

# Brakenhale School Parent News

20<sup>th</sup> April 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful couple of weeks over Easter. A huge thank you to all the staff who came in across a number of days to put on additional sessions and of course to the students who attended these. I have no doubt at all that this extra learning will pay off in the final examinations. I have spoken to many students in assembly this week about what they are "Up to" in their learning and if they will "Go for It". This is such a vital time for the students as we enter this last term of the year.

Next week will see us begin to move quickly towards the GCSEs with Photography and Art taking place over the course of the week. We have a big book look week happening and we would encourage all parents to ask their children to show them their books and feedback to us what works and what can be improved.

Over the Easter holidays the build has significantly developed and there have been many changes to the site. Could I please take this opportunity to ask you to remind your children that they must follow the directions for access given by the staff. We have had some reports over Easter of students going around or even over fences that have been erected to prevent access. Could I also remind everyone wherever possible to avoid driving onto the site and at the same time respecting our local neighbours and their access.

The Ski trip also took place over the Easter holidays and the photos really do illustrate what a fantastic time they had. Many students really had to push through the pain to reach their potential, a message I have reiterated to many students this week in their learning. Once again a huge thank you to Mr Yeates for organising the trip and Miss Danset Sales for accompanying him. And congratulations to Miss Danset Sales who got engaged over Easter to her boyfriend.

I would also like to welcome this week 2 new members of staff to the school. Mr Rees joins the Maths department from a school in Slough and Mr Bailey joins the Science department from a school in Buckinghamshire. Both are highly experienced colleagues who we are very lucky to have join us.

Our Fab & Drab initiative continues to go from strength to strength. A key Drab comment this week was:

"It would be nice if students were encouraged to keep their writing books looking nice. They take pride in their work why not the state of the books they use. In my day, they all had to be covered in sticky back plastic and handing in a crumpled book was not acceptable. It makes me sad to see my daughter's books so tatty; everything else is so neat and tidy in the school."

I couldn't agree with this more and as we near the end of the term books are definitely less than pristine in some cases. As a result, from September I will be supplying all teachers with plastic covers for all student books which have an insert in them for the book and any additional papers.

Students of the week are Jamie Prior and Ciaran Cullen, both in Year 8. Both students organised and completed a sponsored 10k run to raise much needed funds for our new build programme. Between them they managed to raise an amazing £300. Well done! A huge personal thanks from myself and Karen Roche our Chair of Governors.

Staff member of the week goes to:

Miss O'Brien and the following nomination quote really sums this up:

"Why isn't she staff member of the week every week? Her teaching is engaging and I can see a clear passion. If I ever become a teacher I would want to be like her!!"

Next week's motivational quote is an old Japanese proverb 'Fall down 7 times, get back up 8 times.'

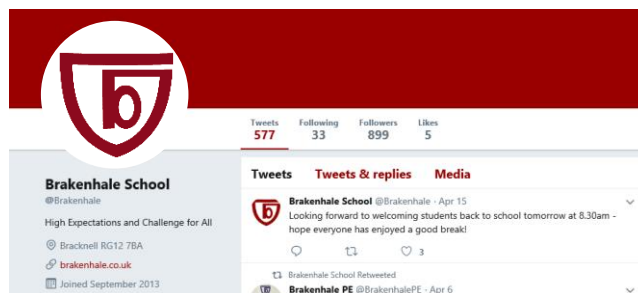
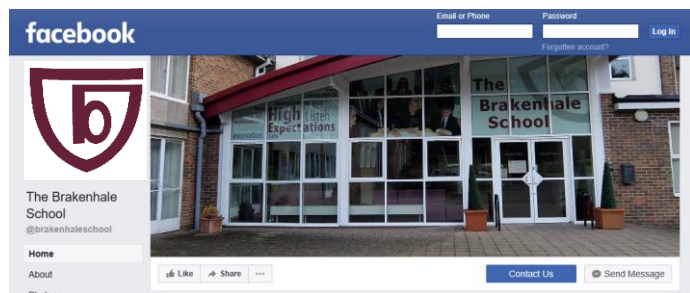
Let's hope the weather holds for at least part of the weekend so that we can all enjoy a bit of sunshine.

