

# NEWSLETTER

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## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Welcome back to each and every one of you! We hope you had a restful break; we are so pleased to see the children have returned excited at the prospect of being in a new class. We have been so lucky with the summer sunshine and it is great to see it is continuing into September.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we will gather to celebrate Mass with Fr Danny and we hope you can all join us.

We thank God for keeping us safe over the summer break and ask that you pray for the Cowling & Coggins families who lost their Grandfathers in August.

*Dear Lord,  
Use our eyes to see new friends,  
Open our ears to hear new ideas,  
Open our minds to learn new things,  
Let our hearts remember you always,  
Help us to love one another like you do,  
Let us shine brightly in all we do,  
Amen*



## St Joseph's Bag for Life

There are still Canvas Bags available. Please ask at the school office if you would like to purchase any.

## Assembly/ Worship Dates for the Diary

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 9.15am –**  
Start of term Mass

**21<sup>st</sup> Sept @9am**  
Yr R & Yr 6 Buddy Welcome

**5<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9am**  
Year 2 Class Assembly

**12<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9am**  
Year 1 Class Assembly

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nov @9am**  
Year 4 Remembrance Assembly

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 9am**  
Year 3 Foodbank Assembly

**16<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 9am**  
Year 5 Class assembly



## SCHOOL MEALS

From September, the price of school meals is **£2.20**. If you require a menu please ask at the school office and pay via the online payment system.

A reminder that Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free school lunches. Year 3 upwards should register and pay online.

<http://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk>

## Religious Education

As a Catholic school, Religious Education is a core part of our curriculum and teachers dedicate 10% of the teaching to the subject from Year R to Year 6.



For the month of September, each class will study 'Creation' This is an opportunity to explore the book of Genesis and learn about God's creation. The pupils will be learning about how we can be stewards and take care of our common home. You can support this at home by thanking God for what we have and talking to your child about sustainability and being responsible by Reusing, recycling and Reducing what we use .



### Prayer Bears:

Each Friday, the class teachers will choose a pupil to take the bear home. Please encourage your child to take the bear to Church and write a Prayer in the book and they will be given the opportunity to share this Prayer with their class.

### Medication

If your child requires medication (inhalers, epi pen, anti histamine etc), please arrange to meet the class teacher and complete the appropriate paperwork and return it ASAP.



### Water Bottles

The children do get very thirsty during the school day. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle (in addition to their lunchbox drink) to drink and refill during the school day. No squash or flavoured water please.



### Change of Address

If you have moved or changed phone/mobile number it is essential you inform the school office. A census letter will be going home shortly to update all children's information, we endeavour to stay as up to date as possible.



### E-Safety – Take a look!

<http://www.childnet.com>

Childnet International, is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children."

This fantastic website has lots of practical advice and suggestions for parents/carers as well as children directly.



## SEPTEMBER UNIFORM

As the weather continues to be good, pupils are allowed wear **summer uniform** to school in September.

Blue gingham dress,



Royal blue polo shirt with school badge,  
(with a grey skirt, pinafore, shorts or trousers).



School jumper or cardigan



**Black shoes**

## OCTOBER UNIFORM

White school shirt or blouse



School tie



Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers



School jumper or cardigan



**Black shoes**

Uniform can be ordered from Stevensons in Reading

[www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)

**Note:** Jewellery should not be worn to school, except for watches and a single (pair) of metal stud earrings. All earrings must be covered during PE, please provide tape for your child.

## Parking



Although the local building work has progressed over the summer, it seems there are still a lot of building projects close to the school and this results in lots of large vehicles. Please be vigilant as it is a dangerous place to be and try to walk to school where possible. If you need to park for drop off and collection, please use the Bracknell Football Club carpark.

## An Opportunity to Meet the Teacher!

We would like to invite parents/carers to come into their child's classroom and meet their new teacher(s). It is a great opportunity to hear about the expectations for the year and ask any questions.



