



Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Congratulations to our first school Mathletes of the year: Alex S, Thomas B, Marianna M, Daniel S, Alex D, Harry D and Anaiah-Rae D, who have each invested a considerable amount of effort into their Mathematics so far this year. I will be checking school usage data in December and look forward to more of our school joining them then. They were awarded their first school 'Mathlete of the Term' certificates today.

In our assembly today, we were also able to offer our congratulations to Mrs Turner who is getting married tomorrow. We wish her a wonderful day and much future love and happiness together.

We also said goodbye to Ms. Parkinson today, our fantastic Year 6 Teaching Assistant, who after 12 and a half years has reached a stage in her life where she feels the time is now right for a change in career. Thank you Ms Parkinson for all you have done for our school and we wish you every future success. Mrs Foster will initially cover the Year 6 teaching assistant role.

Finally in assembly we temporarily said goodbye to Miss Sibthorpe, who begins her maternity leave today. We cannot wait to meet your new addition and wish you and your family great joy and congratulations.

Our Year 3s had a slightly soggy, though thoroughly entertaining day at Celtic Harmony on Wednesday, learning about many Stone Age matters. They met a number of Stone Age actors and even had to make flint arrows from soap! They visited a Celtic round-house and found out what life would have been like back then. Dylan and Sam tell me the best bit was making their own houses, although they say they could have done with some animal fur to finish these off! Year 3 were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing afternoon Shakespeare workshop on Thursday and are now resident Hamlet experts. They greatly enjoyed the necessary acting as they worked their way through the main scenes within the plot. Well done Year 6!

Finally, we hope you found the Parents' Evenings worthwhile this week and that they identified the key aspects your child should focus upon over the remainder of the year to ensure future success. Our teaching team are looking forward to recharging their batteries over the half term break in readiness for the excitement and business of the 'Christmas half term.'

We hope your half terms are enjoyable and offer some quality time together as families.

Best wishes Paul Miller

HALLOWEEN

At this time of year children often talk about Halloween. In the midst of a society that seems to be becoming more and more involved in it, many raised concerns about the origins and content of the festival and have been asking whether it is appropriate for Christians to be involved in it. As a school we choose not to advertise it and as a faith school we choose not to celebrate it. However, we are aware that children in our community may wish to become part of the old trick or treat routine. Below is the advice given by Hertfordshire Constabulary although we would still advocate children asking parents before they knock on any doors, be it someone that they know or not!

- Ensure you are accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know.
 - Never go in a stranger's house.
 - Always keep to well lit areas.
 - Remember road safety.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community and be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.

SAY NO TO STRANGERS

Please remind children to be vigilant regarding strangers or people acting suspiciously, especially as the evenings draw in. Please report any unusual behaviour or approaches to children directly to the police in the first instance.

Parents want to protect their children at all times. As children grow and develop parents need to ensure they understand and learn how to stay safe, be smart and protect themselves from strangers when at play, travelling to and from school and even at home. Parents can teach children what to do when in an uncomfortable or unsafe situation. The following websites may be of help: www.netmums.com and www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents.

PTA Update

The next official PTA meeting will be held on Monday 30 October at 7.30pm, in the Foxes Den.

Anyone is welcome to come along - you don't have to be a PTA Committee member to attend and we would love to see you there.

The draft agenda will be:

- Opening prayer
- Christmas Fair planning
- School disco feedback
- Key dates for the year
- Wildlife area renovation project
- AOB

WINTER MENU AMENDMENT

Further to the new menu being sent home earlier this week, the kitchen staff have made a few small adjustments.

Week 1 - Tuesdays it will be potato bake instead of savoury quiche.

Week 2 - Wednesdays it will be cheese roll instead of egg roll.

Week 3 - Tuesdays it will be ham roll instead of egg roll.

These amendments were applied to the menus sent out to EY2 parents so no need to change their choices.



Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday, 30th October.

Halloween Special Discount!

We are offering a **10%** discount online to all of our loyal customers over the October half term!

To claim your discount enter the code '**PUMPKIN10**' into the shopping cart before you checkout!

This offer is valid from
23rd October- 1st November!

Please visit us at
www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk

We wish you all a very restful half term break
and look forward to seeing you again on Monday, 30th October.

Next Half Term

Date	
30th October	Back to School
6th November	Year 2 Tower of London Visit
8th November	Year 6 Millfield Theatre Visit
9th November	Year 3 Warburtons Workshop
14th November	Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip
17th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew PTA Christmas Fair
24th November	Occasional Day - School Closed
8th December	Christmas Pantomime (Whole School)
11th December	Carol Service Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
12th December	EYFS Nativity 9.45am Carol Service Performance 1.30pm
13th December	EYFS Nativity 9.45am Christmas Lunch Carol Service Performance 7.00pm
14th December	KS1 Christmas Class Parties PM
15th December	Volunteer Helper Assembly 10am PTA Christmas Gift Sale
18th December	EYFS Parties KS2 Christmas Class Parties PM
19th December	Last Day of Term (all year groups) End of Term Service 1.30pm
3rd January	INSET Day (School Closed)
4th January	Back to School - (EY1 - Year 6)