

It has been lovely to see so many parents from Years 3-6 attend the virtual Welcome Meetings this week. The presentations and additional information will be on the website next week.

Mrs. Woodward will, unfortunately, be leaving us at Christmas. She has been appointed the Phonics Lead at the local English Hub. While we will be sad to see her leave, this is a great opportunity for her and her passion for phonics in the Early Years.

We will start the recruitment process immediately and keep you informed of progress.

Lunch Menu

The lunch ordering system now shows the choice of grab bags for any new orders. You do not need to re-order if you have already selected a grab bag. Due to food supply issues, we may need to change the lunch menu at short notice if we are unable to get the items we need.

Stationery & Arts/Craft Donation

As previously, we are asking parents for a voluntary donation towards stationery and ad-hoc arts and craft activities during the year – for children in Reception to Year 5 this will be £10.

For children in Year 6 it will be £20 (this additional charge for Year 6 covers the provision of the yearbook and other leaver events).

Please pay online. The payment will be available from next Monday until half term.

Thank you for your support.

Maestros

The children have been treated to some live music across this last fortnight.

Last Tuesday, our Double Bass tutor, Mr Cowie, brought his band Musical Mayhem to perform for Key Stage 2. The performers introduced their instruments to the children and played some well-known tunes. It was wonderful to have the sound of music floating up the corridors. This Tuesday, Ms Rennie, our woodwind tutor brought in a clarinet, flute and recorder to introduce and perform to the children.

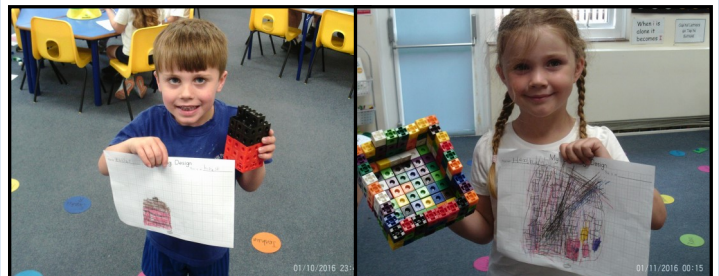
In school, we currently offer lessons on:

Violin, double bass, piano, recorder, clarinet and flute. Our peripatetic tutors are all members of the Berkshire Maestros county music service. You will have received a letter this week from our woodwind tutor containing her direct email address. If you are interested in your child having lessons on either of the string instruments, you can book directly through the Berkshire Maestros website.



Year 1 Topic

The children in Year 1 have been busy in 'choosing time' this week, designing and building houses for the Three Little Pigs. They have learnt about the different materials the pigs used for their houses to help construct their own.



Friends

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Friends Smarties event – we raised an amazing £489.21!

Hold the Date - Saturday 4th Dec
11-3pm Friends Christmas Fair.
More information to follow.



Parent Volunteers

We are now able to invite parent volunteers into school again from after half term (subject to restrictions). If you are interested, please email the school office. You will then need to have a DBS check and attend induction training.

Secondary School Applications

Please ensure you apply for your child's secondary school place by 31st October. For further information go to the Bracknell Forest Council website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/when-apply>

Courses for Parents

Community Learning is offering a range of Employability Skills and Well-being courses for adults this term. Their programme of Employability Skills courses is perfect for those parents looking to upskill or return to work. The Well-being programme of courses contains courses covering a variety of topics from Pilates to a course on how to declutter the mind! Particular courses that might be of interest to parents include:

Paediatric first aid
Positive thinking
Working in school
Understanding stress
Nutrition – special diets
Understanding food allergies

In addition, they offer the opportunity to brush-up on or gain qualifications in maths and English too. Details on all the courses can be found at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning and daily updates can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/bracknelladultlearning

Dates for the Diary

Welcome to Year 1 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 30th September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Year 2 Meeting (virtual)	Thursday 30th September @ 6.30pm
Welcome to Reception Meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 12th October @ 6.30pm
Parents Evening (virtual)	Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October 4pm-7pm
HALF TERM	MONDAY 25TH—FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER
INSET DAY	MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Year 6 Height & Weight Check—School	Tuesday 2nd November
Flu Immunisations - Reception-Year 6	Thursday 4th November
Reception Family Learning Workshop	Tuesday 16 th November (RW) & Thursday 18 th November (RR) see attached flyer
Parent Workshop	Wednesday 24 th November 9-11am
Friends Christmas Fair	Saturday 4th December

Letters/Attachments coming home this week:

Home Start Volunteer Flyer