



# BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents,

As we draw towards the end of another fantastic term, I have so much positive news to share with you.

## School Closure

First of all thank you for your understanding about the school closure last Monday. By initially choosing a late opening time, Mr Howell was then able to drive over to school and make a thorough risk assessment that the roads, although not impassable in a 4 x 4, were extremely treacherous hence the change in the interests of safety from late opening to closure. I hope the children enjoyed the snow!

## FOBS Spring Fair

I am delighted to be able to share with you that the grand total raised at the Spring Fair was £2560! I'm just so grateful to all of our wonderful parents, grandparents and members of the local community who give the school their support. It was such a lovely event too, despite the typical British weather! This fundraising will help us to make such a difference towards making our school be the best it can be! Please do come along to our next FOBS meeting at the Hub on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

## Choir – Easter Performance

The choir's performance of the Easter musical 'Here comes Jesus' was just brilliant. Well done to all in the choir and thank you to Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Cope and Mrs Gibb.



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## Hockey

Our hockey team, already 1<sup>st</sup> in the district, went on to play in the County finals and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wiltshire. Well done hockey team and what a great photo! Thank you to Mrs Hitchings, Mrs Cadge and Mr Cooper for the hockey coaching.



## Football

Our Y5/Y6 football team played at the Laverstock tournament and, after a nail biting matches against worthy opponents, walked away with as the winners! Well done football team and Mr Cooper their coach.



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Also playing at Laverstock we had a Y3/ Y4 football team and a Y5/Y6 netball team. The children love representing their school and it was all good experience for them.



### **Beaulieu Trip**

Class 2 had a very interesting trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum last week. It was wonderful to have so many parent helpers too. Thank you to FOBS for subsidising this trip.

### **1000 Club**

The winners of the March 1000 club were: Mat Clover, Patricia Ormiston and David & Gwen Hitchings. Thank you to everybody who supports the school with the 1000 club and to Damon Johns for running it.

### **Pupils and Mobile Devices**

Just a reminder that children are not allowed to bring mobile devices such as phones, tablets or iPads into school due to concerns about unsupervised use of devices which could lead to an online safety incident. If your child has to have a device for any reason, please ensure that this is handed into the office at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day.

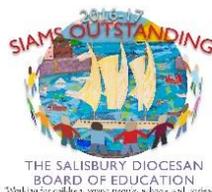
### **A secure entrance**

The governors have been discussing for some time how to achieve a more secure main entrance to our school and have explored many options to achieve this in a way which is sympathetic to the style of the building. Although filling in the outdoor canopy over the front door does sound like the obvious solution, this does not work for a variety of reasons (believe me, we've tried!) so instead we will, over the Easter holidays, be having some work done inside to create an internal secure lobby. It is the norm that most schools have a double entrance with a secure lobby so that all visitors must report to the school office before being allowed in to the school. Whilst we have a sign that asks all visitors (and this includes parents) to report to the school office, this does not always happen and this is something which we have identified as a safeguarding issue which must be addressed.

However, our aim is not to keep parents out, we simply aim to keep our pupils safe inside, and only let other people (including parents) through if they have a valid reason to be in school. Therefore, in the Easter holidays, we are having what is best described as a wooden partition with a gate and secure keypad installed inside the building. A secure lobby will also help us with the very occasional times when we have a child who tries to run out of school after their parents. We hope that parents will understand that this is being installed for the safety of your children and will respect the reason for its use.



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At the school's previous Ofsted inspection the entrance was not an issue but this is an area which has come up in several Ofsted inspections of other schools recently. Ofsted inspect the measures which a school has in place for safeguarding their pupils. If safeguarding is inadequate then leadership will be held to account for this and this will be reflected in the judgement given to the school i.e. the school as a whole could be judged to be inadequate. The same is true with attendance figures and punctuality. Any children who are late need to be signed in by a parent and a reason given. We don't want children being in the habit of being late and coming in through the front door. If you have a journey which means you are often late, please adjust your schedule and leave a little earlier. All children should be arriving at school in time to line up in the playground. Quite apart from the expectations from Ofsted, we are making these changes in the best interests of your children.

Whilst on the theme of secure entrances, we also have a small number of parents who walk in through the front and rear entrance of the school and also in with their children through classroom doors. For the reasons mentioned above, this should not be happening and please do not be offended if staff challenge parents. Parents will need to walk around to the front of the school in order to get to the school office otherwise this will compromise the security of the main entrance. Parents and children should not be in the main part of the school before 8:50am, unless there is a pre-arranged reason. If you need to speak to a teacher, please contact the office first. When it is raining, a member of staff will stand at the side door to let the children in to school; parents do not need to accompany their children in on wet days.

As with anything new, there are bound to be a few teething issues so please bear with us and we would appreciate your cooperation as we are simply introducing these measures in the best interests of safeguarding your children. We take the safety of your children very seriously and also want to maintain our good relationships with parents. With a school of this size, not all staff will know if an adult in school is a parent or not and we need to know who is in the building at all times. I cannot stress enough that we still want parents to come in to school for celebration assemblies and various other school events. We really do value your support.

### **Easter Service**

The weather is beautiful today and although the forecast is 50 / 50 for rain tomorrow we are hoping to hold the **Easter Service in Church**. If we have rain tomorrow morning, we will send out an email about a change of venue to the school. The time of 9.45am will remain the same.

### **End of term**

A final reminder that lost property will be disposed of at the end of term. Don't forget that school breaks up for Easter on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm**. The buses and taxi will be picking up at 1.30pm.

We come back to school for term 5 starting on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** for a 6 week term until **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. **Term 6** is a 7 week term from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** to **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm**.

Thank you for your support and wishing you all a Happy Easter along with a safe and happy time with your families and friends.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Amanda Brockway  
Headteacher



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