

Weekly Newsletter



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Summer Fete come rain come shine – The summer fete tomorrow will start at 12:00 noon regardless of the weather. A decision will be made in the morning whether to hold the event indoors or out, but it will go ahead whatever. We do hope that you will come out to support the fete – indoors or out – which is jam packed with games, crafts, face painting, hot food, bar, ice cream and more. Adults entry £1.50, children go FREE. Games tickets will be sold at 50p each or £4.50 for a strip of 10. Come along and make it feel like summer. In the meantime, if you know any sun dances could you start now.

Industrial Action (5th July) – Just to confirm, as I notified you earlier in the week, Apple, Beech, Birch, Elder, Holly and Hornbeam classes will be closed on Tuesday as a result of industrial action. Here will be no Music for Schools this day. There will be a lesson the following Tuesday, 12th July.

Holly Trees' Talent Competition – Next Wednesday we will be holding our talent competition. All children will watch the show, but if they wish to vote they must bring a £1 coin (no change please) as their voting token. Good luck to all the acts. The money raised will go to Children in Need as usual.

Staff news – Congratulations to our music specialist, Claire Hargreaves previously Brocklebank, on her recent marriage. I wish her and Pete every happiness.

Sports Day (8th July) – We will be using the same format for Sports Day this year as we did last, except that KS2 will be in the morning (9:20 am) and EYFS/KS1 in the afternoon (1:30 pm). **All children will have a packed lunch this day which they can either bring themselves or purchase as a school meal.** If you are entitled to free school meals then the packed lunch will be provided at no cost. If the weather is too wet for the event to take place, at the moment we have no reserve date but I am sure this rain has got to stop soon.

School Journalists - On Monday 27th June, KS2 children participated in District Sports with eight other primary schools at Brentwood School. The events included throwing, high jump, long distance running and many more. We won high jump, long distance, Year 5 girls sprint finals and came second in some other events. Unfortunately our school finished last overall but the team spirit was amazing. Many thanks to Mrs Hooper for organising and supporting our team. We were also glad to see many parents there, cheering our team on.

By Louise Clements

BAGS2SCHOOL Donations

The Fundraisers would like to thank everyone for their donations of unwanted clothes on Tuesday. They've all been taken away by Bags2School. We made £116!

Fundraising Calendar for 2016-17

The Fundraisers had an excellent brainstorming session last Friday night and have come up with a fun and varied events diary for next academic year. We'll be publishing the diary on the Fundraisers' page on the school website so that you can start thinking about the events you'd like to get involved with.

Armed Forces Day – We were delighted to be invited to the Town Hall last week to observe the raising of the flag for Armed Forces Day. Some Year 5 children met the mayor and people who used to be in the armed forces.

Breakfast Club parking – Could we remind parents bringing their children to Breakfast Club to drive carefully and to park on the left of the car park as you drive in. Thank you.

Penny races (18th July) – Start collecting all your copper coins for our penny races. More details will follow next week.

Open Afternoon (14th July) – Parents/carers are invited to see their children's work and meet current and future teachers from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on 14th July. If you are not planning to come until late afternoon, your child should still be collected at the usual time.

EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting - Parents from Apple and Acorn are invited along to an informal meeting with Mrs Hooper and Mrs Priest on Tuesday 12th July at 2.45 in the school hall. We will discuss some of the changes that the children will encounter as they move from Early Years to Year 1 in September. We hope to see you there.

District Sports – If your child has been selected and given a letter to take part in the District Sports on Monday, he/she should arrive at Brentwood School's sports ground (Priests Lane) by 8:30 am. Children should wear their school PE kit with a white T shirt. Spare white T shirts will be taken if your child has one of the school coloured shirts. Children should also bring their school uniform for the afternoon lessons and a bottle of water for the morning.

Basketball kits – If your child has played in a basketball match this year, please return the kit to Mrs Hooper next week as the season has now finished.

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Elm, Hornbeam, Larch and Maple for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu – Week Two of the summer menu.

Letters home

24th June – Year 6 helping at Summer Fete
27th June – Year 5 – Wild Forest Gym
29th June – Year 4 swimming badges
29th June – Year 6 – The Keymaster performance
30th June – Year 5 Wild Forest Gym form

Forthcoming dates

2nd July – Summer Fete
5th July – Y5 Wild Forest Gym
6th July – Holly Trees Talent Competition
8th July – Sports Day
11th July – Y6 afternoon play performance – 1:45 pm
12th July – Y6 evening play performance – 7:00 pm
12th July – EYFS to Year 1 transition meeting in the school hall - 2:45 pm
14th July – Open afternoon (3:00 to 6:00pm)
18th July – Penny races
21st July – Y6 Leavers' assembly – pm
21st July – Y6 Fundraisers' treat to Izumi – 6:30 pm
22nd July – Last day of summer term
5th Sept – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Dermot Gupta, Ewan Collins, Robert Westcott, Michael Gaussi and Levi Holmes.

Silver Certificates went to Amy Clayden, Albert Crowther-Barnes, Freddie Moore, Keeley O'Sullivan and Ethan Abrahams.

Gold Certificates went to Woody Sansom and Jaden Freeman.

Anderson Award went to Oscar Logan.

We have temporarily run out of certificates. As soon as they are delivered the children will receive them.