



7th September 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

1st BRAINTREE SCOUT GROUP
WELCOME BACK

Welcome back – I hope that you all had a good summer break. I know that there are some exciting programmes planned for the next term, with Nights Away opportunities available for the Cub and Scout sections. We also look forward to the Scouts Christmas show towards the end of the term. Also, Beavers have a chance to visit the Science Museum. Our web site – www.1stbraintree.org.uk has been busy over the summer period, with a number of new enquiries being received. If you haven't already done so, please take a look and feedback any comments to the webmaster.

We are starting two new sections this term, both on a Thursday evening. The new Cub pack will run from 6.00 – 7.30pm and the new Scout troop will run from 7.30 – 9.30pm. As both the Wednesday Cub pack and the Friday Scout troop are more or less full, we will be encouraging any new starters or anyone moving on between sections to attend on Thursdays. However, if this is not possible, we will attempt to place individuals in the evening of their choice. If anyone in the existing Wednesday Cub pack or Friday Scout troop would like to change nights, please let your leader or me know.

A quick reminder that subs are now due for this term at £30, unless you are paying using the standing order facility, where payments will continue automatically. If you would like to pay by standing order, please let your section leader know, who will provide you with the relevant details. If you have previously had alternative arrangements with your section leader for payment of subs, this will need to be reviewed.

If you are a taxpayer and have not currently completed a **Gift Aid** form, please speak to me or your section leader. A signature on a form will enable us to claim back a substantial amount of tax, which will go into group funds to help improve the premises and the programme.

This term will see us start to seek funds for the refurbishment of the hut, through both application for grants and other means. We will let you know more of our plans in the coming weeks, but any assistance in identifying potential funds, filling in forms and offer of help for maintenance tasks would be most welcome. Please let me know if you have any expertise available that you would be willing to share with us.

Please note that the equipment that we have ordered through **Sainsbury's Active Kids** has been ordered and is due for delivery mid way through this term. As soon as it arrives, we will be using it quite extensively. We also have some vouchers banked for the scheme next year.

I trust that the Young People will enjoy their Scouting this term and I look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces. As ever, the programme cannot be delivered without the leaders and helpers, who are all volunteers. If you are able to spare any time to assist in any section (we currently have section meetings every evening of the week except Tuesday), or if you would like to help out in the maintenance of the hut or any other way, please let me know.

Yours faithfully

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