**Wed 12th Sept @ 3.00pm**  
**Thurs 13th Sept @ 3.00pm**  
**Friday 15th Sept @ 3.00pm**  
**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sep @ 3.00pm**  
**Wed 19th Sept @ 3.00pm**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 9am**

**Year 4**  
**Year 5**  
**Year 6**  
**Year 3**  
**Year 1**  
**Year 2**



## Phones

In order to follow safeguarding guidelines, our school is a PHONE FREE ZONE, so please refrain from using mobile phones in the playground and school grounds.



Pupils are not permitted to bring phones or other electronic devices into school. However if your child needs to bring a phone because they are walking home alone, please leave it at the school office for collection at the end of the school day.

## Accidents at school

If your child has a bump or a graze at school, they will be given a carbon copy of an accident slip stating time and place of injury. This is completed by the member of staff who administered first aid.

If they have a head injury, we will attach additional information and telephone parent/carer to inform them they should be monitored.

From next week, your child will also be given a red wrist band to wear; this is to make it known to all staff and parents, they have hurt their head. The reason for this is because last term some children were not taking the accident slips home and therefore parents were not aware of their head injury. We won't be able to miss the red festival bands!



## A WARM WELCOME!



A very warm welcome to Mr Belchamber and Miss Mclellan who have joined our teaching staff, and to Mrs Elliott-Walker our new afternoon secretary. Also to our Year R children and their families. Our community is a special one and we know you will be made to feel very welcome and supported.

# Parent Support Sessions

This course is delivered by a Bracknell Forest Parenting Practitioner for parents and carers of children at any of the local primary schools.

Places are limited so please book a space on the course now by contacting your school front office or emailing [ingetaylor@hotmail.com](mailto:ingetaylor@hotmail.com).

You will be contacted to confirm your place.

<p><b>Managing your child's behaviour in a positive way:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A look at our own parenting styles</li> <li>• Tools for managing our children's behaviour positively</li> <li>• Boosting our relationship with our children</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018</b></p> <p><b>9.30 – 11.30</b></p>	<p><b>Bracknell Open Learning Centre</b></p> 
<p><b>Helping our children to overcome their anxious thoughts and worries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What happens when our child has anxious thoughts</li> <li>•Techniques to help our children to deal these thoughts</li> <li>•Share experiences and ideas to help each other</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018</b></p> <p><b>9.30 – 11.30</b></p>	<p><b>Bracknell Open Learning Centre</b></p> 

## WARNING ABOUT YuBo App

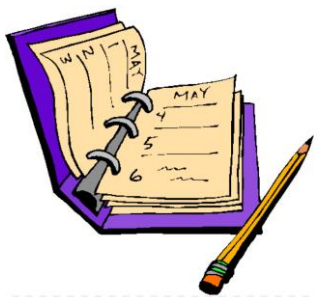
We would like to make you aware of an app that is currently causing significant concern. The App is called YuBo after changing the name from Yellow. It is widely being labelled as 'Tinder for Kids!'

YuBo encourages on line relationships and is an app that allows children to connect and chat to new people. Users can swipe right on someone else's profile to 'like' them, and swipe left to pass on to view other users' profiles. You can video chat and/or watch other people's live videos.

The NSPCC consider this to be high risk for the risk areas of Sex, Drugs, Alcohol and Crime. Please be vigilant with the apps your child is accessing.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/yubo/>





## Term Dates for 2018-2019

### Autumn Term (4th Sept-21<sup>st</sup> Dec)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils back to School

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – INSET DAY**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Pupils back to School

**\*Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – RE INSET DAY\***

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of term (School closes  
2.30pm )

### Spring Term (7<sup>th</sup> Jan-5<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January– Pupils back to School

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – February Half Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Pupils Back to school

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

### Summer Term (23<sup>rd</sup> Apr-19<sup>th</sup> July)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Pupils back to school

6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Back to school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of term (School closes at 2.30pm)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET DAY

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET DAY