Best wishes

*Jane Coley, Headteacher*



Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter too...



## What's on next week

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Big Book Look Week**  
**PTA Meeting, 7pm \*\* please note change of date**  
**Junior Maths Challenge**

## BIG Book Look Week



Our BIG Book Look Week for **all years** will be taking place next week.  
 During Book Look weeks, exercise books/folders will be sent home with students for parents to see their son/daughter's work and how they are progressing in their subjects.  
 Could we please ask that parents and students ensure that they bring their books back to into school after taking them home.  
*Mrs G Powell, Assistant Headteacher*

## Feedback Initiative

Electronic submission: [Fab](#) [Drab](#) [Staff Member of the Week](#)

We would like this to be an ongoing initiative and would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at anytime, we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

*Ms Coley, Headteacher*

**Round-Up** (29<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> April)

You think we are doing great at the following things at Brakenhale:



**FAB**

- ✓ Teachers really helped me when I had fallen out with a friend, and taught us how to resolve our problem.
- ✓ The Year 7 disco was incredibly well organised and the students had nothing but great feedback... a massive thank you to the staff that made this happen, especially those on the night that gave up their time -thank you!!

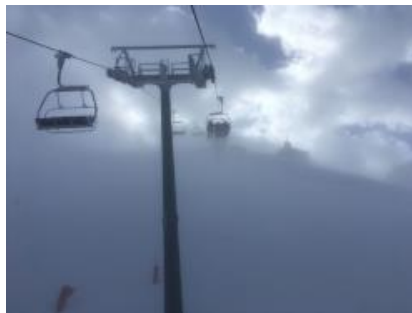
## Brakenhale Ski Trip 2018 – Sestriere, Italy

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we made our way to Italy for a week's skiing in the Italian Alps. We were very fortunate with some excellent skiing conditions and plenty of snow. On the Tuesday the students had the chance to travel above the clouds and ski back through them on the way back down. The next day, an extra 50cm fell making Thursday a perfect day on the slopes; fresh snow and bright sunshine.

All but 3 of our students had not skied before on snow and so the first few days were a real challenge. By the Tuesday most of our students were skiing down the mountain, some could even control their speed!

All of the students made fantastic progress with their skiing and were able to ski down with parallel turns from the top of the mountain by the end of the week. The students showed great determination and resilience during the week, learning a new life skill whilst experiencing a different country and culture. Hopefully a week they will never forget!

*Mr Yeates & Miss Danset Sales*



## Camera Club – Photograph of the Week

The members of Camera Club clearly had a great Easter holiday as they were all very keen to show me their photographs taken whilst skiing, or in France, at Thorpe Park or just relaxing at home photographing and then eating their Easter eggs! The standard of work is so high from all students but this week's photograph was taken by Jessica M (9K), using the photographic technique called 'From The Ground'.

*Miss Wilhelmy, Photography Teacher*

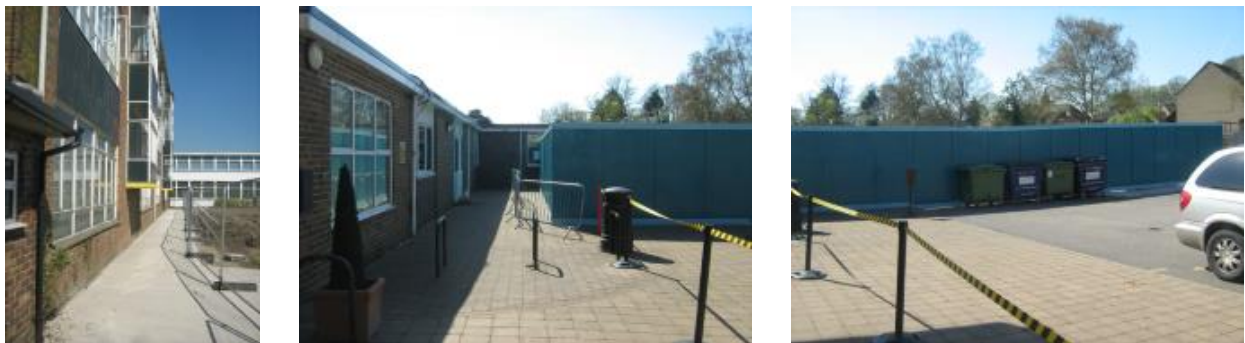


## Brakenhale Rebuild - update

The build work continues, with large-scale excavation in the patio and courts area at the back of the school:



