



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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In Summer Time!

Well done to our talented pupils who showcased their performances at this week's Broadwater's Got Talent. This really is one of my favourite events of the year because the children volunteer, develop and practise their talents at home and in the playground and show an impressive level of confidence to perform to a large audience. There aren't many of us who would put ourselves forward and sing a solo or play the piano in that way.



Congratulations to all who took part.

Sports Day will be a family affair, with every child taking part and families invited to enjoy a picnic on the field. More details to follow soon.

Staff News

We are welcoming Mrs Sabrina Blyth as an additional TA in Year R and Mr Michael King as our new caretaker next term.

Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to Mr Lovelock this week and to Miss Davis at the end of the year. We are very sad but also excited for Miss Davis, as she is leaving to go travelling around the world. We look forward to hearing about her travels!

Mrs Carpenter, who very kindly agreed to stay on this year to teach Year 2, will also be returning to her previous role of deputy headteacher elsewhere.

Thank you for your super work here.



Summer Term Diary Dates

Half-Term (30th May to 3rd June)

Monday 6 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th June	Return to school 5.30pm Swattenden Meeting for Year 5
Thurs 9 th June and Fri 10 th June	From 2pm Bric-a-Brac donations for summer fair
Saturday 11 th June	12-2.30pm Summer Fair
Monday 13 th June	Phonics Test Week (Year 1)
Monday 20 th June	Sports Week
Thursday 23 rd June	Sports Day
Saturday 25 th June	Year 5 Residential to Swattenden
Monday 4 th July	2pm Year 5/6 Musical Rehearsal (for parents with toddlers and babies)
Tuesday 5 th July	2pm and 7pm Year 5/6 Musical
Thursday 7 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 8 th July	Year 4 sleep-over
Wed 13 th July	2.50pm Year R Class Assembly
Friday 15 th July	3.30pm-5pm Summer Disco
Monday 18 th July	Attainment and Attendance Reports out to Parents
	Swap-Around PM including Year R Taster and Induction for Parents
	7pm Meeting for new Year R
	Parents unable to attend
Wed 20 th July	3.30pm-5pm Parent Consultation Pop-In
Thursday 21 st July	2pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term

Please keep an eye on the school website calendar to keep up-to-speed with events. They will be coming thick and fast!!

Return to school: Wednesday 7th September

Next year's INSET Days:

Monday 5th September
 Tuesday 6th September
 Monday 17th October
 Tuesday 3rd January
 Monday 5th June

After half-term, children from Year 1 to 6 will be permitted to change into trainers for break times if they want to, to preserve their school shoes. This will continue as long as changing is swift and without fuss. Please ensure your child has trainers that they can do up independently.



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Creative Curriculum

We had a very busy and exciting Science Day this week. We invited local citizens to share their experiences of using science in their chosen careers. From vets, to forensic scientists, to dentists, it was great for the children to hear how relevant science can be for the future.

Thank you to those parents who paid us a visit.



Coming next

Sports Week, including Sports Day. If you would like to help out during the week, please speak to Mr Neill or Miss Davis.



A Testing Time!

You will have seen in the news that there has been parental concern nationally related to testing in primary schools. Testing is mainly a way of the school and external bodies measuring the school's performance. We always encourage our pupils to do their best on these occasions but they should never be a time of anxiety or stress. Teachers assess pupils every day and these assessments are crucial in informing the teacher what to teach next. KS1 and KS2 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) are over for this academic year. Year 1 pupils (and a small number of Year 2 pupils) will be taking the phonics screening test in June. This involves the children being assessed on a one-to-one basis on reading words, some of which are real and some made up. The children have already taken the test twice this year so are used to it and quite enjoy the individual attention! There is no need to 'prepare' for the test—just enjoy reading with your child!

Phonics
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Trim Trail

The trim trail is in full use and the children are LOVING it! Please note that it is for use by our pupils under the supervision of staff within school hours only. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Payments

As a reminder, if you are handing in money to the school, please can you ensure it is in an **envelope with your child's name on, and with details of what the payment is for and the amount enclosed.** Thank you.

Next term's core value focus is on **PASSION.**

Thanks for reading!

Mrs Lonie



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PTA Special

Coming soon.....**Summer Fair!**

The PTA has arranged all sorts of exciting treats for the fair— a wide range of competitions, crafts, yummy things to eat and a

BOUNCY CASTLE!

(Someone tells me you may even have the chance to splat some of the staff with wet sponges—who would sign up for that?! (Yes, I have.)

To support the PTA in preparing for its biggest event of the year, please note:

9th and 10th June: Please bring in any unwanted toys, books, etc for the bric-a-brac stall

Friday 10th June: Please send in cakes and biscuits

The PTA also need empty jam jars with lids and plastic milk carton bottle tops for the fair. Please bring these into school.



Key Summer Events

Help out or simply come along to enjoy!

Summer Fair

June 11th 12-2.30pm

Summer Disco

15th July 3:30-5pm

Please see the website for minutes of the last meeting.

Easy Fundraising

You can raise money for the PTA just by shopping online at your usual places – every time you purchase online, retailers automatically give a donation to your PTA – there's nothing else you need to do! Go to: <http://pta-uk.easyfundraising.org.uk/> to register to support Broadwater Down PTA. You can download the 'Find and Remind' toolbar, and then every time you visit a site that donates, it will automatically remind you. The prices you pay do not change, and any donations go directly to the PTA. There are so many retailers signed up, including Amazon, Argos, eBay, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's... the list goes on! So – sign up now at <http://pta-uk.easyfundraising.org.uk/>. Why not ask your friends and family to sign up too?

Quiz Night

A super night was had by all who attended. Fish and chips and a friendly quiz—what's not to love?! Happy to report that the staff team came in at a respectable position on the scoreboard—we particularly smashed the celebrity photos and theme-tune rounds.

If you work for a company that offers a match-funding opportunity for charities such as our PTA, please let us know. It can really make a difference.