

Weekly News

24th September 2020



Dates and key information

School Meals

Week Beginning 28th September - **YELLOW**

Juniors ~ £2.30 Infants ~ free

September

- Mon 28th - PE- Infants & Juniors
- Weds 30th - Infants Forest School Group 1
- Weds 30th - Junior Forest School Group 3

Dear Parents,

The older infant children have learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees this week and have discussed a trip to the woods.

In maths they have been comparing objects and representations of numbers using 'less than', 'greater than' and 'equal to'.



The Reception children have thoroughly enjoyed counting acorns and making masks and maps this week.



This week, the juniors have been concluding their survival leaflets all about a trek to the peak of Ben Nevis. They have focussed on using fronted adverbials to make their writing more interesting as well as cohesive. The children have researched and written about what equipment and clothing would be needed to climb the mountain as well as found out some interesting facts such as how Ben Nevis' obtained its name and what can be found at the top.

Best Wishes

Corrinne Smith

BREAKFAST CLUB

Runs daily when required from 7.45am with Mrs Ward and is available to Brumble Bee children as well as school children at the cost of £4.00 per child. Please pre-book sessions through the school office by email to admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk or alternately phone 01598 710345.



School Census Day - Thursday

1st October - It is important that all children attend school on this day and please can we encourage all infant children to take up a school lunch, as this determines how much our school receives in funding for the coming year!

Parental Consent Booklets & Data Collection Form

A reminder to return your Parental Consent Booklets and Data Collection sheets by **Wednesday 30th September**. If you need to add in additional contacts please add them in on the back of the sheet.



Well Done
for receiving a certificate of achievement this week



Certificate of Achievement

Juniors

Millie - For having an excellent attitude towards her learning and for always being there for her friends.

Thomas - For reading three library books since returning to school in September and achieving great results on the linked accelerated reader quizzes.

Infants

Lola Laird - For trying really hard with her reading.



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-
Georgia - 27th September
Jemmi - 29th September

FLU VACCINE - DON'T FORGET

All children in **Reception to Year 6** from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination.



Our Flu Vaccine date is provisionally 3rd November 2020.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

PUPIL PREMIUM

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.

Ways in which we spend our fund include:

- Extra one to one and small group support
- Employment of extra teaching assistants
- Catch up sessions for children needing extra help
- Breakfast club support
- Funding educational trips
- Music lessons for children who cannot afford to pay for them
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language support
- Investing in resources that boost learning such as laptops and tablets
- Free school meals



Please take advantage of this if you think you are eligible. As an incentive to apply we are giving away a £10 book token to all new successful applications. All you need to do is visit this website: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals and fill out a quick form to see if your child could be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. Alternatively speak to Sally if you have any questions.

BRUMBLE BEES - EARLY YEARS FUNDING



Eligible 30 Hours codes for Autumn Term - Devon Early Years Settings

This is to advise that we will be allowing 30 hour codes with a start date of up to 30th September to be used this term. The normal deadline for Autumn Term funding is 31st August but we have used our discretion and had approval to extend this deadline for this term only. We will be updating our system so that any 30 hour code that has an 'eligible from' date between 1 September - 30 September 2020 will automatically be backdated to 31/8/2020. Please do not contact the helpdesk with details of individual children as the system will automatically backdate these codes. Please monitor 'Review Previous Checks' on the Provider Portal and once the code shows an eligible from date of 31/8/20 you will be able to complete the headcount task and claim the extended hours.

Any codes starting from 1st October will not be funded until 1st January 2021 (Spring Term) and only if eligibility has not ended.

Can we please ask all settings to remind parents to apply now or reconfirm with HMRC if they believe they may be eligible.

Applications and reconfirmation 30 hour Funding with HMRC

We have been advised by DfE that if a parent faces a reduced income due to coronavirus, they will be treated as meeting the minimum income threshold for 30 hours until 31st October and should therefore be able to reconfirm their 30 hour code.

If a parent has been made redundant whilst they are in receipt of the 30 hours entitlement, they will be able to claim 30 hours until their next reconfirmation date (parents need to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months). After this reconfirmation date, they will enter a grace period during which they can still access 30 hours. If at any point they regain employment which takes them above the minimum threshold, they will be able to reconfirm and continue their 30 hours without a break.

With regards to the length of the grace period, parents who fail to reconfirm their eligibility in the first half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of that term (31st December); parents who fail to reconfirm in the second half of a term are able to retain their childcare place until the end of the following term (31st March).

We would strongly encourage those who become eligible in autumn to apply in good time, ahead of the 31st December deadline so they have 30 hours code confirmed and ready to access hours in the spring term (from 1st January 2021).

Brayford Academy Term Dates 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term

First day back	Monday 7 th September 2020
Half term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2020
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December 2020

Spring Term

First day back	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021
Last day of term	Thursday 1 st April 2021

Summer Term

First day back	Tuesday 20 th April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Half term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
Last day of term	Thursday 22 nd July 2021