



BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newtown, Broad Chalke, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 5DS.

Tel: 01722 780212

e-mail: admin@broadchalke.wilts.sch.uk website: www.broadchalke.wilts.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Amanda Brockway

Chair of Governors: Mrs Louise Hall



5th February 2020

Dear Parents

Help for Parents!

It can be a tough job being a parent – please do know that you can always come and have a friendly chat with me or other members of staff if you feel like you need some advice. There are other professionals available to help too, alongside seeking advice from your own GP.

ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Advisors) ELSAs are specially trained teaching assistants (TAs) on our staff who work with individuals or small groups of children with emotional needs which impact on their learning. Mrs Turner (Class 6 TA) has been an ELSA for many years but we have recently trained Mrs Lott (Class 2 TA) and Mrs Thorne (Class R TA) as we recognised the need for more emotional support for our pupils. They all have waiting lists but please do speak to me or Mrs Moriarty (SENCO) if your child has emotional needs.

SEN (Special Educational Needs) The first person you would need to talk to is your child's class teacher but Mrs Moriarty can also offer advice before seeking further support from other professionals.

Triple P Parenting Courses There are also Triple P parenting courses available from time to time in Tisbury, Warminster and Salisbury. Please do let me know if you are interested in accessing these courses or you can get in touch with Claire Turner to find out more: claire.turner@wiltshire.gov.uk

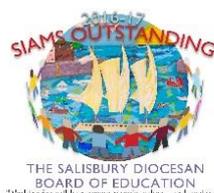
School Nursing Service The school nursing service is run by Virgin Healthcare. You can call 0300 2470090 to leave a message for a school nurse to get back to you. School can make a referral to the school nursing service and this would involve a meeting with myself or Mrs Moriarty.

CAHMS CAMHS have a referral service for issues which are having a major impact on family or school life. A professional such as your doctor or the school can make a referral but you can also refer yourself. Sometimes a self-referral is best especially if a parent is seeing behaviour or issues which we may not be seeing at school. If you would like school to make a referral, please arrange a meeting with myself or Mrs Moriarty.

Childhood Anxiety Talk I've booked CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) to lead a session for parents on childhood anxiety and supporting your child with their worries. Please see the attached poster. This is taking place on **Thursday 12th March from 1.00pm – 3.00pm** in our school library. An idea of numbers would be useful so please fill in the reply slip below if you plan on attending.

Wiltshire Behaviour Support We can refer children to the Wiltshire Behaviour Support Team and they will come into school to work with children outside of the classroom on developing strategies to manage what is often down to an underlying anxiety. I've booked two members of the behaviour team to talk to parents about support with behaviour for parents on **Thursday 4th June** in the afternoon, 1.30 – 3.00pm.

CAF (Common Assessment Form) When family issues are more complex, and involve more than one agency, a CAF might be the best way forward which will involve a series of meetings with me and other professionals.



FOBS Meeting

The next FOBS meeting is on **Friday 7th February at 1.30pm** in the school library. Please do come along and give your thoughts, views and ideas. Our main agenda item this week will be the Spring Fair so that everything is in place ready for **Saturday 21st March!**

Online Safety Survey

Thank you so much for all the responses to the children's online safety survey. Please do send in any more by the end of term. The committee will look at them in term 4, collate the responses and compare them with the surveys done in class. This will be shared with teachers and parents and will inform our planning to make sure we are delivering what is relevant to the children's' needs. The online safety committee have also been busy preparing for Safer Internet Day next Tuesday.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet day is **Tuesday 11th February**. Our pupil led online safety committee will be leading assemblies in school and launching a competition. The internet can be fantastic but screen addiction is real, difficult for parents to deal with and affecting some of our children. Please find attached some advice on this.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Our next round of parent teacher meetings will be held week commencing 2nd March. We always try to give you plenty of notice so that you can book your appointments. The dates will be **Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March from 3.30 – 6.30pm**. We will be using our online booking system which you will receive an email about once the office has set up the appointment times. This will be in place by the end of this week, so please look out for the e-mail and follow the instructions to book your appointment. When we hold parent teacher meetings, please arrive before your appointment to allow yourself time to look at your children's books. If you are bringing children with you please ensure that they wait quietly and tidy up any toys.

Thank you for supporting the 2019 Christmas Box Appeal

Our school was delighted to support the FSCI Christmas Box Appeal last term. Thank you to all those families who made the commitment of time and money to contribute a box. We sent 37 boxes and a special thank you to our cleaners Gemma and Carly who delivered the boxes to Salisbury for us. Rich Parsons, the project leader, has asked me to pass on this message. "We're so thankful to everyone who donated a box or gave their time to help out. We've had a fantastic response again from our supporters and their efforts have made a lot of children and families very happy."

Thank you again for helping our school to be part of this – your donations brought joy to those who didn't have much to celebrate at all last Christmas time.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher

Anxiety Talk for Parents

Yes I would love to come along and learn more about how to deal with childhood anxiety.

Name of parent _____

Signed _____

