



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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## What a Wonderful Woodland Day!

Thank you to those parents who came to help us with the first part of our project to renovate the woodland area. Every child took part in some clearing of the woodland and it was a real joy to see so much enthusiasm and hard work from the pupils. A new fence has gone in to segregate the playtime area from the main learning environment, thanks to some intensive work from Neo's dad and John, one of our volunteers!



Follow-up work will be undertaken in the Spring. Please let me know if you are keen to help. The more hands, the better.

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

<b>Friday 28th Nov</b>	<b>Home Clothes Day (for donation of chocolate)</b>
Friday 5th Dec	Christmas Fair (3.30pm—5pm)
Monday 15th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal at 2pm (Suitable for parents with babies and toddlers)
Tuesday 16th Dec	KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mark's Church (6.30pm start)
Wed 17th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm)
Thursday 18th Dec	Christmas Parties
Friday 19th Dec	Last Day of Term
Monday 5th Jan	INSET Day: No school for pupils
Tuesday 6th Jan	Start of Term 3

Please note:

The provisional INSET day on 23rd February will go ahead as planned.

## Children in Need

Well done to all of the pupils (and staff) who dressed as a hero for the day. We raised £145.30 for Children in Need.



## Milk Monitor

A daily drink of milk will be available for those pupils accessing Pupil Premium funding after Christmas, due to new government legislation. If this applies to your child, and you would like him/her to have milk at school, please let Mrs Bailey know.

## Squirrel Club

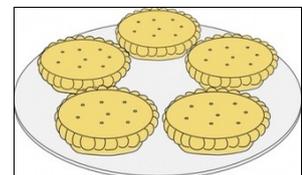
Now that Mrs Yvonne Thomas and Mrs Bonnie Seymour are in post, our after-school provision, Squirrel Club, will run until 6pm daily from 8th December. See Mrs Bailey in the office for more details.



## A Warm Reception

Parents of pupils in Reception are invited to enjoy a pupil-made mince pie and festive singing at 2.30pm on Friday 12th December.

I look forward to seeing you there. Entry through the main hall.



## STAFF NEWS

A very heart-felt thank you must be extended to Jane Lazell, our music teacher, who will be retiring at Christmas. Jane has brought a great deal of enthusiasm to the school and she will be sorely missed. To continue her good work with music, Eirene Naismith will be joining the teaching team in January. Mrs Julie Carpenter will also be joining us in Year 1, on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



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## Doctor, Doctor!

Our new policy for supporting pupils with medical needs will soon be posted on our website. If you have any comments, please email me or book an appointment to discuss.

### A couple of medical reminders:

If your child is suffering from sickness or diarrhea, (s)he should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of either. This will prevent the sickness spreading to others.

Cough sweets should only be used by pupils if strictly necessary. If this is the case, they should be handed to the teacher for distribution throughout the day.

**Please note: The school nurse is holding a clinic at the Ark Children's Centre on 10th Dec from 9am to 10.30am. Phone/text: 077 707 00 842 to make an appointment.**

## Parent Council

The Parent Council met last week. The main focus was the new policy for Special Educational Needs. It was suggested that a summary was provided for parents to simplify this very long document. Mrs Harris, our SENCo is working on this currently and will pass this on once completed. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website next week.

If you have any long lengths of attractive fabric or any wicker baskets that you no longer need, please pass them onto Miss Davis in Reception Class.

The library is now back in action for use during lunchtimes. Mrs Harris will be holding Library Club, and will be organising volunteers to help so that we can maximise the use.

## Family Life Course – Second Round!

Our Family Liaison Officer, Libby Wilmshurst, is planning to run another round of the Family Life Course in the new year. This time, Libby is considering running the course in the evenings to enable working parents to join.

If you think you might be interested in taking part, please contact Libby directly or via the school office. Evening sessions will only take place if there is enough interest to justify it.

This course is a wonderful opportunity to think about how we, as parents, can improve our family life and our relationships with our children. The course is delivered in a non-judgemental, friendly and supportive environment. The course is free to all parents and carers at our school.

## Pupil Voice

### School Sports Organising Crew:

Our crew have begun their Friday lunch-time coaching sessions with the Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Each year group will have the opportunity to take part in sporting activities led by our crew. Great start guys!

### School Council:

The School Council members met this month to discuss a number of issues. The main one was the renovation of the woodland area. The pupils decided on a 'serene area' for playtimes, where pupils can go to read, chat and play board games. This area will have tables and seating, hammocks, outdoor cushions and blankets. Plans were drawn up for this area, plus a marshland, new pond with dipping platform, outdoor classroom and a wild area. We are all very excited about the project.

### Eco Council:

Mrs Emma Jones, one of our cover teachers, will be leading our new Eco Council, made up of pupils, staff, a governor and our site manager. The school already holds the Eco-Schools silver award and now the council will be planning actions to acquire the highest award—the green flag.



### A request from local residents:

Please be considerate to those people living in School Rise. Parking near school gates is always difficult but please use spaces further down the road to enable local residents to get in and out of their driveways.

*Many thanks for your continued support,*

*Mrs Lonie*