

Weekly Update

Friday 25th June

Updates and Information this week...

As we rapidly approach the end of term, I would like to share some reminders with you.

Unfortunately, this year we will not be holding a Sports Day due to the limitations teaching pupils in their bubbles and the sharing of equipment.

Following a full survey and repair programme, I have been able to open the play equipment for the children to use. Please remember this is for supervised play at break and lunch. You must not let your child go on the field or equipment before or after school.

Your child's annual report will be coming home to you on Monday 12th July. All being well the children will be able to meet their new teachers around this time too.

We will continue to teach children in our 4 phases across the school:

EYFS – Nursery and Reception

KS1 – Year 1 & 2

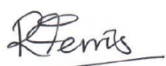
LKS2 – Year 3 & 4

UKS2 – Year 5 & 6

The children will either be in single year classes such as Year 5 or Year 6 or in mixed classes such as Years 3&4 or Years 1&2. This allows us to group children dynamically and ensure that the children are taught at the most appropriate level so they can reach their end of year expectations.

This week the staff all took part in PCR surge testing and I am hopeful that with your support and dedication we will be able to make it to the end of term with a minimal number of closures.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.



Richard Ferris
Headteacher

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Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Foxes (97.9%)
- 2nd Place – Panthers (97.3%)
- 3rd Place – Kestrels (97.2%)



Communication and Language PEEP (Parent Early Education Partnership)

The Children's Centres/Family Hubs run a play based 8-week programme for parents with children aged 24 – 36 months who have a speech and language delay. The sessions focus on developing speech and language through play, interaction, singing and sharing books with positive outcomes at home.



Please contact early.help@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or Jo.belsten@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

As we come out of lock down the local libraries, singing, rhyme time and toddler groups will start again, and the preschools/childcare are operating as normal who all also focus on communication and language. What to expect for different ages can be found on <https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/> or you can ask a member of staff at your preschool, children's centre/family hub or health visitor for additional advice .

Great information can be found on [Activities for babies, toddlers and children - BBC Tiny Happy People](#) who have tips and ideas to help at home too.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is an initiative to support children in receipt of free school meals and families in the school holidays. Outside of term-time, the programme provides healthy food and enriching activities to free school meal eligible children in every local authority in England. The Programme has been significantly expanded and a newly launched film featuring Marcus Rashford MBE calls on parents to sign up their children to the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF). The video can be viewed via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_opDr8EMRGM

More information about the scheme will be emailed out as we receive it.

Summer School Courses with Adult and Community Learning

Bracknell Forest Adult and Community Learning is excited to launch a range of courses and workshops for adults this August ahead of its full programme starting in the autumn.

Courses are available from the first week of August and include courses to promote well-being. Healthy eating, mindfulness, calming calligraphy and stress-busting watercolour painting feature, in addition to courses which provide a boost to self-confidence and communication skills.

With a focus on work skills and well-being as we move into the autumn term, short, summer school sessions will include goal setting, getting motivated and self-confidence. Courses are held online or at Bracknell Open Learning Centre and measures are in place to make sure that learners can meet safely.

Find out more at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning or call 01344 354220.

Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

Information for parents, carers and household members of school pupils and staff

Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

This advice applies to everyone regardless of vaccination.

Has COVID-19 symptoms*

Adults or children with COVID-19 symptoms



Book a PCR test at GOV.UK or by calling 119

While waiting for your test you and your household members (including support bubble) must self-isolate and only leave home to attend a test centre.

Does not have COVID-19 symptoms

All adults

Secondary school children, college students or staff

Nursery or primary school pupils



Twice weekly lateral flow tests (LFT)

Via your employer

Home kits provided by school/college

No test required

or

Rapid Test Centre

or

Collect from
Community Collect centre or
Pharmacy Collect

or

Order a home kit at GOV.UK

* COVID-19 symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFT result, self-isolate and book a PCR test by visiting GOV.UK or call 119.

The confirmatory PCR test should be booked within 48 hours. If you receive negative test results, this is only an indication that you are unlikely to have COVID-19, not 100% confirmation - continue to observe hands face space and get regularly tested.

An online checker is available to enable you to find your nearest testing site or collection point:

[Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)