Whilst at the immediate rear of the building a walkway has been fenced off to allow access from the kitchen and C corridor round to the remaining courts behind the trampoline centre and at the front of the school the site access has been boarded off, leaving access to the external dining hall doors.



### Fundraising

We are extremely proud to tell you that our two of our boys in Year 8, who did an unofficial sponsored 10k run on the 8<sup>th</sup> April for our cause, have raised £300.

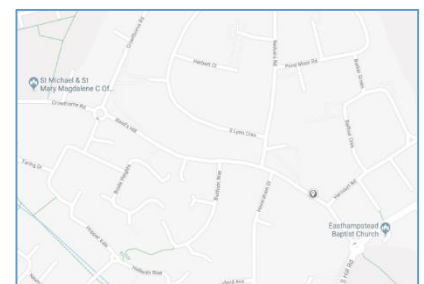
We are in the process of setting up a Just Giving page and we will let you know when this is active.

### Information

Bracknell Forest Council have asked us to make you aware that as of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 there will no longer be a School Crossing Patroller at the Reeds Hill Site.

Thank you

*Senior Admissions Officer, Bracknell Forest Council*

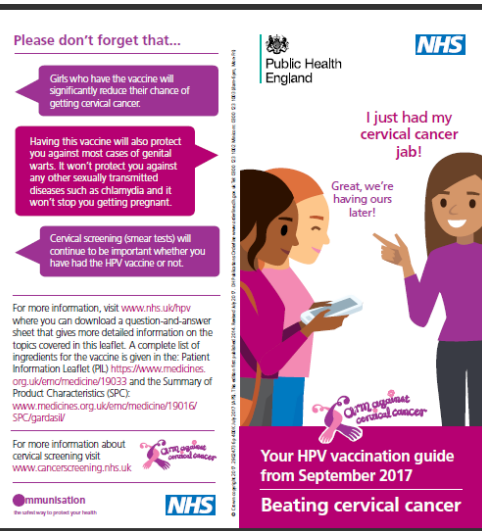
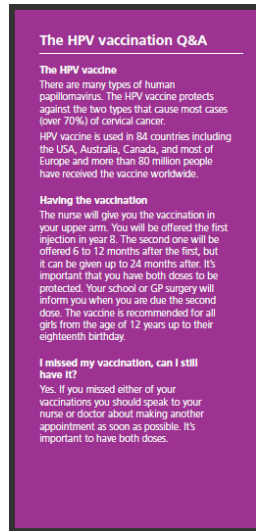
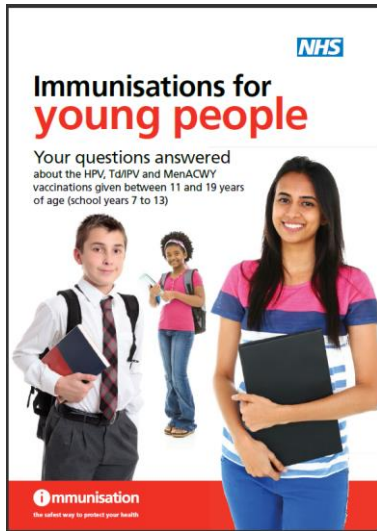


## Health Zone

The School Aged Immunisation team were in school this week giving the first part of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to all girls in Year 8. The second part of the vaccine will be given later in the year.

All girls are offered the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine from the age of 12 up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. It helps protect against cervical cancer, which is the most common cancer in women under 35 in the UK. In England, girls aged 12 to 13 years are routinely offered the first HPV vaccination when they are in school year 8. The second dose is normally offered 6 to 12 months after the first (in school year 8 or year 9). The HPV vaccine is effective at stopping girls getting the types of HPV that cause most cervical cancers. **It is important to have both doses to be protected.**

More information can be found on our school website: <http://brakenhale.co.uk/pastoral-support/health-zone/>



Miss Ball, Health Coordinator

## PE News

Next week is the start of our summer term extra-curricular, we have lots of fixtures being coming up so make sure you are getting some practice.

