



BRAYFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

LIFE, LOVE AND LEARNING TO THE FULL

29th February 2024

Dates and key information

School Meals

Week Beginning 4th March - **RED**

Juniors ~ £2.53 Infants ~ free

February

- **Mon 4th** – Film Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Tues 5th** – Lego Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Weds 6th** – Choir Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Thurs 7th** – World Book Day
- **Fri 8th** – Brumbles Forest School
- **Fri 8th** – Juniors Hakeford Woods
- **Fri 8th** – Reception Vision Screening

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club runs daily when required from 7.45am to 8.45am and is available to all children at the cost of £4.00 per child. If you wish your child to eat breakfast they need to arrive before 8.15am. There is support available with the cost if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium. **Please pre-book sessions at least 24 hours before the required session through the school office by email to admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk or alternatively phone 01598 710345.**

PLEASE NOTE if your child is not booked in to Breakfast Club they will be unable to attend.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy and enjoyable week despite the rainy weather! The new school pets have settled in and the children are enjoying caring for them.

This week our focus on our positive noticing boards has been 'Working Well Together'. The children have been working hard to ensure their names are on the board each day.

Last week the junior children enjoyed their new activity on Adventure Fridays at Hakeford Woods. The children had a walk around the site to visit the quarry, the blacksmiths and other areas of woodland. The children spotted animals tracks and a variety of flora. Over the next few weeks they will be learning how to use tools, taking part in teamwork games, building shelters, fire lighting, cooking and lots more!

This weekend we wish Duke and James good luck as they take part in the final cross country race of the series at West Buckland School.

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. Our theme this year is comic books. The children are welcome to dress up as a comic book character and bring in a comic book/comic style book of their choice.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Sara Leggott
Head of School

Attendance Ladder



CLASS ATTENDANCE

This week

INFANTS: 85.61%

JUNIORS: 94.79%

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 - Thursday 7th March

This year we have decided to have a comic book day. The children can dress up as a comic book character or normal uniform for the day. The children will be taking part in a variety of comic book activities throughout the day. You are welcome to bring in your favourite comic book to share with others.

We are looking forward to a fun day full of reading!

Miss Leggott



Well Done
for receiving a certificate of achievement



Certificate of Achievement

Juniors

Angus - For great perseverance at Hakeford sawing wood for the next session.

Infants

Burt- For excellent effort with his reading and writing.

Jake - For not worrying if he makes a mistake.

HAKEFORD WOODS

Adventure Fridays are a big hit with our Junior Class.

Last Friday was our first session at Hakeford Woods. We had a great walk around the site visiting the quarry, the blacksmiths and other areas of Stuart's woodland. The children spotted animal tracks and a variety of flora. (Teampoints will be awarded for identifying the growth Stuart pointed out on the ground!) We made plans for activities for the next 4 weeks which will include learning to use tools, plenty of teamwork games, building shelters, fire lighting, cooking, pond dipping and more.

Whilst the children are enjoying the many benefits of Forest School on a large scale, they are also learning many skills which are transferable into the classroom and into life. They take risks, learn new skills, develop resilience, perseverance and creativity all within the fabulous outdoors.

For the last part of our session, we coppiced some Hazel using loppers and hand saws in readiness for use next week. Not only were we working together to harvest what we needed for our activities, we were helping the woodland and promoting new growth for next year.





- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01598 710345 by **9.30am**.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Please park considerately in the Village hall car park for drop off and pickups.



The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am and 12.30pm. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the school number 01598 710345. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

Menu w/c 4th March

MONDAY

Pepperoni Pizza
V – Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Cubed Potatoes & Vegetables
Apple Sponge Pudding

TUESDAY

Meatballs & Pasta
V – Quorn Meatballs & Pasta
Peas & Carrots
Scotch Pancakes & Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day
V – Vegetarian Roast
Roast potatoes & Seasonal Veg
Fruit Platter

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken
V – Macaroni Cheese
Rice & Mixed Vegetables
Fruit Muffin

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers
V – Cheese Omelette
Golden Fries, Peas & Carrots
Shortbread Biscuit

Also available everyday:
Jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Cost of School Lunches:
Infants – Free
Juniors - £2.53 per meal

Calendar 2024

Please look out for further details of the following events which have been scheduled for this Summer term. These dates are an indication of what is to come, but may be subject to change as the term progresses and the need arises.

2024

- 1st March** - Juniors Hakeford Woods
- 3rd March** - NDXC Final race at West Buckland School
- 7th March** - World Book Day – Comic Books
- 8th March** - Juniors Hakeford Woods
- 8th March** - Reception Vision Screening
- 14th March** - Juniors Rosemoor trip (details to follow)
- 15th March** - Red Nose Day
- 15th March** - Juniors Hakeford Woods
- 18th March** - Bikeability Year 5 & 6
- 23rd March** - Exeter Chiefs Experience Day
- 26th March** - Whole School trip to Quince Honey Farm (details to follow)
- 28th March** - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
FIRST DAY 6th September 2023	FIRST DAY 3rd January 2024	FIRST DAY 15 th April 2024
HALF TERM 23rd – 27th October 2023	HALF TERM 12th – 16th February 2024	BANK HOLIDAY 6 th May 2024
LAST DAY 15th December 2023	LAST DAY 28 th March 2024	HALF TERM 27 th – 31 st May 2024
		NON PUPIL DAY 3 rd June 2024
		LAST DAY 23 rd July 2024
		LAST DAY 22 nd July 2025



30 Hours/Working Entitlement Funding



IMPORTANT MESSAGE – DO NOT MISS OUT ON WORKING ENTITLEMENT FUNDING!

The working entitlement funding for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds is available for eligible families. It is important that if you have a child who will be 2 or 3 years old before 31st March or if your circumstances have changed, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) now.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply or reconfirm. If you are unsure if you are entitled to the working entitlement, please check the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

It is important that you allow good time as any queries with new applications or reconfirmations could cause delays and any codes issued in April 2024 will not be funded in summer term 2024. Any start dates from 1st April 2024 will not be funded until autumn term 2024 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st August 2024.

If you have a code that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed now, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your Gateway Account and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlement can continue to access their entitlement in the grace period. However, new children, who are 2 or 3 years old before 31st March, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the working entitlement funding in the grace period if they are no longer eligible.

As part of the eligibility check with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. You cannot register for Tax Free Childcare if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Childcare Vouchers. If you do register, your benefits may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reinstate.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations).

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#) for more information.