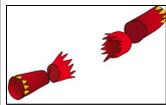




BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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December 2014 (1)



Christmas Crackers!

Well done to all pupils at Broadwater Down Primary who have recently taken part in a performance of some kind. Reception pupils started the celebrations with their Christmas Sing-Along afternoon, complete with mince pies made by their own fair hands. This was a great start for them. There will be further opportunities to perform after Christmas with the Spring Music Festival in March and a class assembly in the summer term.

Key Stage Two pupils continued the festivities with a fantastic Carol Concert at St Mark's church on Tuesday evening. The children worked hard to fill the space with their singing and the service commenced with a beautifully sung solo verse by our resident angel, Layla.

Key Stage One ended the proceedings with a performance of the Little Nativity. Despite a great deal of sickness, the children put on a sterling performance.

The pupils have been a real credit to the school and their parents. I look forward to the next big school performance which will be the Spring Music Festival in March, for all classes.

Christmas lunch and class parties have also taken place this week. Busy times!!

STAFF NEWS

Two exciting bits of news.....

Some of you may have thought that Mrs Lightbody had been at the mince pies recently, due to her expanding tummy. She is in fact expecting a baby! Many congratulations to her.



Mrs Lazell has agreed to continue with Choir on Tuesdays so it will not be a farewell after all. We are all very happy about that as she would be a real loss to the school.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 6 th January	Return to school
26 th to 29 th January	Book Fair
Wednesday 4 th Feb	Yr 3 Greek Day
Wednesday 11 th Feb	Hedgehog Class assembly (2.50pm)
Monday 16 th Feb	Half-Term Break
Tuesday 24 th Feb	Return to school
Monday 2 nd March	Book Week starts
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Wed 11 th March	Woodpecker Class assembly (2.50pm)
Wed 18 th March	Butterfly Class assembly (2.50pm)
Friday 20 th March	Reports out to parents
Monday 23 rd March	9.30 – 11.45 KS2 Choir members to Assembly Hall Theatre for practice
	1.30 – 2.30 Infant Singing Event for Yr 2 at Assembly Hall Theatre
	7pm KS2 Choir at Junior Singing Event at the Assembly Hall Theatre
Wed 25 th March	9.15am Spring Music Festival Yrs R – 6
	2pm Spring Music Festival Yrs R – 6
	Parent Consultations 5pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 27 th March	Easter Disco and School Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 1 st April	Finish for Easter Holidays!!

Communication

We are working very hard at the school to ensure that you are kept informed with regard to key dates and information. The main form is through parentmail (letters, reminders and this newsletter) and paper form for those who are unable to access it. We also use the website, notes on classroom windows and school gates and slips home.

Please do read all of the correspondence—we rarely share information that is not important.

Mrs Lightbody recently sent out a letter with log-in details for MyMaths and on the letter was an invitation for a parent workshop to explain the program. We know that parents received the paper letter as pupils have logged on at home using the details on the letter. However, it seems that many parents did not read the letter in its entirety, and were therefore unaware of this opportunity.

Please, please, please help us with this by adding dates to your home calendars, reading notices and speaking to class teachers, if unsure.



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Christmas Fun

Many congratulations to the PTA for their highly successful Christmas Night Market. Parents and pupils were able to enjoy delicious food, competitions and games, face-painting and some lucky children even paid a visit to see Santa and spoke to Elsa from 'Frozen'.

The fair raised £1089, which will be added to the fund for the renovation of the woodland.

Well done everyone and thank you for supporting this event.



WOW!

There have been some amazing Learning Log creations this term



Aren't they amazing?!

Please help teachers to manage the time needed to mark the creations by giving them in as they are completed, rather than all at the end of term. We like to display the impressive contributions throughout the term. Keep up the good work!

Parent Council

The Council will be meeting again on Thursday 22nd January.

If you have anything you would like to share, please contact your class representative (details on website).

I would especially like any feedback on our Home Learning opportunities, including the 'Mymaths' program, and our new 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs' policy.

Squirrel Club

Some places are still available in Squirrel Club, our provision until 6pm. Ask for more information at the office.



School Sports Organising Crew

Our crew has made a great start and coached members of Owl Class and Fox Class in basketball this term. Next term they will hold sports coaching and competitions for Woodpecker Class on Friday lunchtimes.

Take a look at their display in the main hall to see what they have been up to!

Have a fabulous Christmas and a very happy new year!

See you in January!

Mrs Lonie