

# Weekly News

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Dates and key information

### School Meals

Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December - **PINK**

Juniors ~ £2.30 Infants ~ free

### December

- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> - Beaford Arts Project
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - PE Infants & Juniors
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - Infants & Juniors Christmas Parties
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Dear Parents,

Mrs Beattie will be taking her maternity leave earlier than expected following advice from her midwife but we have secured a wonderful replacement to teach the infant class between January and February half term. Mrs Kate Dadswell will be teaching in the class from the start of the Spring term, straight after Christmas. Mrs Beattie will be working with Mrs Dadswell remotely during the Spring term ensuring a smooth transition for the children.

Mrs Dadswell is a very experienced teacher

based at Pilton Bluecoat and is part of the senior leadership team for Multi-Academy Trust. She is an excellent teacher and has a passion for teaching infant children and will be a positive asset to our team at Brayford.

The infant children enjoyed a wonderful 'Woodland Day' last week where they took part in activities to support their topic learning this term. They collected autumnal objects from the local environment; learnt how to weave; constructed a bug hotel and even made Christmas wreaths. They all enjoyed their special day and were able to apply some of the knowledge they had learnt through the topic 'The Enchanted Woodland'.



The children have been busy rehearsing and recording their Christmas plays which will be ready to send home next week. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to make

this a special event despite it being different from normal. We would encourage you to take an extra copy of the DVD to give to a member of the community who would appreciate a little Christmas cheer this year. If you would like extra copies please let Sally know how many by this Friday so we can make sure enough DVDs are copied. Thank you.



Best Wishes

Miss Corrinne Smith

### COVID 19 UPDATE

Please note that the school needs to be made aware of any positive Covid 19 cases where symptoms developed within 48 hours of being in school - this will include Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Please email the school office on: [admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk) as soon as possible following a positive result.

May we please remind you to maintain Social Distancing of 2m when dropping off or picking up your children from school, this includes when queuing up the drive.

### CURRICULUM NEWS

The Year two children have thoroughly impressed me with their phonics screening results this week. I am delighted with their results, demonstrating progress and effort by all. The children have been busy finishing off their short stories and work on giving change and shape before moving onto a Christmas themed week next week. Well done infants-what a wonderful little group you are!



The children across the school have been busy preparing for the Christmas Play this week. Filming, singing and acting is in full swing. We are very impressed as a school with how well the children are responding to such a change in Christmas celebrations and we are as excited as they are to share our Christmas play virtually with you this year. The children are taking on the traditional Nativity this year and are singing some well-known Christmas carols that they have worked extremely hard to learn.



### FOREST SCHOOL

There are no more Forest School sessions for this term. Forest School starts again on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, a new date/group list will be sent out at the beginning of next term.



### PTFA NEWS

This year the student council have decided to buy playground games instead of receiving individual presents from the PTFA for Christmas.

The PTFA would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.





### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, the PTFA are organising a Christmas Party. The Infants and Juniors will have separate parties in their own bubbles, there will be food and games, the children can wear party clothes or something Christmas themed!!

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December the children will be having their Christmas Dinner, please ensure you return the slip that was sent out this week.

**The children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper.**



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Runs daily when required from 7.45am with Mrs Ward and is available to Brumble Bee children as well as school children at the cost of £4.00 per child. Please pre-book sessions through the school office by email to [admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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 stay.





Well Done  
for receiving a certificate of achievement this week



Certificate of Achievement

Juniors

**Blade** - For showing fantastic stamina and reasoning when working on his end of term tests.

**Luca** - For showing excellent determination and concentration when working on his end of term tests.



Merit Achievers

40 Merit achievers

- ★ Maisy
- ★ Ava

House Points totals

Middlecott=160 Molland=180  
Longwood=160 Kedworthy=180



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:-  
Isla - 13<sup>th</sup> December



**Required Immediately**  
**BRAYFORD ACADEMY**

**CASUAL MEALTIME ASSISTANT**

**Required:** Immediately

**Hours per week:** maximum of 5 hours per week (term time only)

**Starting Salary:** £9.25 per hour (Scale A)

Would you like to join our school community as part of our team? We require additional temporary help to keep our children safe and occupied during their lunchbreak. The work will include supervising the children eating their lunch as well as outside playing in the playground.

**Hours will be 12.15 – 1.15 pm each day.** We welcome interest from applicants who may not be able to work every day as well as those who can.

If you are interested, please contact the school Administrator 01598 710345 for more information.

Application forms can be downloaded from our TEAM website: [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com) and submitted to [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk) or handed in to the Brayford Academy Office.

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**Brayford Academy Term Dates 2020 - 2021**

**Autumn Term**

<b>First day back</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Spring Term**

<b>First day back</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Last day of term</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Summer Term**

<b>First day back</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>Last day of term</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021