



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Spring into Summer

Take a deep breath and hold onto your hats! The summer term is always a busy time for schools.....

The PTA are holding events throughout the term. I hope to see many of you at the Curry and Quiz Night on 15th May and I'm sure you will support the school by attending the Summer Fair on 20th June. If you'd like to lend a hand, please see Lauren or Louise.

The big school event for the summer will be Sports Day, now on Tuesday 30th June. The event will wrap around lunchtime. All pupils from Year R to 6 will take part in the multi-sport event from 10.30am before lunch and family members are invited to join us for a picnic on the field. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will then continue the event after lunchtime. Please bear with us—we cannot control the weather (if only!) - so a parentmail will be sent out in the event of a postponement on the day. The reserve day will be on Wednesday 8th July.

Broadwater's Got Talent

This was the first school event held after I started in April last year and I have very fond memories of it. So by popular demand, we will be repeating this exciting opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents.

If your child can sing, dance, perform a gymnastics routine, tell jokes or has any other talent worthy of a keen audience, then please help him/her to practise over the coming weeks. Auditions for those pupils who have given in a signed slip will be held in school at the beginning of May and successful contestants will perform at our

show on

Thursday 21st May.



Summer Term Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th May	Cake Sale (Green Grosvenor House) 6pm Year 2 Sex Education Parent Meeting
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Friday 15 th May	PTA Parent Curry and Quiz Night
Monday 18 th May	KS1 SATs Fortnight begins
Tuesday 19 th May	1.15 – 3.15pm Yr 6 Secondary Transition W/shop 2.50pm Fox Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	3.30pm Broadwater's Got Talent Show
Friday 22 nd May	9am Parent Council Home Clothes Day for £1 Contribution
Half-Term	
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day: No school for pupils
Friday 12 th June	Home Clothes Day for Chocolate Donation
w.b. 15 th June	Toys/Bric-a-Brac Donations
Thursday 18 th June	Cake/Produce Contributions for Fair
Friday 19 th June	As above
Saturday 20 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 30 th June	Sports Day (CHANGE OF DATE)
Wednesday 1 st July	2pm Year 5/6 Musical Rehearsal
Thursday 2 nd July	2pm and 7pm Year 5/6 Musical
Tuesday 7th July	2.50pm Ladybird (YR) Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	6.30 – 8.30pm New Yr R Parent Workshop
Friday 17 th July	3.30pm – 5pm Summer Disco Attainment and Attendance Reports out to Parents
Monday 20 th July	Swap-Around Afternoon including Year R Taster and Induction Meeting for Parents 7pm Meeting for new Yr R Parents unable to attend the afternoon
Wednesday 22 nd July	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultation Pop-In Session
Thursday 23 rd July	2.15pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 24 th July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 3rd September	INSET Day
Friday 4th September	INSET Day
Monday 7th September	First Day of Term for Pupils

Sporting Success!

Well done to our brave cross country runners who battled the elements to take part in a number of events throughout last term. As well as some strong individual performances, the team won the cup for Effort and Sportsmanship. Yet more proof that our children have good attitudes and demonstrate fantastic team work when representing the school.

This term the Sports Organising Crew are working with Year 1 pupils on Friday lunchtimes, coaching them in the sport of rounders. Well done for being such a super-organised, supportive team to your fellow schoolmates!



Reminder: Please do not open any of the external doors to let in visitors. I know what a friendly group you are but we don't want to compromise the school's security in this way. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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Parent View

Thank you to all of the families who shared their views on our parent questionnaire last month. 55 of our families responded.

I am pleased to report that 100% of parents who responded felt:

- ◆ **their child is happy at school**
- ◆ **their child feels safe at school**
- ◆ **their child is taught well**

100% of parents who provided a definitive response felt:

- ◆ **their child is well-looked after in school**
- ◆ **the school is well-led and managed**
- ◆ **the school responds well to any concerns raised**

100% of responding parents would recommend the school to another parent!

Thank you for the big vote of confidence. It is really pleasing to see the hard work and dedication of our staff is recognised by you all.

Other categories were responded to favourably with no more than 2 parents disagreeing with any of the remaining statements, with the exception of the subject of homework. 7 parents felt that their child did not receive appropriate homework for their age.

As only one parent attended our Mymaths workshop when it was launched, we will provide additional workshops to support parents with understanding the possibilities of Mymaths. We will also be monitoring the challenge provided by Learning Logs in each class to ensure they meet the needs of all pupils.

Please pass on any specific feedback to staff members or to a member of the Parent Council.

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Three additional comments referred to the school's approach to religious celebration in assemblies. Here is a reminder, as explained in the June 2014 Newsletter:

We are very lucky at BWD to have such a vibrant and diverse school community and I am keen to explore many faiths and cultures with the children. However, it is in fact law that Local Authority maintained schools have a daily collective act of worship, wholly or broadly Christian. This can be in the form of a prayer or song. When children are given the chance to pray, they are informed that if they would prefer, they can use the time to reflect about a given non-religious theme. They can also opt not to sing. However, as a parent, you have the right to withdraw your child from the act of worship if you would like. If this is the case, please contact me so that we can discuss how this will be organised.



Website

I'd like to remind you that we have a web-based presence at

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The website is continually being updated with news, minutes of PTA and Parent Council meetings, photos of the children, curriculum information and policies. Calendar dates and information on the complaints procedure can also be accessed here. We will continue to improve the site throughout the coming year.

Please keep an eye out for dates and parent-mail reminders this term. We try to change as few dates as possible, but sometimes this is unavoidable. If in doubt, ask us!

Mrs Lonie