



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Head lice

Head lice is an issue in some classes in school. Please support us by checking your child's head regularly for head lice. That way, you can deal with them before their numbers increase. We recommend detection combing once a week for children. Some parents like to do it on a Sunday evening, while preparing for the week ahead. Head lice are most predictably found on hairs at the nape of the neck and behind the ears, where they are protected from extremes of light and temperature. However, they may be laid anywhere on the hair, especially in warm weather.

Treatment Options

Wet combing

The wet combing method involves removing the head lice by systematically combing the hair using a special fine-toothed comb.

1. Shampoo the hair, rinse, apply lots of conditioner and use a wide-toothed comb to untangle and straighten.
 2. Once the tangles have gone, section the hair and comb with a fine-toothed detection comb from root to end. Comb one section at a time, paying particular attention to the back of the neck and the area around the ears.
 3. Check the comb for live lice between each stroke and remove them.
 4. When the whole head of hair has been combed through and checked, rinse off the conditioner.
 5. Check all family members at the same time and arrange treatment if lice are found.
- If you discover head lice, inform any close contacts, so they and their families know they should check too.

Medicated lotion or spray

Using medicated lotion or spray is an alternative method of treating head lice. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray.

Note the following advice for using lotions:

- Do not use lotions unless you find a living, moving louse. Head lice may become resistant to lotions if they are used too often.
- If live head lice are still being found after two treatments, ask your doctor, pharmacist, health visitor or school nurse for advice.
- Follow the instructions on the packet carefully. These will tell you how to apply the lotion, how long to leave it on the hair and when any repeat application is required for the treatment to be effective. The treatment method may vary between different lotions.
- Although the lotion will kill the lice, it will not kill the eggs. You will need to apply the lotion again after 7 days to kill any newly hatched baby lice. Again, this procedure may vary between different lotions, so follow the instructions on the packet carefully.
- Treatment does not prevent infections.

School Nurse

The school Nurse, Anne Archer, will be holding a drop in clinic from 9.00am on 12th March at the Ark Children's Centre. If you would like to make an appointment to see Anne about any medical concerns you may have about your child, please phone to make an appointment on 07899988143.



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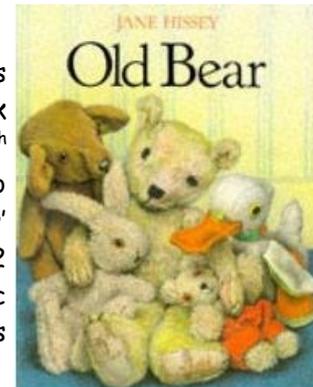
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World Book Day

This week, Miss Harmer, our librarian, will be holding various activities and quizzes in the library during lunchtimes to celebrate World Book Day and promote our children's love of reading! On Thursday 6th March 2014, our house captains will be holding a book exchange. On this day we would like to invite children to bring in any books they've outgrown or no longer need. When they do this they will receive a book token that can be used to claim a book donated by another child.

As part of Sainsbury's 'Make Believe' campaign, the Tunbridge Wells supermarket are opening up a new chapter in their community work by inviting children's author Jane Hissey into store on Thursday 6th March. Jane is best known for her famous 'Old Bear' book. Jane who lives in Tunbridge Wells, will be reading extracts from 'Old Bear' between 2pm and 3pm and we have been invited to take our Year 2 children along to the store to hear her. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and we are very grateful to Sainsbury's for inviting us.



Stranger Danger

You may have seen in the Courier this week that a 'suspicious' man has been approaching school children in Tunbridge Wells. Two reports were made last week of a man approaching a young girl on St Johns Road and trying to engage her in conversation. In both cases the girls involved asked the man to leave them alone, which he did. Bennett Memorial Diocesan School received the reports and are now working with the Kent Police. With this in mind, please remind your children about keeping safe, walking together in groups and not engaging in conversation with strangers. Our assemblies this week will focus on stranger danger.

School Letters

Please note that copies of letters sent to parents from school can be found on our school website. To find newsletters, please click on 'News and Events' and then 'Newsletters'. To find other letters, please click on 'News and Events' and then 'Letters to Parents', the letters are then sorted into four categories, Whole School, Trips, Sport and Music.

DATES FOR TERM 4 2013/2014

6th March: Book exchange for World Book Day

12th March: 9.00am: School Nurse Drop in session at the Ark

12th March: 3.15pm: Cake Sale, to be run by Grosvenor House (Green)

20th March: PTA AGM, evening meal and drinks

4th April: Home Clothes Day

4th April: PTA Disco, 3.30-5.00pm

4th April: End of Term

Emily Lightbody, Acting Headteacher