Miss Willmott, Lead Coordinator of Girls PE and Teacher in Charge of Health and Social Care

# PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

MONDAYS - STAFF MEETINGS

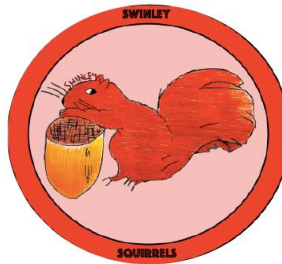
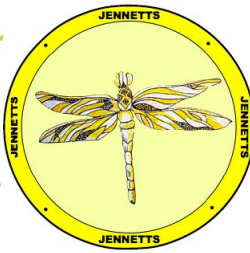
**TUESDAY**  
ROUNDERS - ALL YEARS - LRJ + LWI  
ATHLETICS - ALL YEARS - WYE + JBO + CMY

**WEDNESDAY**  
CRICKET - YEAR 7 AND 8 - RBE  
CRICKET - YEAR 9 + 10 - CMY  
FITNESS INDUCTIONS - WYE

**THURSDAY**  
SOFTBALL - ALL YEARS - JBO  
ATHLETICS - ALL YEARS - LRJ + RBE + LWI  
TENNIS - ALL YEARS - WYE

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# House Song Writing Competition



Brakenhale’s first house music competition is a song writing competition! We’ve heard some excellent songs already over the years at Brakenhale, and now is the chance for students to enter them into a competition.

There are some rules and requirements though, and the song needs to meet the following criteria:

1. It needs to be at least one minute long.
2. There needs to be at least one instrument part, and lyrics to go with the song. Students can enter as a pair/team if they would like!
3. There will be different winners for Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and Post 16.
4. The lyrics should be based around one of the following themes:
  - Hope
  - Expectation
  - Motivation
  - Change
  - Community/Team
  - Happiness
  - Life
  - Your House (Jennetts/Temple/Farley/Swinley)
5. The song will be performed live to the Heads of House and Mrs Hope in May 2018 - the day is still to be confirmed.
6. The songs will be marked on performance, quality, and creativity.
7. The winners will be awarded House Points for each entry per house, and then 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each year group, and also an overall for each house.
8. The winning songs for each house will have the opportunity to record their songs properly and put them onto a CD!



*Mr Duffy, Head of Music*

# Brakenhale Canteen

Please see below for our menus for the summer term.

A normal meal deal costs £2.30, which includes a main meal and pudding. If students prefer just to have the main meal, this costs £1.90.

*Mrs Silvey, Catering & Enrichment Manager*

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING - 16 APR, 07 MAY, 08 JUNE, 25 JUNE, 16 JULY					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Beef Chilli Con Carne	British Farm Assured Chicken Jalfrezi Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Lasagne	British Farm Assured Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Slingooff	Cauliflower Cheese	Feta Cheese Roasted Pepper Frittata	Spinach and Ricotta Cannelloni	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Rice	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Baked Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Apple Sponge served with custard	Belgium Waffles with chocolate custard	Summer Fruit Trifle Cream	Chocolate Tart served with fresh cream	Vanilla Ice Cream
We have available every day • Salad bar where you build your own salad • Homemade bread			All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards		

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING - 23 APR, 14 MAY, 11 JUNE, 02 JULY					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Pork Sausage Ring	British Farm Assured Butter Chicken Curry	British Farm Assured Honey Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Beef Bolognese	British Farm Assured Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Macaroni Cheese	Chilli Beans	Chilli Beans	Mexican Veggie Burrito	Cheese Onidone
Carbohydrate	Garlic Bread	Creamy Mash'd Potato	Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Chocolate & Banana Cake	Osopgo Cake	Gustard	Drop Pancakes served with Maple Syrup	Carrot Cake and Custard
We have available every day • Salad bar where you build your own salad • Homemade bread			All our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and in most cases exceed The School Food Standards		

