



Braidwood Primary School

August/September Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to our new school year and our first newsletter of this session. I hope you all had a lovely holiday. It is great to welcome our new P1 pupils and their families to our school, and also a number of new pupils to other classes. It's a very special time and we are delighted to share it with them. I look forward to seeing you and your families throughout the year in school. How lovely are these smiling faces of P1 enjoying their lunch?!



Curriculum News

At the start of a new session we always spend time thinking about our school vision and what is important to us here in Braidwood. Our vision is the basis for all the work that goes on in our school and is at the heart of our curriculum. Our vision and values are shared below. Pupils take pride in being a member of Braidwood Primary and are delighted when awarded a values wristband for showing our school values.



Our Vision

'To provide a happy, safe and fun environment where everyone is valued and shows respect for each other in our learning family. Pupils are proud of who they are and develop their own talents.'

We remove barriers to the learning adventure, enabling us to have a 'can do' attitude and **be the best we can be.**

Our School Values

Trust Happiness Friendship Respect Responsibility

Communication

The easiest way for us to communicate with you is by using the email that is connected to your ParentPay account. Please check this regularly as we will send out information and newsletters this way.

We also like to share what the pupils have doing in school on our Twitter account, and mySchoolApp.



Be the best you can be!

PE days

Please see the table below to find out which days your child will take part in physical education.

Class	PE days	
P1	Tuesday	Friday
P2	Monday	Wednesday
P3	Thursday	Friday
P4	Tuesday	Wednesday
P5	Tuesday	Thursday
P6	Monday	Thursday
P7	Tuesday	Thursday

General School Updates

There are lots of things to update you on, and information to share at the start of term!

Playground Safety

A polite reminder the car park is for staff and visitors only. It is not a drop off area. The safety of pupils is paramount and I thank you for your support in this matter. Please also note that pupils are supervised in the playground from 8.45am.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs daily from 8.15am to 8.45am. If you would like your child to attend they can come along and join us in the dining hall.

Wet Weather

On days when the weather is particularly wet, pupils come into the building via the infant playground door, or senior playground door from 8.45am. They are then supervised in the gym hall by support staff until gam.



School Uniform

All our pupils are back after the summer looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms! Thank you for your help in making this happen.

We are very proud of the high standards of our uniform and appreciate your support in making sure your children wear their uniform everyday. Our uniform consists of grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore, red jumper, white polo shirt/white shirt and tie, and black school shoes. We have lots of pre-loved uniform, and would be delighted for you to come and help yourself to it. This helps with the cost of new items, but also supports us being more sustainable and eco friendly.

Indoor Shoes

All pupils require a pair of indoor shoes. They change in to these every day in school. This helps keep the classroom areas clean and tidy.

Homework

Homework will start week beginning 29th August. We understand family life can be very busy. A little reading each day and practise of phonics/spelling would be very helpful if you can support your child with these. Homework will be issued by teachers and noted in the homework diary.

School Meals

The new school lunch menu starts on Monday 29th August. Copies of this have been sent home for you, and it is also available on the Council website.

School meals are £2.00 and milk is 26p. We monitor ParentPay regularly so it is important that parents/carers check their account and maintain a credit balance. You can set up an alert advising you of a low balance to avoid going into debt.

Be the best you can be!

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES: All children in P1-5 are eligible for a free school lunch however if you are in receipt of certain benefits it is important that you still register with SLC for their school clothing and free school meals grant.

Skills Week

During the week beginning Monday the 12th of September, all pupils will be taking part in a variety of learning activities helping develop their skills for life, learning and work. They will be taking part in outdoor learning at the local pond, food technology, and digital learning activities and may more! More information will follow, however, please make sure the annual data check information is returned which includes permission to walk to the pond and local area. Thank you.

Improvement Planning - Participatory Budget

As part of our improvement plan this session, we have again been allocated Pupil Equity Fund from Scottish Government. Part of this money is allocated to our Participatory Budget, approximately £1000. We will be looking for you views on how to spend this money, ensuring it benefits our pupils and families. Please look out for a letter coming home in school bags seeking your views.

We hope you have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sinclair
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

If parents and carers are invited along to a school event, it will state 'Parents invited' next to the event.



Tuesday 29th Aug – P1 ‘Stay and Play’ 2.30pm (*P1 parents invited*)

Monday 12th Sept – Skills Week (*More info to follow*)

Friday 23rd Sept – Holiday

Monday 26th Sept – Holiday

Tuesday 4th October - Parents Night (*in school*)

Be the best you can be!