



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. Welcome back to what I believe will be an exciting year at Broadwater Down. We have a class full of enthusiastic Year R pupils. They enjoyed their first full week of school last week and have made a really positive start. We have also welcomed some new members of staff and have begun to get to grips with our new curriculum. Owl Class have already been on an incredible trip to the Globe theatre to kick off their Shakespeare topic. It has helped to inspire the pupils to take on the role of Macbeth in English lessons. I have seen some amazing pieces of work brought in by pupils for their Learning Logs. Well done to those pupils and I look forward to seeing more in the coming weeks. Please add the events on the right to your family calendar and I look forward to seeing you at the events.

Harvest

We will be celebrating harvest at 9.15am on Thursday 16th October this year. All pupils in Years 1 to 6 (Yr R will not be attending) will perform a short piece, with additional singing, to celebrate this special time of year. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. Access will be via the main hall doors. Seating will be limited, so please do not bring buggies and prams inside the hall. Parents of babies and toddlers are asked to find alternative childcare arrangements where possible to ensure the pupils performing can be heard.

If you would like to contribute to our harvest collection of food and flowers, please bring them into school on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday BEFORE the Harvest Festival. If you know of a local senior citizen, living within walking distance of the school, who would benefit from a harvest contribution, please fill out the slip previously sent out and return it to school by Friday 3rd October.

If you can provide a decorated shoe box to present the gifts in, please send in with your child on the Monday. Year 5 and 6 will distribute the gifts afterwards. We would appreciate parental support with this.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd Oct	Individual Photographs
Friday 10th Oct	Open Morning (9.30—10.30)
Thursday 16th Oct	Harvest Festival (9.15—10am) Parent Consultation (5pm—7.30)
Friday 17th Oct	Team Challenge Day Home clothes Day for Donation
Wed 22nd Oct	Owl Class Assembly (2.50pm) Parent Consultation (3.30—5.30)
Thursday 23rd Oct	Piano Recital (3.30—4.15)
Friday 24th Oct	Spooky Disco (
Friday 24th Oct	Last Day of Term
Monday 3rd Nov	Start of Term
Friday 14th Nov	Children in Need
Monday 17th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 18th Nov	Open Morning (9.30—10.30)
Friday 28th Nov	Home Clothes Day for Donation
Friday 5th Dec	Christmas Fair (3.30pm)
Tuesday 16th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Marks' Church (6.30pm start)
Wed 17th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Thursday 18th Dec	Christmas Parties
Friday 19th Dec	Last Day of Term

Reminder of Key Dates....

INSET Days (No school for pupils!):

Wednesday 3rd September

Monday 29th September

Monday 5th January

Monday 23rd February (provisional)

Monday 1st June

Term Dates: (Be mindful of INSET days!):

Term 1 3.9.14 - 24.10.14

Term 2 3.11.14 - 19.12.14

Term 3 5.1.15 - 13.2.15

Term 4 23.2.15 - 1.4.15

Term 5 20.4.15 - 22.5.15

Term 6 1.6.15 - 24.7.15

STAFF NEWS



It has been great to welcome some new members of staff this term...

Mr Neil (Fox Class Teacher), Miss Davis (Ladybird Class Teacher), Mrs McGregor (KS2 PPA cover), Mrs Jones (Yr R/KS1 PPA cover) and Mrs Woodward, our new TA, have all made a great start.

However, it is with great sadness that we say 'Goodbye!' to Mrs Georgie Benstead. Mrs B has been a Teaching Assistant at the school for many years and is a highly valued member of our team. She has decided to have a change of career—a very exciting prospect for her, but a real loss for us!

We wish her all the very best for the future and hope she pops back to see us all again soon.



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Parent Power!

A massive 'Thank you!' must go to the PTA committee and all parents, as members of the PTA, who raised money last year to provide the school with a new projector, screen and sound system for the hall. The new equipment allows for better PE lessons, assemblies, events and song practices and opens up possibilities for the future. The PTA committee would very much like to recruit some new members to support with event planning and preparation. If you would like to help in any way, however small, please speak to me or Lauren Moody, the Chair. Hopefully, you have received the PTA newsletter with additional dates and information. If not, please contact Amanda Bailey in the office.

Please note that 17th October and 29th November are home clothes days. This is an opportunity for pupils to wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1 contribution towards the Christmas Fair.

If you work for a company who may be able to support the PTA in any way, either through donations of money, prizes or through matching money raised, please let me know. This would obviously be a real benefit to the pupils.

Please start collecting old clothes, shoes and CDs for up-coming fundraising initiatives.

You've Got to be In2Win!

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously here at Broadwater Down Primary. We have launched 'In2Win', a weekly scheme in which pupils who attend every day and on time are entered into a prize draw. Taking days off school will obviously have an impact on your child's academic progress, while arriving late not only affects your child's learning, but disrupts the learning of others. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, 8.55am, every day.

Holidays are not permitted in school time and last year, unauthorised holidays had a real impact on our school data. Poor attendance will become a barrier to our school's journey of improvement so please support the school by using holiday time.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is made up of one representative from each class. We meet each term (6 times a year) to discuss whole-school issues. It is a valuable two-way process. I use the Council to share thoughts and ideas and ask for feedback. The representatives use it as a way of voicing concerns, positive feedback and issues raised by the parents in their class.

The current Parent Council members are:

Butterfly Class: Shazia Khan-Tootal

Woodpecker Class: Candi Keates

Hedgehog Class: Gareth Jones

Fox Class: Anna Frazer

Owl Class: Louise Houghton

Each parent representative has expressed a desire to continue. If you would like to be considered as an alternative, please contact me to discuss by Friday 10th Oct.

If you are a parent of a pupil in Ladybird Class and would like to be the representative for Reception Class, please let me know by the same date.

Club Corner

An array of clubs kicked off this term. As well as the list given to parents, Year 1 pupils have been invited to join a lunchtime gardening club and library club is also due to start.

Last week was the launch of our after-school provision, Squirrel Club. This currently runs daily until 4.30pm. Pupils are provided with a snack and activities and the cost is £4. I am currently working on extending this to provision until 6pm. I will let you know when this has been set up.

Please come to see me if you have any feedback on any events or issues—it is always appreciated and will help me to continue to make the school the best it can be.

Many thanks, Mrs Lonie