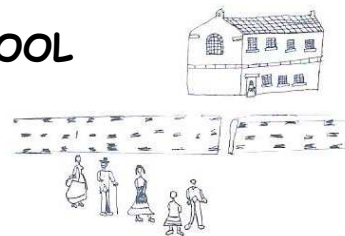




BREAGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2020

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Dear Parents, Staff, Governors & Children

Well, another week flies by and it is wonderfully heartening to see how children are getting back on track with their learning. During next week, we will be assessing all of the children in order to identify individual areas for focus, going forward. Please do not worry, it won't involve 'sitting down to do a test'. Some of it will be through discussion with their teacher or by completing a writing task, in fact they may not even realise it is happening!

Our online work provision is now ready online. On Monday, we will be providing you with a letter which will need a response from you. Along with this will be a logging in guide and your account details so that your children can access remote learning if needed.

Our preference in the current circumstances is to go paperless; therefore it would be helpful if you could provide your current email address, if you haven't done so already. Each newsletter is uploaded to the school website and can be viewed there. We hope you find the newsletter informative and we welcome your feedback (Dan Hadley)

DIARY DATES:

8.00-8.50am: **Breakfast Club (please book)**

8.30-8.55am: **Staggered drop offs**

Daily: **Collective Worship & Assembly online**

Monday 5th Oct - Chartwells Week 2 Hot Meals Menu

The new hot meal menu is available to view on the school website. Jacket potatoes are available each day as well as packed lunches.

The census menu yesterday worked well. The new procedures will take a little getting used to and tweaking but children enjoyed their lunch and we had many empty boxes!

Universal Infant Free School Meals - R, Yr 1 & Yr 2

Thank you to those who responded to our survey. A clear majority opted for compulsory school meals for children in KS1. Therefore, ALL children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2, starting on Monday 12th October, will have a meal provided by Chartwells. Please go through the menu with your child - perhaps encourage them to try a meal or two this week? We understand some parents may be concerned that their child may not eat and will be hungry but we will be monitoring this - if you wish during this transition, you can continue to send in a packed lunch box with a few supplementary items but there is no need to provide a full packed lunch.

There are still some outstanding consent and data forms - please complete and return as soon as possible. Thank you.



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

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. This may be done in person, by telephone (please confirm in writing) or by email (secretary@breage.cornwall.sch.uk). 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 family or your child displays any symptoms of Covid. Thank you.

Breage C of E Primary School Facebook page

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



Attendance reporting and treat filled trophy award

Reporting attendance has always been featured on the weekly newsletter but during this period of time, we are pausing the awarding of the attendance cup. It would not be fair on a class if they have low attendance due to a child or group of children needing to isolate. We will still be monitoring attendance and also reviewing this scenario as time goes by.

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. 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.**

Flu Immunisation in school

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Wednesday 25th November**. Letters will be sent home soon with full information and requires a consent form to be returned to school should you wish your child to receive this.

Harvest Festival collection

In conjunction with Breage Church, we are collecting food items to support the Helston & Lizard Foodbank during this harvest time. Please deliver any non-perishable items to the main office where they can be placed in the box provided to be sent to this much needed charity. Did you know that over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public? Items most needed by the Helston & Lizard Foodbank are: tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, table sauces, packet mash. Currently their website shows they have plenty of baked beans, dried pasta and pasta sauces. Other suggested items are tinned meat, tinned veg, tea, coffee, biscuits, snacks, soup and rice.



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 - in the subject heading please use the wording "Red Class Show & Tell". Thank you.

Yellow Class - Cornwall Music Ukulele lessons



There has been a delay to the start of First Access ukulele lessons - these will now start in the afternoon on Tuesday 6th October followed by keyboard lessons for the children who opted to sign up to additional lessons with the Music Service. If your child is interested please contact the school office. We are very fortunate this term to have Cheryl Brendish as our Cornwall Music teacher - Cheryl is the vocal lead for the Trust and also teaches piano, ukulele and recorder.

Medication in school / Allergies etc

Please ensure that any medication required regularly is 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, Year 1 and 2's) are entitled to a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day which is provided in school (seasonal). 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. **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE ZONE.**

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.

Terracycle Update



Please continue to save your recycling and spread the word to help us increase our recycling and fundraising. We now have £572.46 in our Terracycle account - the biscuit & cracker brigade boxes sent in by Gemma Priest have boosted our account which is fantastic. 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 bagful's of non-acceptable plastic so please do not send in other items.**

When you're next in Tesco, Helston please don't forget to look out for Gemma's 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).

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:



<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/>