



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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## At Our Core.....

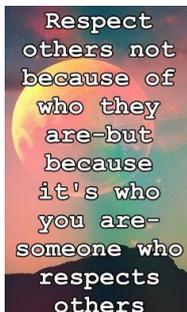
As you know, the core values of kindness and respect are our focus for this term. The children have put their heads together during Enterprise Week to plan ways of raising money for children in difficult circumstances and have managed to raise £943.16 for Children in Need.

Well done to the children and their families for raising this impressive amount and showing what a caring school community we are.

We have been talking to the pupils a great deal about how we all treat each other, and I am pleased to say that the vast majority of pupils returned from half-term in a calm, purposeful manner, ready for the term ahead. We have three nurture groups running at different parts of the day for some of our pupils, and this has had a significantly positive effect across the school.

As you know, Ofsted visited last week. We are not permitted to share any feedback until the judgement has been moderated. We will let you know the outcome as soon as we can.

The Parent Council are meeting on 5th December. Please take a look at our Safeguarding Policy and Special Educational Needs Policy on the website and share any comments with your rep or me before the date. Elizabeth Mayhew (William's mum) has taken on the role of rep for Yr R and Tanya Pulford has returned as rep for Yr 1.



## Autumn and Spring Term Diary Dates

Friday 1st Dec	Christmas Fair
Friday 8th Dec	1.30 FS/KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal* Broadwater Christmas Bake-Off
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15pm FS/KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am FS/KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Panto for pupils for £1 donation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner and Xmas Jumper Day 6.30pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mark's
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Eco Week
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Clubs begin
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Spring Break (w.b. 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week starts
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day (Dress Up Day)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports out to parents
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	5pm to 8pm Parent Consultations
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Creative Week Music Festival Practice at 1.30pm*
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am and 2pm Spring Music Festival (Yrs R to 6)
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 to 5.30pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm to 5pm Easter Bonnet Parade and Disco
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School



\*Suitable for parents with babies and young children

INSET Days:  
Thursday 4th January 2018  
Friday 5th January 2018  
Monday 4th June 2018

## Christmas Fair

Please do come along to our fair, this Friday, from 3.15 to 5pm.

Sarah and her team would still like more help to run stalls, so please contact her if you are able to help at

[BROADWATERDOWNPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BROADWATERDOWNPTA@GMAIL.COM)



We also need jam jars full of goodies for the jam jar tombola. Prizes will go to the two most creatively decorated jars given in by Thursday.

## STAFF NEWS

**WE WELCOME MR MADDEN TO OUR TEACHING TEAM, HAVING TAKEN OVER IN YEAR 4 THIS TERM. SADLY, WE WILL BE SAYING GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO MRS STARES, WHO WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF TERM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LEAVING GIFT, PLEASE SEE MRS BAILEY IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER.**



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## Sporting Heroes

### Football v Speldhurst - 31/10/17

The football team travelled, with hope in their hearts for the new season, to Speldhurst for the first game of the season. The team looked rusty to begin with, conceding two goals in the first five minutes.



However, they soon grew into the game and began to dominate with some wonderful passing and counter-attacking play. Our first goal was a lovely through ball from Sonny with a wonderful flick-on from Bobby-Lee and a cool finish from Adam one-on-one with the keeper. We kept fighting hard and shortly after half-time clawed the score back to 2-2 with 10 minutes to play. Unfortunately, the team ran out of steam and Speldhurst pulled away to 5-2 as we attacked looking for goals. Player of the match goes to Shaniyah who, despite being dwarfed by the goal, pulled off a number of fantastic saves to keep the team in the game until the last few minutes.

Well done to all of the team.

### Basketball Tournament - 06/11/17

Megan, Alesha, Luke, Sidney, Andy and Adam arrived at Skinners

Grammar for the annual basketball tournament, a little nervous but very excited. The team



played four group games against much bigger schools (and children) but performed magnificently, winning three out of four games to top the group. We passed the ball beautifully and shot accurately, scoring some fantastic baskets. However, the main attribute they displayed was a never-say-die attitude including being behind in one game until the very last minute, never giving up and sealing the win with the last shot of the game. The quarter-final proved one step too far with an 11-7 loss to the eventual winners but the team again never gave up scoring six of their points in the last minute. The children were all a credit to the school and we are all very proud of them.

Reported by a very proud Mr Neill

## London Bound

### Year 6 Trip - The Natural History Museum

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Owl Class visited the Natural History Museum in London. Whilst at the museum the children participated in two interactive workshops led by the museum staff. The first workshop was linked to our "Extreme Earth" topic and focused on how scientists measure and predict earthquakes and volcanoes.



This experience was followed by a trip to the museum's earthquakes and volcanoes exhibit where they were able to experience an earthquake simulation, as well as see the effects of volcanic eruptions across the world.

After lunch the children took part in an evolution workshop where they studied the animals and habitats seen across history and played games designed to explain how creatures have adapted over time. This workshop supports the children's learning in science this term.



The children had a great day and enjoyed seeing the many other exhibits at the museum including the blue whale and the dinosaurs.

## Care for Our Community

Please park with thought for our neighbours at drop-off and pick-up. Some of our neighbours in School Rise are experiencing some inconsiderate parking at these times of the day—one house in particular has polite notices asking for parents to park with care as there are issues involving wheelchair access and safety. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this matter.



This term's core values are **kindness** and **respect**. Plenty of opportunities to demonstrate these every day.

Mrs Lonie