



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Grounds for Celebration

As you will know by now, we are very fortunate to have such extensive school grounds, with two playgrounds incorporating games areas and a new trim trail, a field and a woodland. In the last couple of years, fencing and gates for added security and an improved pathway have been added.

In half-term the new community allotment was installed by our Chair of Governors, Penny, Glynne's dad, Mark, our regular volunteer, John Telling, and a team of volunteers from AXA PPP.

Families lacking the space needed to grow their own veggies or flowers can lease a patch for the small sum of £10 a year. Please



see Mrs Bailey as these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Seating has been added at the front of the school for both parents and children to use, and a new sign to provide useful information for parents will be added in the next couple of weeks.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Monday 27th February	Book Week
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day (Dress Up Day)
Friday 3rd March	PTA Quiz
Friday 24th March	Reports out to parents
Monday 27th March	Creative Week
Wednesday 29th March	9.15am & 2pm Spring Music Festival Performances
	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 30th March	5.00-8.00pm Parent Consultations
Friday 31st March	3.30-5.00pm Disco & Bonnet Parade

Monday 3rd-Monday 17th April Easter Break

Summer Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 18 th April	Return to school
Friday 21 st April	Family Fun Event – PTA (TBC)
Wednesday 26 th April	Science Day
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs all week
Monday 15 th May	KS1 SATs fortnight
Monday 15 th May	5pm Years 5 & 6 Sex Ed Meeting
Friday 26 th May	End of Term 5

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June Half-Term Break

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Return to school
Saturday 10 th June	Community Event in Showfields
Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Test Week (for Yr 1 and Yr 2 retakes)
Wednesday 14 th June	Year R Class Assembly
Saturday 17 th June	Summer Fair
Monday 19 th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Day
Wednesday 28 th June	2.50pm Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Swattenden Residential for Year 5
Tuesday 4th July	2pm Year 5/6 Musical Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6th July	2pm & 7pm Year 5/6 Musical Performances
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Residential to France
Friday 14 th July	Reports out to parents (Year 6 earlier)
Monday 17 th July	Multi-Cultural Week
Wednesday 19 th July	Parent Drop-in session after school
Thursday 20 th July	2pm Leavers' Assembly

Future INSET Days:

Monday 5th June 2017
Monday 4th September 2017
Thursday 4th January 2018
Friday 5th January 2018
Monday 4th June 2018

Keep an eye out for the calendar on the school website.

As the summer term dates have been set earlier than usual, we will strive to keep to them but sometimes external influences scupper our plans. We will make sure as much notice is given in these circumstances. Dates for the sex and relationship meeting for Year 2 and meetings for residential trips, as well as the Year 4 sleep-over, will follow soon. Busy, busy!!

Attendance Watch

After our attendance dipped at the end of the autumn term due to a high level of sickness, it is on the up this term and is currently sitting at 94.9%. Let's get it above the national expectation of 95% by Easter!

A reminder that term dates are available from the office some time in advance and feature above. Holidays taken in school time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.





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Curriculum Corner

Following on from Eco Week....

The Big School Birdwatch

Last Tuesday afternoon, the whole school took part in the RSPB Big School Birdwatch. All the children had the opportunity to look for, identify and record birds in our grounds. The results of their surveys will be fed back to the RSPB, to help them monitor numbers of species over the country as a whole. As I'm sure you will agree, caring for nature for the future generations is paramount and a very important and worthwhile activity for all the children to be involved in!



Eco Matters!

Eco reps have been very busy this week!

On Monday, Alex Green from Ashden, took the Eco reps from each class around the school to give them some ideas on making sustainable energy savings. The children were very enthusiastic to recount the ideas they learnt and this week we have started on our mission!

Starting next week, every lunchtime, the reps from each class will monitor and record the energy saving taking place in each room. They will place either a red or green token on the classroom wall to show the rest of their class how they are doing and how they can improve! Results for the week will be shared during special assembly on Fridays to find the winning classes!



Safer Internet Day

Following our E-Safety Week back in September, the pupils took part in Safer Internet Day at the beginning of February. This was an opportunity to explore further ways to keep safe online. Our e-safety crew are putting together some information for parents for distribution later this year.

Fundraising Events

The PTA newsletter gives full details but please be aware:

Quiz Evening

This Friday 3rd March—£7.50 for a night of fun and fish and chips. Please sign up and join us!

Tea/ Coffee and Cake with the PTA

Monday 6th March 9am at The Ark Children's Centre. All welcome (there are toys for little ones too!). Please let us know if you can make it!

PTA meeting

Thursday 16th March at 8pm at The Compasses

Easter Disco and Bonnet Parade

31st March 3:30—5pm

Mother's Day Secret Gifts Day (Details TBC)

Family Fun Event (Bingo—TBC)

Friday 21st April

Summer Fair

Saturday 17th June

To be able to run all of these great events, we need lots of volunteers! Please do let us know if you are interested in helping in any way—however little!

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How can you help?

Want to come in to read stories? Are you a keen painter, sketcher, musician? Or do you just like to pitch in and help wherever possible?

Come and support our curriculum enhancement weeks — Book Week on 27th February and Creative Week on 27th March. Please let me know if you can help.

There will be lots of events in the coming months. Please keep an eye on the diary and let us know if anything has been missed!! This term's core value focus is on **CREATIVITY**. Come and join in the fun!

Mrs Lonie