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Our February Value is Friendship

Dear Parents,

Following on from Boris Johnson's announcement of the Road Map to recovery, we are delighted that we will be able to welcome all children back to school on Monday the 8th of March.

We are looking forward to having everyone back in school and we would like to say a big thank-you to everyone for all of your hard work and support during this challenging time – especially to all of our families who have been doing home learning.

We will continue to run our staggered drop off and pick-up times to help maintain social distancing outside of the school gate. The times remain the same as they were in December.

Staggered Start and Pick up Times

There will be no parents coming onto the school site and we ask you to continue to line up along the fence whilst keeping to the 2m social distancing.

- Key Worker children – 8:45am – 3:30pm
- Bear Class Y4 – 8:50am – 3:25pm
- Elephant Class Y3 – 8:55am – 3:20pm
- Tiger Class Y2 – 9:00am – 3:15pm
- Badger Class Y1 – 9:05am – 3.10pm
- Panda and Puffin Class YR – 9:10am – 2:45pm

Please be prompt with timing when you drop off and collect your child from school.

If you have more than one child in school please drop off and collect all of your children at the same time as your **eldest** child.

Please remember face-masks must be worn when dropping off and collecting children at the gate.

Children will still be able to order a **hot school meal** as we will continue our staggered lunchtime breaks. I know fishy Friday is always very popular with the children!

Facemasks and Covid-19 Testing

Our children are not included in the guidance about facemasks and Covid-19 testing as they are too young, it applies to children in Years 7 and above. There is no requirement for our children to wear facemasks in class or to have the biweekly COVID-19 lateral flow testing.

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However, all members of staff at Broadmead take the COVID-19 lateral flow test on a Monday and Thursday morning before school to help ensure everyone's safety.

After School Club

Our After School Club will reopen on March 8th, the booking system is open for bookings if you wish to book your child in. If you require any further details please contact the School Office.

Zoom Class Catch Ups

Our Zoom Class Catch Ups have been very successful this week. I was able to sit in on our first one with Year 2 and the children were so excited to be able to see one another! These will continue next week, especially as it will give the children the chance to discuss any concerns that they may have about returning to school. I am looking forward to mine tonight with our Year 3 children!

The days and times will remain the same;

Monday- Tiger Class

Tuesday – Badger Class

Wednesday – Bear Class

Thursday – Puffin and Panda Class

Friday Elephant Class

All sessions are 3.45 – 4.15pm.

World Wildlife Day

Next Week, on Wednesday the 3rd of March it is World Wildlife Day and the theme this year is 'Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet'. The aim of this day is to raise awareness about the importance of forests, their carefully balanced ecosystems and the need to work with the planet in a sustainable way. We will be celebrating this day in school through art, circle time and stories and it would be great if you could join in at home. If you complete a World Wildlife Day task at home please email your pictures into the office as we would love to see them! It is incredibly important that we acknowledge these days and share them with the children, both in school and at home, as the changes we are seeing in the environment will impact them throughout their lives. Below is a link to the official page which you may wish to look at to learn a little more.

<https://www.wildlifeday.org/>

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

I will send out a separate Parentmail about World Book Day next week with links to live assemblies etc. Teachers have planned in activities for their classes which they will share with you on Jotter Learn. The most important thing is that we can dress up! All children may come to school next Thursday dressed as their favourite book character. If your child is at home please do send in some photographs of them dressed up as we would love to see them. We have the £1 World Book Day tokens in school. I will send them home with the children who are at school on Thursday and everyone else can take them home on March 8th.

Parents' Evenings SchoolCloud Video Appointments in March

Our Parents' Evenings will be during the week of March 15th and will be on our new video appointment system SchoolCloud. I will send you more details next week with exact dates and times and also information on how to book your appointment online.

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Making Me

Our friends at Making Me who do so much to help with our children's mental health and wellbeing, are fundraising to digitise their Primary Schools Emotional Literacy Programme, including readings of their stories, podcasts and staff training.

We use a lot of their resources to help our children and I would be incredibly grateful if you could help support them. Even 50p or a £1 would make all the difference as Aviva are matching all donations made to them. There is a link below to their fundraising page.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/makingme>



Please see table below for diary dates for this term. Any **changes** or **additions** will be in **red** type.

<u>Spring Term 2021</u>	
Wednesday 3rd March	World Wildlife Day
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Monday 15 th March	Parent Consultations Week: dates + times TBC
Friday 19 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 29 th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS
<u>Summer Term 2021</u>	
Monday 12 th April	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 13 th April	Children Back to school

<u>Governing Board Meetings</u>
Thursday 25 th February
Thursday 25 th March
Thursday 13 th May
Thursday 10 th June
Thursday 15 th July

Keep safe and best wishes.
Mrs Debbie Cosbie-Ross
Assistant Headteacher