this pandemic and what we have found has gone well over the past few days. Our stance is still a cautious one where we aim to keep everyone safe.

Children are washing their hands several times during the day; all staff are cleaning the equipment and tables after use; children are taught to adopt good respiratory hygiene and we are taking the children's temperatures before they come into the classroom.

All children will remain in their classroom group for all lessons, play time, lunch and coming in and out of school. The classrooms have been rearranged and each child has their own table (except in the EYFS) and all the tables are facing forward. Children have been taught about their own personal bubble and that no one should be entering their own personal space.

At present we are not having any whole school events such as assemblies. Obviously, we are a very small school and when it comes to Breakfast Club and After School Club the children will be segregated wherever possible. There are many children across the school who have siblings, so it is almost impossible to completely segregate every child.

Additional adults and clubs

We have no immediate plans to provide any additional clubs at the moment. If we do run clubs, they will be class based and run by TA staff or teachers. At present, Mrs Walker is taking piano and the Windsor Sports Partnership are covering some PE lessons. Both have Covid-friendly procedures.

Drop offs and Pick ups

Everyone is doing so well with the new timings of the beginning and end of our school day. You will notice that your child's new teacher will start to pick your child up as we begin our shunt up timetable. The children have done so well last week we are accelerating this timetable.

Please note that your teacher will be ready ten minutes before, and five minutes after, the collection to avoid parents waiting together on the road.

Government Guidelines

We are adhering to all National guidelines. If a child has a temperature above 38 degrees or they appear unwell with a cough, then they will be sent home immediately. Staff will need to wear full PPE and wait with your child until they are collected. If your child or a member of your

family are unwell then we would ask you to immediately self-isolate, take a test and inform the school. The same procedure will happen if a staff member is unwell. If the test is negative, but the symptoms are still present, then we would not like anyone to return back to school, even staff members. We expect everyone to have an active engagement with the NHS Track and Trace procedures. If there is a positive case, then we will follow the NHS Track and Trace advice. All parents will be informed.

If you plan to go on holiday and then have to self-isolate, then we would ask that you respect government procedures and stay at home for 14 days.

Lunchtimes

Caterlink have a comprehensive risk assessment and all food is prepared with Sonia wearing full PPE. As you are aware, we are just providing grab bags, but the next step will be to provide our firm favourites such as jacket potatoes, fish and chips, pizza etc.

This will start with fish and chips on Thursday 3rd October.

PE kits

We will be asking for PE bags to be brought into school in the near future. At present we are asking parents to send their child into school in their full PE kit including T-shirt, shorts, trainers, track suit joggers and sweatshirt every **FRIDAY** starting from this Friday if possible. There is a slight risk of children getting changed in school and at present we are not using our cloakrooms.

Rucksacks & NO Bookbags

Children have been asked to bring in a lot of things into school e.g. lunchboxes, snacks, water bottles, coat etc. To help to carry all these things we are finding that the most useful thing is to put everything into a rucksack which can be placed under the child's table in their personal space. This only applies to Year 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Please remember that your child only needs a small lunch and an even smaller snack and if they have a school packed lunch, they will need a water bottle so they can have a drink throughout the day.

Please do not bring in book bags.

Communication

We will continue to keep the portal open between teachers and parents to help you with any enquiries you have with homework and up and coming events. Please send your messages during school hours, not evenings or weekends. Teachers will always send their messages out on Sunday evening.

Mrs Calvert and the office will aim to send out a message on Mondays.

Car Parking

It is more important than ever to adhere to our Traffic Code of Conduct. We are dismissing siblings together so that parents do not have to wait on the kerb side. Some parents have commented that they are having to walk on the road because of congregation of parents. I appreciate that there is a social aspect to bringing your child to school but if you could pick up or drop off and leave immediately, we would be very grateful.

Homework

Teachers will continue to provide weekly homework in due course. It will be wholly based upon what they have been learning in the

classroom so that we can continue your excellent support.

To reduce resources moving from home to school and visa versa reading books, spellings, worksheets will all be electronic.

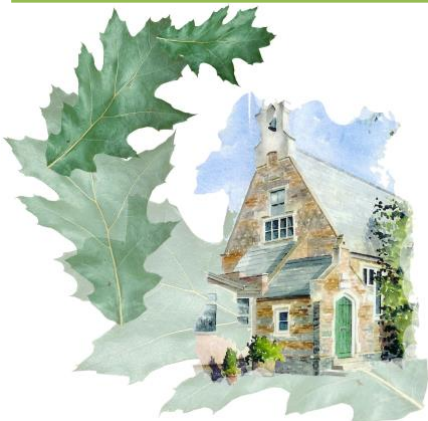
News from the PTA

There is going to be a collection of Happy Bags on Wednesday 23rd September. The drop off point will be just over the small wall in front of the main car park. There will be a sign to indicate where to put the bags. There will be a staggered timetable to drop your bags for the parents who want to avoid the crowds.

The PTA AGM has been postponed until further notice.

During the next few weeks we are having a class PE tournament which will involve an endurance run, races and athletics. Each child will receive a medal on this day thanks to our PTA.

Many thanks
Sally Hackett



Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any concerns

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

