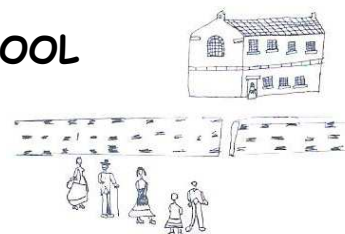




# BREAGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

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Dear Parents, Staff, Governors & Children

Welcome back to a new academic year and welcome to our new parents & children. I hope you have read my first letter which contains lots of continually relevant information. It is still available on the school website to read. This is our weekly newsletter, which will be uploaded to the school website each Friday and emailed to those who have opted to receive it in this way. Our preference in the current circumstances and going forward is to go paperless, but if you would like a paper version sent home please contact the school office. Attendance has been very good this week with very few absences from school. Attendance data will return on the next newsletter. We hope you find the newsletter informative and we welcome any feedback [Mr Dan Hadley].

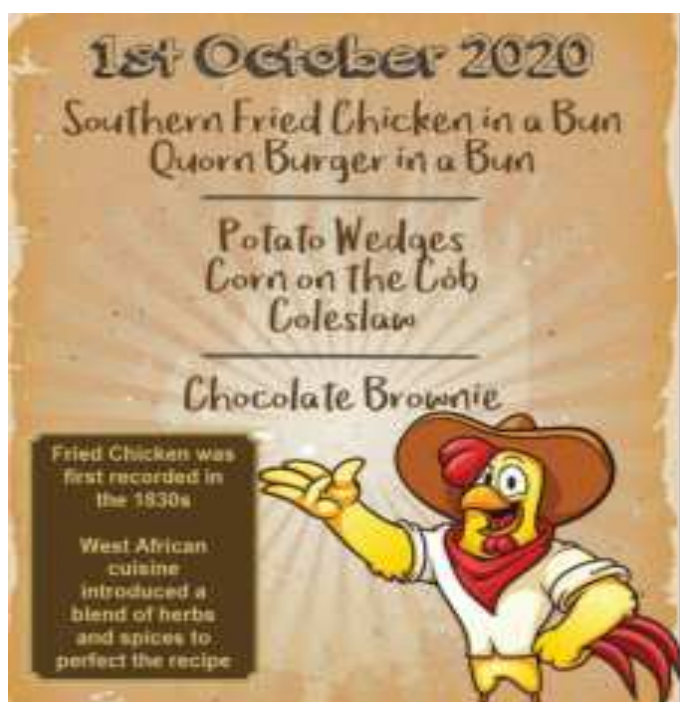
### DIARY DATES:

8.00-8.50am: Breakfast Club (please book)

8.30-8.55am: Staggered drop offs

Daily: Collective Worship & Assembly online

Next week: Chartwells Week 1 Menu & Census Day special menu - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - "takeaway" style



Please think nut free when packing snacks/lunch boxes as we have a child with a nut allergy in school - thank you!

### Outstanding forms to return

\*Consent forms were sent home last week - please complete and return as soon as possible.

\*Data collection sheets - please check, amend and return to school as soon as possible to ensure that our data submitted in our school census is accurate.

\* Reception and Year 6 health checks in school booklets: please return the form if you do not wish your child to be included in these routine checks. Thank you!

### A warm welcome

A big welcome to our new Reception intake: Maisie, Barney & Jack. We look forward to Tilly joining us next term. This week, we would also like to welcome Miss Nikita Archer who has joined us for her teaching placement this term. Nikita is based in Red Class bubble.

### Absence from school

If your child is absent from school for any reason please notify the school office as early in the school day as possible. Please adhere to the 48-hour rule for any sickness and diarrhoea to prevent spread and please remain vigilant and follow guidelines if a member of your household or your child displays any symptoms of COVID. Thank you.

### Dropping off and collecting

Thank you for adhering to the staggered times given. This seems to be working very well and has certainly eased congestion around the school site. This is especially important as the weather changes and more children will be arriving by car.

Please inform us if a different person is collecting your child. **For safety reasons, the school gates will remain locked until just before 3.00pm.**

### Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to lack of uptake, Breakfast club provision will stop after October half term. We can help you identify alternative arrangements if necessary. We will review this each half term according to demand at the time.

### School Meals Survey

Please complete our survey which has been posted on our school Facebook page. It is important that ALL Red Class parents complete this survey to express their views regarding compulsory UIFSM. A link is also included on the homepage of the school website. Thank you.



### Harvest Festival:

Although this year prevents us from conducting our normal Harvest service and celebration, we will be collecting donations for the Helston and Lizard Foodbank. Many families have had to turn to foodbanks for support during the pandemic adding to the already large numbers of families previously needing this support. Please ensure you only donate non-perishable foods which are in date. We will begin accepting these items from Monday 28th September. Please deliver them to the main entrance and place them in the box available. We will store them for a minimum of 72 hours before handling and passing them on to the Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for your support.

### Remote learning preparation

We will be sending out information next week about how to log into our new Google Classroom platform. Each child will have a log in which is to be used in the event of any need to isolate or should bubbles have to close. Online learning will be instantly available to you if these situations arise. Please keep these details safe.

### Remote learning technology

If you are a family with several children or with no access to a laptop or similar hardware, please contact Jenny in the office from Monday. We are trying to ensure that, should we have extensive numbers of children isolating or a national lockdown, we are able to support families to access online learning.

### Chartwells School Meals

School meals are available each school day; we are currently running a packed lunch only menu but would like to return to hot school meals (with a packed lunch option) as soon as possible. The other preference is to introduce compulsory Universal Infant Free School Meals throughout Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. The initial polls on Facebook showed the majority wanted hot meals to return and for compulsory UIFSM. For those not entitled to FSM, the price remains at £2.30 per meal. Children may be eligible for free school meals/pupil premium. **If you think you may be entitled, (including children in KS1) please either ask at the school office or visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals)** It takes just a few minutes to apply.

**IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS:** following the introduction of universal credit a pupil's FSM status will be protected until either the end of the universal credit rollout period (31 March 2022) or until the end of their current phase of education, this means that any claimant who is in receipt of FSM at 1 April 2018 should continue to receive FSM even if their circumstances change, the same applies for any claimant to date

### Outstanding payments

Hopefully, by now you will have logged in to your ParentPay account and be using this to help us go cashless in school. If you need your login details re-sent please email the school office. We would be grateful if any deficits could be paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Red Class - Show & Tell - Mondays only

Mrs Holliehead would like Red Class children to continue with their usual Monday show & tell. However, items are not to be brought into school. If your child has something they wish to share with their class, please send a photograph/video by Monday lunchtime to [secretary@breage.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@breage.cornwall.sch.uk) - thank you!

### School Swimming Lessons

Due to Covid, school swimming lessons are currently on hold but it is hoped that Yellow Class will swim in the Spring Term and Red & Blue Class in the summer term.

### Yellow Class - Cornwall Music Ukulele lessons

Starting next Tuesday afternoon, Yellow Class will begin their first access group ukulele lessons. These will take place in the school hall and be socially distanced and with enhanced cleaning measures in place.

### Transfer to secondary school - September 2021 intake

If your child is currently in year 6 you will need to apply for a place in Year 7 in a secondary school for September 2021. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2020. We recommend you attend open events at the local secondary schools prior to deciding and submitting your application. Parents of Year 5 children may wish to start this process early and attend open events this year also. Helston Community College has a virtual open evening event on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Full details of this were contained in a letter sent home with Year 6s. If you are a parent of a Year 5 child and are interested in attending this please contact the school office who will email or send a copy of this letter to you.

### Medication in school / Allergies etc

Any medication required regularly should be kept in school eg: asthma inhalers, anti-histamine etc. Should your child need to take any other medication during the school day, please ensure that a "permission to give medication on your behalf form" is completed and the medicine supplied. Chartwells will cater for all children whatever their dietary needs: if your child needs the menu adapted eg: lactose free, no dairy etc please let the school office know asap so that arrangements can be made.

### Lunchboxes - healthy lunchboxes/snacks encouraged



Please ensure that no sweets, chocolate, tins (pop) or glass bottles are included in packed lunches (a packet of crisps is allowed as is a biscuit type chocolate bar eg kit kat, penguin etc). Under Cornwall Council's fruit scheme all infant children (Reception, Yr 1 & 2's) are entitled to a piece of fruit or vegetable every day which is provided in school. We encourage all children to have a piece of fruit during morning break and would ask that children in Years 3 to 6 bring a piece of fruit each day.

### PE Kit

Please ensure your child arrives in PE kit on their allocated PE day. Blue Class: Monday pm; Yellow Class: Friday pm & Red Class: Wednesday pm.

### Christmas Fundraiser

Holly is kindly organising the popular Christmas fundraiser which reproduces your child's artwork onto items such as cards, gift tags, gift wrap, mugs etc. An earlier deadline has been fixed this year in order to receive items sooner.

### Terracycle Update



Please continue to save your recycling and spread the word to help us increase our recycling and fundraising. We currently have £529.46 in our Terracycle account. A full list of the acceptable waste collected is available on our school website under "Terracycle". Our Eco Warriors won't be handling the recycling currently. To make boxing items up ready for sending as quick and low risk as possible, please ensure that items are sorted into their correct brigades. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ONLY ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE BRIGADES ARE SENT IN & THAT ITEMS ARE PRODUCT FREE, CLEAN & DRY: we are regularly disposing of several bagfuls of non-acceptable plastic so please do not send in other items.**

I would like to say a big thank you to Gemma Priest who contacted our school regarding our recycling. Gemma recycles many items to raise funds for her charity, Sense. Gemma has been collecting, sorting, and boxing recycling for the McVities Brigade but due to a change in Terracycle rules she is no longer able to do this as it has to be through a public drop off. We are now supplying Gemma with shipping labels which Gemma will send in and we will receive the Terracycle points (£s). Gemma has recently sent in 4 boxes - this will give our fundraising a much needed boost. When you're next in Tesco, Helston please look out for her collection box (near the scan & shop) as there are a few items she collects that we don't collect in school: toothpaste tubes and brushes, food pouches: baby food, jelly & yoghurt (pouches only not pots).



#### Breage C of E Primary School facebook page

Please like and follow our school facebook page to receive the latest news and information.

### Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal 2020



As in previous years we will be collecting items for shoeboxes. It is not necessary to do a whole shoebox but we'd really appreciate if you could donate a few items from the list. These will be passed to the volunteers who will

make up the shoeboxes. For full details please see:

Please see the suggested items in the boxes below. These are suggested additional items to compliment those shown in the blue box which are regarded as essential items. If you wish to make up a full shoebox please see their website for full information. <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/>



## FAMILY

- ☐ Colouring Pads (A5)
- ☐ Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- ☐ Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- ☐ Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- ☐ Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- ☐ Head Scarf (lightweight)
- ☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)
- ☐ Solar-Powered Calculator
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Hairbrush/Comb
- ☐ Other Gifts .....



## ELDERLY (UNISEX)

- ☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier
- ☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- ☐ Sensory Item (eg Lavender Bag)
- ☐ Hot Water Bottle
- ☐ Work Gloves
- ☐ Pen/Paper
- ☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)
- ☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- ☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)
- ☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Other Gifts .....



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1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (88 June 2021 EU Origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders*                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominos/Playing Cards) |

\*Holder is for safety and stability