

Happy Shrovetide

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NEWSLETTER

Lots to look forward to in term 4: RE & British Values Week, Trip to the Open Centre, Trip to the Chocolatier, World Book Day—5th March., SATs Booster classes will start after Easter for Y6. 23rd March—SATs meeting for parents of Y6.

A POLITE REMINDER

Please may we remind you about punctuality: we all appreciate how difficult it can be getting to school to drop-off and collect your children, at times when the traffic is heavy, however, if your child is late after the register has closed, this is recorded against their attendance record. We are also concerned about pupils not being collected on time at the end of the day or after a club. We would like to point out that the staff often have meetings after school, or appointments of their own, and are not responsible for pupils who have not been collected. A 'late-collection' register will be kept of children who are not collected at 3:30pm, or at the appropriate time after a club. Being late occasionally affects us all, but if you have a genuine difficulty in collecting your child on time, regularly, please come and talk to us about this, so that we can help find a solution to the problem. The gate is closed at 9am and 3:45pm.

Forest Schools

We have been fortunate enough to gain a place on the Forest School Programme and Mrs Edge, who will lead this initiative in school, is very excited to be doing the Forest Schools training, during the week beginning 2nd March. Further information about Forest Schools can be found on their website: www.forestschools.com

Well Done! To all the infant children who now come in to school without a parent. We expect all children from Year 1 upwards to come in to school on their own.

Please check the website for updates, information, forms etc. We may also post homework on the website. www.bradleyschool.co.uk

PE Kit Reminder

We still have some children coming to school without adequate outdoor PE kit. During the colder, damper weather, children need jogging bottoms and a jumper/sweatshirt for PE.

Our PE lessons will take place outdoors even if the weather is drizzly or cold, it is therefore imperative that they have the appropriate clothing in school, every day.



Shrovetide Did you know...

Shrovetide covers the last three

or four days before the beginning of Lent. The old names for these days were:

1. **Egg Saturday** - Shrove Saturday
2. **Quinquagesima Sunday** - Shrove Sunday The fiftieth day before Easter
Collop Monday - Shrove Monday Named after the traditional dish of the day: collops of bacon served with eggs. (A collop is a chunk or slice of meat or fat) In addition to providing meat, the collops were also the source of the fat for the following day's [pancakes](#).
3. **Pancake Day** - Shrove Tuesday the day on which all fats and cream had to be used up. When Lent was observed more rigorously than it is now, Shrovetide was celebrated with games, sports, dancing and other revelries. There were feasts to use up the food that could not be eaten during the Lenten fast. Football was played in the streets and **Nickanan Night** (as Shrove Monday evening was called in Cornwall) was a time for boys to run riot in the villages: hiding gates, taking off door knockers, and making off with anything that householders had forgotten to lock away.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening, it was good to see so many of you, keen to discuss your children's progress.

