



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a fabulous summer and feel ready for a full and exciting year ahead.

As you can see from the diary dates on the right, we have much planned for the coming weeks—all in addition to the engaging curriculum which fills our days. Year 1 have kicked off the year investigating the 'Enchanted Forest', using our own woodland as a stimulus for writing, while Year 6 have dived into the deep end of learning, by exploring Shakespeare's Macbeth. Our new Year R pupils have made an excellent start, very quickly getting to grips with the rules and routines of our primary school.

It was great to see some new parents join us at the PTA meeting last week to find out how they can help. This can be a little daunting at first, but I assure you we are a friendly bunch, so if you would like to get involved, new parent or, ahem, old, then please catch me or one of the busy PTA parents to find out more.

The PTA have plenty planned already this year, including reintroduction of the after-school cake sales. Your child will receive information about when it is his/her team's turn to bake cakes. When they do so, the money raised will be converted into extra points for their team. Get baking!!



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 4 th Sept	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th Sept	INSET Day
Wednesday 6 th Sept	First day of term for pupils
Thursday 7 th Sept	11+ Test for some Yr 6 pupils
Monday 18 th Sept	E-Safety Week
Thursday 5 th Oct	Team Challenge Day
Monday 9 th Oct	1.30pm Harvest Festival Practice*
Wed 11 th Oct	9.15am Harvest Festival for Yrs 1 to 6
Wed 11 th Oct	3.30 – 5pm Parent Consultations
Friday 13 th Oct	Grosvenor House Cake Sale
Monday 16 th Oct	Maths Week
Wed 18 th Oct	5.00 – 8pm Parent Consultations (except Yr 4)
Thurs 19 th Oct	5.00 – 8pm Yr 4 Parent Consultations
Friday 20 th Oct	End of Term
	5 - 6.30pm Spooky Disco

Half-Term Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Monday 30 th Oct	Enterprise Week
Friday 10 th Nov	Family Bingo Evening
Monday 13 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 1 st Dec	Christmas Fair (TBC)
Friday 8 th Dec	1.30 FS/KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal *
Tuesday 12 th Dec	2.15pm FS/KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 th Dec	9.30am FS/KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19 th Dec	6.30pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mark's
Wednesday 20 th Dec	End of Term

*Suitable for parents with babies and young children

INSET Days:

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



Staff News

Mrs Lightbody is pleased to announce this week that she is expecting a baby brother or sister to little Zachary. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lightbody from us all.





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E-Safety Week

Last week, the children focused on how to stay safe online when using technology in school and at home.

In Reception and KS1, the children explored things to avoid: meeting up with strangers, opening unknown downloads and entering personal details online, through the use of stories. The children enjoyed finding out about and helping the characters Digiduck, Smartie the Penguin and Fifi and Lulu, to make the right decisions to stay safe online.

In KS2, the children focused on social media, age-appropriate gaming and sharing photos and information online through the use of videos, circle time and quizzes. They then created posters to remind each other how to stay safe online.

If you would like to follow this up with your child at home, you may be interested in the website www.thinkuknow.co.uk. Here you will find a range of stories, games, videos and quizzes appropriate for different age groups to support this topic.

We will continue to talk about staying safe online throughout our curriculum and will follow this up in February as part of Safer Internet Day 2018.

The main message for pupils is that the Internet is a wonderful resource, but needs to be used with caution, thought and awareness.



BEFORE YOU POST...

THINK!

T - is it true?

H - is it hurtful?

I - is it illegal?

N - is it necessary?

K - is it kind?



Welcome to Bug Club

We have recently acquired a reading programme called Bug Club which will be funded by the PTA at the cost of £5,528. Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them. What's more, there are online versions for every printed title and a personalised website for each child.

We will be officially launching the scheme after half term but look out for details in the coming weeks so you and your child can begin enjoying the books as soon as possible.



Policies

Our website www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk has lots of information regarding the school and what the children are up to. If you would like to read and comment on our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy or our Behaviour Policy, please take a look and email me with any comments. We will discuss these further at Parent Council. A letter regarding Parent Council will be coming your way next week.

This term's core value is **COLLABORATION**. Let's work together to create a fabulous year.

Mrs Lonie