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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**The Felix
Project**

Tuesday 17th
Nov

Food will be delivered to school which will be distributed to parents at 3pm

**Christmas
Parties**

Monday 14th
Dec

End of Term

Friday 18th Dec
Children finish between 1.15 – 1.30pm

Start of Term

Tuesday 5th
January
Children start at 8.30am



Dear Families of Brentfield,

As we are about to enter week 2 of lockdown I would like to remind parents about keeping yourselves and others safe when dropping off and collecting children. Please remain behind the barriers and socially distance from other families. Masks should be worn to protect everyone, if adults are not wearing a mask, then for the protection of all school staff they will not be able to talk face to face with you. Instead you will need to call the school office to make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher over the phone.

Who is the Bravest?

Our topic this term is "Who is the Bravest?" During this unit of work, the children will be learning about people who have shown bravery in their lives, be it standing up for what they believe in, facing adversity or being leaders in their field. We will learn about politicians, artists, scientists and musicians and think about how we can emulate what they have achieved. And as part of our Black History celebrations, we will also be focusing on trailblazers who made a difference to society whilst celebrating our own successes through Brentfield's BRAVE values. We have been looking at the work of Marcus Rashford, who is currently heading a campaign against food poverty and using his influence to make sure children have enough to eat during school holidays.

We have also been discussing how Kamala Harris is making history by being the first Black and Asian woman elected as the Vice President of the United States. It is important for children to recognise how the work of brave, trailblazers of the past impacts on current events.

If your circumstances have changed because of Covid 19 and you would like to receive food vouchers please call the school office, leave your name and contact number and Cindy Beggs will arrange for a voucher for you to use at the local food banks.



Next week is national Anti-bullying Week. The theme of the week is 'United against bullying'. Please talk to your children about what they are doing in school to deepen their understanding of how they can support each other.

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[Exciting new opportunities for lunchtime play](#)

This week we have shown the children our fabulous plans to make lunchtime play creative, interactive, fun and exciting as well as providing opportunities for improved co-operation, resilience and problem solving. To see a video of the changes we are planning to make then click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm7IfAEsjqI&t=2s>

We want to increase the amount of time children play outdoors so please make sure your child/ren have waterproof coats with hoods and waterproof shoes. Children are having more opportunity to play in the nature area at the front of the school and are having fun developing their creative play and exploring nature. This area can sometimes become muddy so if you have children in year 1 and 3 please send wellies in for them to use during lunchtimes.



We will be sending out texts from time to time asking families to send in unwanted items – so please watch out for that. Our first text went out last week asking for old hats, scarves, djellabas and any other dressing up equipment that the children can use at lunchtimes. Everything will be kept in storage for 7 days and cleaned regularly to ensure safety during Covid times.

As soon as parents are allowed to enter the school again, we will invite parents to come and see what happens at lunchtimes. Thank you for your support.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Board. The role is open to all parents and carers. It would require you to attend at least 7 meetings which take place from 5.30pm throughout the school year. At the meetings we discuss finance, curriculum, safeguarding and the progress of the children as well as ensuring the school is compliant in all policies and procedures. If you would like further information or are interested in becoming a governor please call the office for further details.



Finally, I would like to wish all our families and staff celebrating this weekend a very Happy Diwali. I know that you may be having a different kind of celebration this year but be safe and take care.

Nicola Harmer
Headteacher