



Thursday 17th February 2022

The Braeburn Bulletin

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Welcome to the first Bulletin of 2022. So many things have contributed to a very successful start to the spring term but I know we are all (staff and children) ready for a well earned break! What follows is a summary of key pieces of information which we'd like to share with you to ensure you are fully informed about school life.

Happy Reading!

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TOP STORIES

Best start to the day - thank you

Thank you so much for giving our children the best possible start to the day. Punctuality has improved hugely this half-term. Remember the gates open at 8:40am and children can go straight in to begin their learning. **Please aim to arrive at 8:40 - 8:45**, rather than aiming for 9, as this leads to late arrivals which are disruptive for everyone. I know mornings can be hard work for you, but by your child arriving regularly late, it is having a really negative impact on their education, and the education of others in their class.

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised

I am aware and sympathise that many families' holiday plans have been disrupted over the last couple of years. With children having missed so much education in this time, it is SO important that we support their recovery and maintain excellent school attendance. Please avoid booking family holidays in term-time as we head towards the summer. These will be classed as unauthorised attendance, and impact really negatively on their education.

ClassDojo app

As we do so much of our communication with you through the ClassDojo app, can you please ensure that you have downloaded this and check it regularly. Without this app, you are likely to miss key pieces of information which are shared directly with you from your child's class teacher. Please don't hesitate to contact the office team if they can support you with this as you will need a code to use the app successfully which we can provide for you.

Reading at home

Reading at home with your child makes a massive difference. It can be a challenge to find the time, but it is SO worth it! Please continue to prioritise this, as we work in partnership with you to build your children's confidence levels and stamina for reading.

Parent Surveys

Many thanks to those of you who have returned parent surveys. The final day to return these is tomorrow. We really do appreciate your feedback.

SEN/Behaviour Drop Ins

Mrs Clay welcomes the opportunity of reintroducing SEN Drop ins. These are open to all families, but particularly for any parents of children with identified additional needs or those who may have concerns. An opportunity to meet with Mrs Clay and some members of the SEN team, discuss interventions and strategies to support. We know from your feedback, when these were held previously, the information shared was informative and useful and we were also extremely grateful for the thoughts and ideas you shared.

We would also like to add a date for parents who are experiencing difficulties with their children's behaviour at home to join us in a 'Behaviour Drop In'. Mrs Clay, along with the Wellbeing team, will be on hand to offer support and advice along with some resources that may be helpful and useful contacts. The dates for both events are below.

Website development

Our website is currently being updated. Miss Cammish is working alongside many staff to update relevant sections to give the most up to date information possible. Please take the time to have a look, particular if you'd like to find out more about our school curriculum.

Uniform

Can I please remind you that children are not to wear leggings or joggers and that **trainers are not part of our school uniform**. I'd like to give a polite reminder that **all children** should wear black shoes. Please can you ensure you send your child to school in appropriate school uniform when we return after half-term.

Parents Evenings

On 23rd and 24th March, we will be having our parents' evenings. We would like to do these 'in person' in school, as it is so important that you are given the opportunity to see your children's teachers face to face. This will also provide a really useful opportunity for you to have a look in your children's books and see the wonderful work they have been producing. We have really missed being able to do this, but now feels like the appropriate time to reintroduce this.

After School Clubs

As you're aware, we have a wide range of after school clubs for your children to attend. Many of our staff are running these voluntarily and the children are thoroughly enjoying attending them. Many of you have given us very positive feedback about this and a new, wide range of clubs will begin after half-term. More information to follow.

Road Safety - please help

I would again like to bring to your attention ongoing concerns regarding road safety outside the school at drop off and pick up times. This is a concern that I know many of you share.

In the interests of the children's safety, we ask that you be mindful of where and how you park and wherever possible we encourage you to walk to school or park in a nearby location and walk the final steps to school. **Driving up Braeburn between 8.30 and 9.00am is extremely dangerous and difficult and we discourage you from attempting this.** Please can we also request that you drive slowly and carefully at all times when in the vicinity of school.

World Book Day 2022 - from Mr Wharfedale

On Friday 4th March, our school will be joining in with World Book Day – a celebration of books, literature and the enjoyment of reading. The theme this year is – you are a reader! This day will be the climax of a week of activities, competitions and creative story writing. As usual, we will be encouraging the children (and staff) to dress as characters from books on World Book Day itself. Over the years, the best of these have been homemade and the creativity and imagination shown has been outstanding!

Information about a short story competition will follow this letter. In addition, at the start of the week, children will be bringing home a book token, on which is information as to how this can be redeemed. We are all looking forward to seeing the creative costumes and outstanding outfits on Friday 4th March.

Closing for half-term

A reminder that we will finish at the usual time tomorrow and we will look forward to all children returning on Monday 28th February.

Mr Tim Jolly



Headteacher

Upcoming important dates for your diaries

March		
Wednesday	2nd	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 2:15pm and 5pm
Friday	4th	World Book Day - further information to follow
Thursday	10th	SEN Drop In
Friday	11th	School Training Day - school closed to children
Tuesday	15th	Behaviour Drop In
Wed, Thurs	23rd, 24th	Parents Evenings - invite to follow
April		
Friday	8th	Close at the earlier time of 1:30pm for Easter holidays
Monday	25th	School reopens for summer term

Keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility

If you are worried about a child
you can speak in confidence
to your local children's
safeguarding team on 01609
780780

Please be aware your school's
safeguarding lead is Mrs Chalk
and they are available in
school hours to discuss your
concerns.

Don't think 'What if I am wrong? Think 'What if I am right?'

Yorkshire Coast

Useful contact information

Service	Telephone Number
Multi Agency Screening Team (MAST)	01609 780780
Independent Domestic Abuse Service (IDAS): Crisis Team Compass Buzz – SEMH	01723 354874 01723 384645 01904 636374
Housing: Beyond Housing Scarborough Borough Council Hanover Housing Association Ltd Anchor Hanover St Mary's Lodge - Sheltered Accommodation	0345 065 5656 01723 232323 01723 364820 01723 361781 0800 131 3348
Food Banks: Westway Open Arms The Rainbow Centre	01723 448274 01723 500663
Emergency Services: Local police NHS	999 101 111
Salvation Army – Scarborough Salvation Army – Filey	01723 378603 01723 354874
Basics Plus – Charity (inc furniture)	01723 863143
Scarborough And Locals Together	01723 447229