

GREAT BRADFORDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This week on the Facebook page we have announced three exciting projects that will start soon at the school. This demonstrates our ambition to provide the very best holistically for all of our children and we are very excited to see these begin in the Summer Term!

New partnership with the NHS and becoming a trainee school for Mental Health Support Teams.

We have been successful in being the one of only two schools (and the only primary school) in the Braintree district including Witham, Halstead and the surrounding villages, to become a trainee school for this new programme. After Easter, two trainees will join us and work closely with us to support children with developing mental health difficulties. We are delighted to be the only primary school to be selected by the NHS and I feel this reflects on the inclusive practice we offer. From 2022, the qualified Mental Health Practitioners will support a wider group of schools across the district, and we will retain this service to continue to support our children and their families. More details on this project will follow.

In the meantime, please click the link below to read more about the national approach to supporting mental health.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/79-million-to-boost-mental-health-support-for-children-and-young-people>



[£79 million to boost mental health support for children and young people - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/79-million-to-boost-mental-health-support-for-children-and-young-people)

Nearly 3 million children in England to be supported by mental health support teams in schools Around 22,500 more children and young people to access community mental health services 2,000 more ...

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120 Chromebooks

We are awaiting a delivery of 120 touch-screen Chromebooks (30 per year group) to help embed computing even further within our curriculum. We are delighted that children will now have access to more IT equipment at the point of learning to help develop the children's learning experience, knowledge as well as allowing more access to technology. This will also help with reading, quizzing and TT Rockstars. Including the Computer Suite and other devices, we will have more than 200 devices on site to be used at any one time. We hope to implement these during the Summer Term but setting up 120 devices may take a little while!

New Roof

Last year, the government announced £1Bn funding for school buildings, so the very next day we contacted ECC regarding our roof. You may not know, it has needed upgrading for many, many years. We have been successful and ECC have agreed to install a new insulated roof, which will not only keep parts of the school drier, but also significantly warmer. The project will begin over the Easter holidays and will be completed before the end of Term. We have been assured this will not have any impact on our COVID-19 systems and the current one-way system will be in place. Thank you to Ms Hawtin for co-ordinating this project. This is a significant investment in the school and the new roof will improve the appearance and safety of the building.

Best wishes,

Justin Wrench
Headteacher



Renaissance Reading and MyOn

Since coming back from lockdown, we have been delighted to launch our new online library with the children.

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> allows the children to be able to read over 5000 books from home. In addition to this, because it is directly linked to your child's renaissance reading account, they can also quiz on these books from home.

We are keen to see the children make the most of having these additional, high quality texts to read and quiz on at home. Therefore, we have now taken off any time and date restrictions previously set when quizzing at home.

Just a gentle reminder that the quizzes that your child takes are so that we can monitor their understanding of a text and therefore any help with these quizzes should be an absolute minimum.



Non- Pupil Day

You may remember that the planned non-pupil day on 22nd February was postponed.

This has now been re-scheduled to 28th June.

Covid Testing and Isolation

When to take a lateral flow test and when to take a PCR test

Lateral flow tests are important in identifying asymptomatic cases of COVID19 infection, they are not designed or suitable for those who have coronavirus symptoms. It is very important that children, young people or adults who do have any symptoms of COVID19 undertake a PCR test and **NOT** a lateral flow test. PCR tests can be booked online to take place via a testing site, or a test delivered to your home at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

The rules of self-isolation still apply. To clarify: if any members of your household have a positive lateral flow test or symptoms of Covid 19, **the whole household MUST** isolate until a PCR test has been taken and a negative test result received. They are an essential contribution to infection control measures and risk assessments that schools are required to implement to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus. The availability of rapid lateral flow testing had not changed this requirement. Anyone not isolating and seeking a PCR test if they have symptoms, even if they have a negative lateral flow test, is knowingly putting other people at risk.

It is essential at this critical stage of the national roadmap that we all comply with these requirements.

The symptoms of covid-19 are all or any of the following:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste



We appreciate that your concern is to return your children to school as soon as possible and that lateral flow tests are the quickest type of test, but they are not the right test to be used if your child has symptoms. We must ensure the right processes are followed, for the safety of our whole school community. It is also helpful if you could email us a copy of the test result.

Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your diary:

Summer Term 2021: Monday 12th April - Wednesday 21st July

Half Term: Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June

Non Pupil Day 28th May, 28th June (re-scheduled from 22nd February)

Autumn Term 2021: Wednesday 1st September - Friday 17th December

Half Term: 25th - 29th October

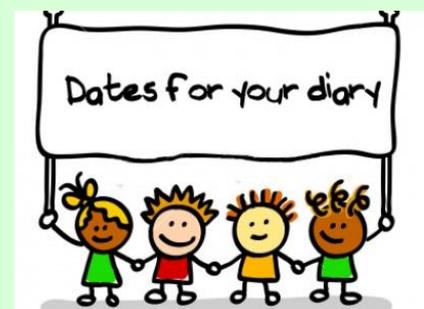
Spring Term 2022: Tuesday 4th January - Friday 1st April

Half Term: 14th - 18th February

Summer Term 2022: Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd July

Half Term: 31st May - 3rd June

There will be 5 Non-Teacher days in this academic year which have not yet been allocated.





Creations Café
Summer Menu 2021
£2.10 per day



WEEK 1

Monday	Neapolitan tomato pasta served with homemade crusty bread and mixed salad. Or freshly baked baguette with ham served with salad sticks. Homemade Summer berry muffin
Tuesday	Oven baked jacket potato with tuna or baked beans served with mixed salad. Or freshly baked baguette with cheddar cheese served with salad sticks. Fruit yoghurt.
Wednesday	Roast turkey or vegetable parcels with Yorkshire pudding and gravy, served with stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and peas. Homemade chocolate mousse.
Thursday	Handmade pepperoni pizza slice or handmade cheese and tomato pizza slice, served with sweetcorn and a mixed salad. Or tuna mayo wrap with salad sticks. Homemade iced fairy cake.
Friday	Chicken burger in a bun or vegetable burger in a bun, served with crispy chips, baked beans and/or sweetcorn. 100% fruit lolly.

WEEK 2

Monday	BBQ chicken breast or BBQ quorn fillet, served with rice and sweetcorn. Or freshly baked baguette with bacon served with salad sticks. Homemade chocolate sponge.
Tuesday	Meatballs or vegetarian meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta twists. Or freshly baked baguette with cheddar cheese served with salad sticks. 100% fruit lolly.
Wednesday	Local butcher's roast chicken or homemade lentil roast with Yorkshire pudding and rich gravy, served with roast potatoes, carrots and broccoli. Orange jelly with mandarins.
Thursday	Homemade macaroni cheese served with a crusty bread wedge and a mixed salad. Or tuna mayo wrap with salad sticks. Homemade oaty cookie.
Friday	Fillet of fish or homemade cheese and onion quiche, served with crispy chips, baked beans and/or sweetcorn. Ice cream tub.

WEEK 3

Monday	Local butcher's jumbo sausage or vegetarian sausage served with creamy mashed potato and baked beans. Or freshly baked baguette with tuna mayo served with salad sticks. Homemade apple flapjack.
Tuesday	Homemade beef lasagne or homemade vegetarian lasagne served with a mixed salad. Or cheddar cheese wrap served with salad sticks. Fruit yoghurt.
Wednesday	Local butcher's roast gammon or Quorn fillet with Yorkshire pudding and gravy, served with roast potatoes, carrots and cauliflower. Tinned peaches and ice cream.
Thursday	Chicken fajitas or vegetable fajitas served with mixed salad. Or freshly baked baguette with cheddar cheese served with salad sticks. Homemade chocolate muffin.
Friday	Omega 3 fish fingers or Quorn dippers, served with crispy chips, sweetcorn and/or baked beans. Mango iced smoothie.

A COLD OPTION IS AVAILABLE MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

AVAILABLE DAILY: FRESH MILK OR WATER

Alternative dessert:

Fruit yoghurt or fresh fruit

Menu subject to change dependent on availability



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Week 1 Menu: Week beginning:

12/04/2021
03/05/2021
24/05/2021
21/06/2021
12/07/2021
30/08/2021
20/09/2021
11/10/2021

Week 2 Menu: Week beginning:

19/04/2021
10/05/2021
07/06/2021
28/06/2021
19/07/2021
06/09/2021
27/09/2021
18/10/2021

Week 3 Menu: Week beginning:

26/04/2021
17/05/2021
14/06/2021
05/07/2021
13/09/2021
04/10/2021

Please note:

If your child is vegetarian, please ensure that you have informed the school office, so that a vegetarian option is always available for your child.



All meals need to be booked and paid for in advance on Parentpay before midnight the day before.