



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 Summer. It is great to welcome our new P1 pupils and their families to our school. 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. Here are some happy P1 and P2 pupils enjoying their lunch!



Curriculum News

As we start another new school year, we have discussed our vision with staff and pupils. This 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 Parents Portal. We will send out newsletters and other information, including consent forms for trips this way. Please check this regularly in the hope you don't miss information.

We will on occasion send out paper copies of letters and information too. These would be in your child's school bag.

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



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	Wednesday
P2	Monday	Friday
P3	Tuesday	Thursday
P4	Thursday	Friday
P5	Monday	Thursday
P6	Monday	Wednesday
P7	Tuesday	Wednesday

General School Updates

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

Playground Safety

A 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.

Please do not park on the pavement on the hill across from the school, or on the zebra crossing.

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 9am.



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.



PLEASE can I ask that your child's name is inside their jacket, cardigan/jumper etc. We already have a number of items in lost property with no names, and no one is claiming them. Thank you in advance.

Indoor Shoes

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

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Homework

Homework will start week beginning 4th September. 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

School meals are £2.05 and milk is 29p. 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.

Primary and Nursery Menu update – August 2023

Further to our review on reducing food waste within school lunches we have made some changes to our primary menu to be more sustainable whilst still meeting our pupils needs.

From 28 August 2023 the new primary/nursery lunch menus will be launched, one of the changes we have made is to streamline the tray choices available. The tray options available from 28 August will be blue, red and green which includes a range of vegetarian and vegan options throughout the menu. There will no longer be a dedicated vegan line available every day. Our menus still contains a variety of popular menu items which we are aware of through pupil and parent feedback and consultation whilst still following the Food and Drinks in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

Pupils who are following a Vegan diet can still request this through completing an Adapted Diet request form for Vegan or Halal diets. Please note pupils who already have a special diet in place do not require to complete any updated forms.

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 11th 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!

Rookie Rockstars

On the 26th of September the Rookie Rockstars are joining us for a few days in school. The team will work with all our pupils developing their understanding of friendship and emotional wellbeing. This is done through learning songs, games, and performing. We are delighted to welcome Rookie Rockstars back after a couple of years. Parents are invited in on Wednesday 4th October to see our pupils perform. More details will follow soon.



We hope you have a lovely week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sinclair
Head Teacher

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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*)

Thursday 7th Sept – School Photographs Day!

Monday 11th Sept – Skills Week (*More info to follow*)

Friday 22nd Sept – Holiday

Monday 25th Sept – Holiday

Wednesday 4th Oct – Rookie Rockstars Performance (*parents invited*)

Tuesday 10th October - Parents Night (*in school*)

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