



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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## Finishing on a High!

Well, what a term! Christmas time is always a busy time for schools and a real source of joy. The term has ended with the children really excelling themselves.

See overleaf for the highlights.

In contrast, the term had a rather disappointing start when one of our older children made the decision to leave the school premises without permission. There has been a great deal of debate about what the school should have done to communicate the details to the school and wider community at the time and subsequently, so I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few points....

It is wholly inappropriate to discuss any issues pertaining to an individual child with anyone other than the child's parent, who was notified straight away in this case. No other child was at risk and therefore there was no need to send out a communication at the time.

Unfortunately, due to the media, rumours spread and it unsettled a number of our parents. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents for not engaging in the unsupportive, unhelpful and false comments which were posted on social media at the time and for having faith in the school's ability to deal with the situation appropriately.

In circumstances such as these, the school will not comment to the press and will direct them to KCC's press office. Again, this is because it is regarding the well-being of an individual pupil. The child's mother has given me permission to share the fact that she is extremely happy with the way the school has supported her child leading up to, during and following the decision that her child made on that day.

The school is a very secure site, especially with the additional fencing erected after the new classroom was built in the summer.

I hope this helps to allay any remaining concerns. I will always share information that is relevant and pertinent to parents and appreciate your trust in me to do this as I see appropriate and right.

Our children are always at the heart of the decisions we make.

## Spring Term Diary Dates

Friday 18th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children) Last Day of Term
Tuesday 5th Jan	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 11th Jan	Clubs begin
Monday 18th Jan	Eco Week
Wed 20th Jan	2.50pm Yr 6 Class Assembly
25th – 28th Jan	Book Fair
Monday 8th Feb	Multicultural Week
Wed 10th Feb	2.50pm Yr 3 Class Assembly
Spring Break (w.b. 15th Feb)	
Tuesday 23rd Feb	Return to school
Wed 24th Feb	2.50pm Yr 5 Class Assembly
Monday 29th Feb	Book Week starts
Thursday 3rd Mar	World Book Day (Dress Up)
Monday 14th Mar	Creative Week Spring Music Festival Rehearsal at 1.30pm (for parents with pre-schoolers)
Wed 16th Mar	9.15am Spring Music Festival (Yr R – 6) 2pm Spring Music Festival (Yr R – 6)
Friday 18th Mar	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 22nd Mar	Yr 3 Viking Trip Parent Consultations to discuss reports 5pm – 7.30
Wed 23rd Mar	2.50pm Yr 4 Class Assembly Parent Consultations to discuss reports 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 24th Mar	Easter Disco and Bonnet Parade 3.30pm – 5pm Finish for Easter Holidays!!

## Attendance Watch

**As you know, attendance and punctuality are taken very seriously at**

**Broadwater Down Primary.**

**We are determined to meet our end-of-year attendance target of 95% this year.**

**So far, the attendance is at 95.25%. Please help us to maintain and even improve this by encouraging**

**your child to come in whenever possible. The children have 13 weeks of holiday so please use this to take time away with family. If your child has a sniffle or feels a little below par, we will look after him/her. Just let us know.**





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## Christmas Crackers!

Well done to all of the children for working so hard to put on our successful Christmas performances this year....

Year R took part in their first nativity at Broadwater, joining the experienced Year 1 and 2 pupils. I think you'll agree, it was a real treat.



Key Stage Two pupils sang their hearts out, with the help of a keen congregation of parents, for our Christmas Carol concert at St Mark's Church.

Recorders, hand bells, solos, duets and percussion....

What a performance!



Christmas lunch was a highly enjoyable and tasty time....

And all of the children enjoyed their class parties.

Definitely now time to rest and enjoy the holidays!

## Dad's Army!

**Thank you to the small but perfectly formed group of dads who joined me on Saturday to improve the Early Years outdoor area! The team, joined by staff, a governor and locals from the community, worked away to create a free-flow area for our youngest pupils.**



**This area will be further developed over the coming months as part of our Early Excellence project. Exciting times!!**

Thank you to the PTA who held a fantastic Christmas event for the children. Not only did the children have a fabulous time, but £964 was raised for the school.

## Volunteer Caretaker

As you will have seen from the sheer volume of leaves covering our school grounds, the maintenance of the school is a big job. Richard, our Site Manager, works away to keep the school safe and ordered. In his absence, these tasks fall to staff and Penny, the Chair of Governors, which can be distracting from our roles.

If you would like to be called upon at these times, to help us through clearing leaves, gritting paths, emptying recycling bins and generally tidying up and would have the time to spare, please let me know. Your help would be much appreciated.

## How can you help?

**We are still hoping for support with our curriculum enhancement weeks in the spring—Multicultural Week and Creative week. Please let me know if you can help in any way.**

Thank you for your support during this busy term. Have a super Christmas and see you in the new year!

Mrs Lonie