



# BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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September 2018 (1)



## Welcome Back!

**I hope you all had an exciting and/or restful summer and feel ready for the full and action-packed 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 3 kicked off the year travelling back in time to the Stone Age. There were some great Stone Age outfits and accessories including axes, spears and necklaces made of wild animal teeth. Penny, our Chair of Governors, showed the children how to use flints to light a fire and make natural paints using berries, charcoal and leaves. They cooked a Stone Age stew made of berries with Catherine and used clay to make Stone Age pots. They made their own cave paintings using natural paints, charcoal and clay.**



**Penny working her magic!**

**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 one of our new parents join us at the PTA meeting this week to find out how to 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 not, then please catch me or one of the busy PTA parents to find out more or go to the PTA website page.**

**A massive thank you to all of the parents and friends of Broadwater who contributed and attended our Multicultural Food Market at the end of last term. The whole event was an absolute joy to be part of - from the very kind members of our parent community who shared their delicacies, to the enthusiastic munchers.**

**It really was a celebration of our school community and we will be seeking further opportunities to come together in this way in the future.**

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 3rd Sept	INSET Day
Tuesday 4th Sept	INSET Day
Wednesday 5th Sept	First day of term for pupils
Thursday 6th Sept	11+ Test for some Yr 6 pupils
Monday 17th Sept	E-Safety Week
Friday 21st Sept	Individual photos
Friday 5th Oct	Team Challenge Day
Monday 8th Oct	9.15am Harvest Festival Practice*
Wednesday 10th Oct	3.30-5.00pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 11th Oct	9.15am Harvest Festival for Yrs 1 to 6
Tuesday 16th Oct	9.30-10.30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 18th Oct	5.00-8.00pm Parent Consultations
Friday 19th Oct	End of Term 3.15pm Calverley Spooky Cake Sale
Half-Term Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October	
Monday 29th Oct	INSET Day
Tuesday 30th Oct	Return to school
Friday 2nd Nov	5.00-6.30pm Spooky Disco
Monday 12th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 14th Nov	9.30-10.30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Friday 16th Nov	Children in Need
Friday 7th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal at 1.30pm*
Tuesday 11th Dec	3.30-5.30pm Christmas Fair
Wednesday 12th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
Friday 14th Dec	FS & KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 18th Dec	3.15pm Hawkenbury Christmas Cake Sale Christmas Dinner 6.30pm KS2 Christmas Carol Service at school
Wednesday 19th Dec	Christmas Parties End of Term

\*Suitable for parents with babies and young children

### INSET Days:

Monday 29th October 2018  
Monday 25th February 2019  
Monday 3rd June 2019



## Staff News

**We were happy to welcome Mrs Simpson to the teaching team this term. However, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to our very own superwoman of the office, Mrs Bailey, and Miss Daniels, TA, Breakfast Club Assistant, Midday Supervisor and all-round good egg!**

**Mrs Bailey is staying on until we find a replacement. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please see me or Mrs Parker in the office. Miss Fox is currently off school receiving medical treatment. We wish her well. In her absence, Catherine Clayton will be supporting in Year 1.**



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## Online Safety

Last week, children across the school explored aspects of e-safety.

Butterfly Class learnt a song called 'Think Before You Click' and thought about who they would tell if they didn't feel happy about something online.



Woodpecker Class watched 'Lee and Kim's Big Adventure' and used 'Sid says "Yes!"' and 'Sid says "No!"', to help them make the right choices to stay safe online.

Hedgehog Class, watched 'Hector's World' and created posters to help them think about what/who they could trust and how they might feel on an unsafe site.



Deer Class watched 'Captain Kara and the SMART Crew' and had a competition to create their own SMART posters to put up in class. They learnt how to keep their personal information private.

Owl Class discussed how to keep safe in chat rooms and also explored Cyber Bullying: "If you wouldn't say it, don't write it."



Please take time to read the findings of our online safety survey conducted with the pupils last term. This was sent out earlier this week and appears on the online safety page of our website (see 'Pupils' tab).

You will also find some useful links on the page to ensure you are aware of the ever-changing face of online safety.

Parental controls are very important and minimise the risk of children seeing things that are not appropriate. However, the most important message is to be in the know yourself and discuss the risks and ways to stay safe with your child so that they are prepared and informed.



## School Priorities

More information will follow next month, but in the meantime, this is what we are working on this year:

**Raise attendance levels and reduce persistent absenteeism**

**Ensure consistency in teaching and high expectations across the school**

**Focus on READING across the school:**

- Please engage with Bug Club at home
- Any keen reading volunteers out there? Grandparents? Dads? Mums?
- Please explore a range of reading materials with your child to harbour a love of reading - comics, magazines, picture books, high quality modern and classic books....

## Policies

Our website [www.broadwater-down.kent.sch.uk](http://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 Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy or our Behaviour Policy, please take a look and email me with any comments. We will discuss these further at Parent Council.

Next Friday, we will be taking part in TEAM CHALLENGE DAY. More details to follow in my next newsletter.

If you have any **spare newspapers**, containing suitable material for children, please send them in beforehand.

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

Mrs Lonie