The Brakenhale School					
WEEK COMMENCING - 30 APR, 21 MAY, 18 JUNE, 09 JULY					
Week 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hot Main Meal	British Farm Assured Lamb Burger	British Farm Assured Chicken Madras Curry	British Farm Assured Roast Gammon	British Farm Assured Pork Meat Balls	British Farm Assured Battered Fish/ Cumberland Sausages/Chicken Nuggets
Hot Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Burger	Check Pea and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian Risotto	Vegetarian Mousaka	Veggie Pizza
Carbohydrate	Baked Spicy Wedges	Rice Naan Bread	Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Baked chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Peas, Baked Beans or Salad
Hot Pudding	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Strawberry Ice Cream	Apple and Cinnamon Slice	Strawberry Jam Sponge	Double Chocolate Muffins
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**Activities and Clubs**

**CALLING ALL YEAR 7S:  
SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION**

- Check out my plays
- look at the trends I set in language
- Be part of a Shakespearean performance

**Drama studio**

- Wednesdays 3:15-4:15
- With Mrs Lewis
- Sign up on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April




*"We know what we are, but not what we may be"*

**ART CLUB**

Do you want to experiment with new materials? Try out new techniques? Work on fun group projects? **ART CLUB IS FOR YOU!**


Relaunch of Art Club: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 3:05pm-4:05pm Year 7-11 and will continue every Thursday from this date

Location: AOS




**Choreography Sharing**

Monday the 23rd of April  
5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Movement Studio  
£2 per adult, free for students  
Featuring work from Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 Dance



**STOP**

A SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF TEENS



STOP is an effective parenting course for parents and/or carers of young people aged 10 – 16. It is a 11-week step-by-step programme that runs for 3 hours per week. This course give parents a greater understanding of their young person and strategies to help manage situations which often occur during the 'teens'.

Next course starts on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for 11 weeks (not half-term)  
@ Brakenhale, Rectory Lane, Bracknell, Berks, RG12 7BA  
Time: 09.30-12.30

This course is being run by Brakenhale together with the Bracknell Family Intervention Team (FIT), which means we can offer places free of charge (normally £720 per parent). However places are limited so to avoid disappointment contact us on 01344 464793 or email us at [jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk](mailto:jmanisier@brakenhale.co.uk)

**Camera club**

Do you like taking photographs?  
Do you want to be part of an elite photographic team?  
Then you should join CAMERA CLUB!

**Starts 12 March**

**When?** Monday lunchtime 1.25pm - 1.55pm  
**Where?** B17 (IT room by the stairs near Music)  
**Who?** Anyone is welcome from Year 7 to 13

**Mondays All years**

**TEXTILES STUDIO**

**3.10 to 4pm** Starting 16th April  
**in C06**

## Current Vacancies

We have the following exciting opportunities at Brakenhale. Please see the website for more details.

<http://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

- Science Teacher
- Psychology Teacher
- Art Teacher
- Maths Teacher
- English Teacher
- Head of Year

# BIR KIN Consult

**Commercial Cleaning since 1972**

We are currently seeking to recruit a number of Cleaning Operative to be based at our contracts in schools and local government buildings in Bracknell, Berkshire. The successful Cleaning Operatives will be required to work with other team members to ensure our clients premises are cleaned to the highest standard.

There are a variety of cleaning shifts available – from 6am – 8am and between 3.30pm – 8.00pm

The key responsibilities for the Cleaning Operative will include:

- Ensure that our clients premises are cleaned to a high standard.
- Vacuuming, dusting and mopping
- Emptying bins and removing litter
- Any other reasonable task requested by a member of the supervisory/management team

The successful applicant will have:

- Previous experience in a customer facing cleaning role
- Awareness of health and safety issues
- Ability to work unsupervised

A DBS certificate is required for this position. Hourly Rate - £8.00 per hour.

This represents a great opportunity to join a fast-growing business and develop your experience further. So, if you would like to join our rapidly expanding team and be part of their future success then apply today.

For further information and an early interview - Please contact Jackie on 07562 989015.

