

Newsletter 1st November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Our school will be used as a polling station for the General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019 so we will be closed to pupils on that day. We have, therefore, had to rearrange one of our performances of the Year 2 play; this will now be on Monday 16th December in the afternoon, as well as Friday 13th December, as originally planned. We will let you know shortly about how to obtain tickets for the Year 2 play, and also for the Reception Christmas Concert. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the school closure – this is something that is out of our control.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

Nut products in School

Please ensure you do not send your child into school with any products that contain any type of nut as we have children with severe allergies.

Eastbury Manor Trip – Year 5

This week, Year 5 ventured on the train to Eastbury Manor House to enrich our learning around The Tudors. Nestled in the middle of a modern estate, Eastbury Manor House was a great day out that allowed our children to contextualise the learning they have done already and whet their appetite for the learning to come. Truly, it was a great experience for children and staff alike!

New staff members

Welcome to our two new reading TAs Mr Hurdle and Mrs Read and also our new Midday Assistants Mrs Gill, Mrs Alyoussef, Mrs Howell and Mrs Ernest.

Values Based Education

Peace

This month our school value is peace. I think it is fair to say that at times all of us (parents, staff and children) all need a bit of peace. It helps us refocus our thoughts, reflect on what has been done and what needs to be done, as well as giving us a welcome break from the rigours of modern life which often moves at 100 miles per hour. This month let us all make sure we give ourselves time to be peaceful, to be at rest and to show our children the true value of being at peace.

‘Don’t let people pull you into their storm. Pull them into your peace.’

Kimberly Jones

Careers in the Arts

Do you know anyone that has a career in the arts?

- Costume designer?
- Actor?
- Singer?
- Stage show performer?
- Artist?

Would they be willing to come into school to share their experiences, host a workshop or present information about their usual working day for our Careers in the Arts day next year?

If so, please could you pass on any contact details to the office.

Remembrance Poppies

Our Year 6 Peer Mentors will be going round to classes to sell poppies for Remembrance Day.



Late Lunch boxes, book bags and water bottles

Due to the increasing amount of time being spent by staff delivering late book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles there will now be a trolley in our reception area for parents/carers to label items which need to be taken up to classes. These will then be taken round the school by our year 6 children during break time. This will also help to ensure lessons are not interrupted.

Cross Country Success

On Tuesday 15th October, a selection of children from year 3-6 attended the yearly Havering Cross Country event held at Stubbers. The children



all paced themselves very well throughout their run and represented Branfil with pride. Each year group encouraged and supported each other throughout the afternoon. A special mention to Oliver W who had an amazing run and came first overall for the boys year 3 and 4 event. Well done to all the children involved.



Advance notice - Residential trip for current Year 5 going into Year 6 September 2020

We have made a provisional booking for Gilwell Park, Chingford, Monday – Friday, 24/5/2021 – 28/05/2021. We will need to ask for a deposit of £100 in May/June next year and the overall cost will be in the region of £390 – exact cost to be advised.

Year 6 Mini-market July 2019

Our Year 6 leavers made a fantastic £913 at their fundraising mini-market in July. At their request this has been added to the mini market funds raised the previous year, and put towards our fabulous new hall curtains, some new chairs for the hall, and the big blue cones now being used as goalposts on Garwood Court.

Thank you to all our previous Year 6 children and staff for their fabulous fundraising efforts.

Excellence in Art Award

Our winner for the week ending 11th October was –



Joseph W in 6H

For his enthusiasm, commitment and skill with his super singing!

Our winner for the week ending 18th October was –

Bella C in 2H

For her fantastic landscape drawing .



Core Values Competition

Millie PS has won the November Core Values Competition. Millie produced a wonderful collage on Responsibility. She had thought very carefully about her own personal responsibilities and this was evident in her excellent collage.

Aldi Stickers

Thank you for your support so far in collecting and bringing in Aldi GB Sports Stickers. So far we have collected over 300 which is an amazing effort! We still have a few weeks to go so please keep collecting.

Getting your child school ready for Reception 2020

Starting Primary School from BBC Bitesize provides support in key areas that parents/carers may feel they need help with such as toilet training, a good sleep routine and emotional and social skills like making friends and taking turns.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>

Havering Catering Allergy Information

To make you aware our supplier has had supply issues with the Lemon Crumb Salmon. If we are unable to provide this item then the substitute will be -

Seaside Salmon fillet.

Allergens are the same: Gluten (Wheat & Barley) & Fish. This is also unsuitable for Children with citric/Citrus intolerances.



There is a significant decrease in the Carbohydrate Content:
Salmon Sub portion 60g Carbs per Portion: 8.3g



18th October

Chloe G, Charles D, Henry H, Jessica S, Lucie P, Olivia H, Nicole B, Oliver L, Leila S, Katie K, Lilah T, Phoebe S, Sonny C, Ruby G, Jack R, Zac N, 5 Aspen, 5 Hawthorn, Harry M, Louis G, Chris G.

1st November

Teddy R, Myla W, Jenson H, Elizabeth C, Harry J, Oliver C, Aria F, Henry W, Ryan S, Austin W, Luca H, Finley L, George V, Hooria C, Gus C, Ruby-Mae S, Amber A, Sophie S, Joshua Y-S, Ava R, Oliver S.



Win a Veggie Run Roast Dinner Box Worth £25
PUPILS JUST NEED TO EAT A HEALTHY CATERED SCHOOL LUNCH TO BE ENTERED INTO THE WEEKLY COMPETITION

Use hashtag #VeggieRun to share your roast dinners

HES catering services

Tuesday 5 November	2020 Intake information meeting 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 November – Friday 15 November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 12 November	Reception Class Height, Weight, Hearing and Vision Test (class TBC)
Tuesday 12 November	Half Price Book Sale (Main hall 3.15pm)
Thursday 14 November	Year 6 Boys and Yr 6 and Yr5 Girls Football League at Harrow Lodge (12 pm – 3.15pm)
Friday 15 November	Children in Need fundraising day – Non Uniform



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PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER DUE TO THE SCHOOL BEING USED AS A POLLING STATION

INSET Days for 2019/20 Term (agreed by Governors): 4th, 5th, 6th September 2019, 6th January 2020, 20th April 2020

FOR INFORMATION – The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please be aware when booking any long weekend away.