## Clothes Recycling



**Brakenhale School**

**RECYCLE YOUR OLD CLOTHES, SHOES AND ACCESSORIES.**

We are again collecting old clothes, shoes and accessories to help raise money for the school via the PTA.

Please start collecting your unwanted items ready to bring in to school by Thursday 3rd May.

We will be giving out bags to students and they are also available from main reception, or you can put your items in a black bin bag.

Please contact Sarah Hartley at the school if you have any questions.  
shartley@brakenhale.co.uk

**Thank you for supporting the school!**

Brakenhale School, Rectory Lane, Bracknell



**Brakenhale School**

**RECYCLE!**

Don't send your unwanted items to landfill... The more bags you bring the more money we raise for the school.

Visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for more information.

**The following 'good quality' items are accepted for RE-USE:**

- ✓ Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (not together or elastic band around)
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Hats and bags
- ✓ Scarves and ties
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Lingerie and Socks
- ✓ Balm
- ✓ Soft toys
- ✓ Household linen
- ✓ Curtains
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and cover covers)

**Please note that the following are not accepted:**

- Diapers and Blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath mat and toilet mats)
- Soiled painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Toxic off cuts, parts or threaded material

**Bags are available from main reception, or put your items in a black bin bag.**

**Thank you for supporting the school!**

### Clothes Recycling Initiative

We are once again collecting your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and other household items for recycling. Please see our flyer for more details of items that are collected or visit <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

This time the collection will be a **House Competition!** When you bring your bags to main reception you will be asked to add your student's name (and tutor and house if you know them) to a list with the number of bags you have brought. The more bags the more house points! So get spring cleaning and send us all your unwanted clothing items.

We will be offering bags to students to take home, or you can put your items in an ordinary bin liner or other plastic bag.

Please bring all bags to main reception. We will be collecting until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.





**your school lottery**

support-  
**BRAKENHALE**  
High Expectations & Challenge for All

**Go Ape**  
**THIS SPRING & SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

**YOU COULD WIN A GO APE ADVENTURE FOR 10 PEOPLE BY JOINING YOUR LOTTERY THIS TERM.**

- Buy a lottery ticket for £1 and support our School!
- Draws every Saturday, even through the holidays!
- 40% of ticket sales go directly to our School!
- Match all 6 numbers & WIN £25,000!
- Guaranteed cash prize to one of our supporters every week!

To start supporting, visit:  
[www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)

Search for:  
**Brakenhale**

Sign up before 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.  
\*Terms and Conditions apply- See website

## Brakenhale PTA School Lottery

Thank you to everyone who has signed up, so far we currently have 40 signed up members and 69 tickets in the draw. The amazing news is that since this has started in March 2017 it has raised over £1275.

We are looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.

There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize currently £20 (this increases with the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](#)

You have to be in it to win it.

## Easy Fundraising!

Don't forget to shop through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



## Lost Property

Could we please remind parents to name all school uniform so that it can be reunited with its owner if it is handed in to Lost Property.

We cleared all our lost property at the end of last term and this term we have managed to reunite the majority of lost property with the owner as items were named, so a big thank you for this. We do however already have two items of lost property tops without a name!

All lost property should be handed in promptly to Mrs McCrorie in the Head of Year office, and students who have lost items should first look there; this includes items such as house keys, lockers keys, Tools for Learning and jewellery.

*Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support Assistant*



## Future Diary Dates

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 7 Parents Evening**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Lexicon Bracknell Half Marathon Water Station– volunteers welcome**

### Term Dates 2017-18

#### SUMMER TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

*Inset Day: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

Summer Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Summer Holiday for students – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

*(Inset Days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September)*

### Term Dates 2018-19

#### AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term dates for students:

*(Inset Days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September)*

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Autumn Half Term – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October)

*(Inset Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December)*

Christmas Holiday for students – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### SPRING TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Spring Half Term – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February)

Spring Holiday for students – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

(Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April)

#### SUMMER TERM 2019

Term dates for students:

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

*(Inset Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July)*

Summer Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May)

Last day of Summer Term for students – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schooltermandholidaydates>

**#challengeforall**

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