

Broadwood Primary School Newsletter



September 2018

Welcome Back

I hope you all had an enjoyable break. It was wonderful to see all of the children return after the long summer holiday. Some of them seem to have grown so much! 2018 /2019 is a very important year for Broadwood as we expect to have an OFSTED inspection and we want to be able to show them that we are a good school. Part of the judgement will be on attendance so please help us out by ensuring your child attends school every day that they are well.

Mr McLeod, Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance at school is remaining a high priority this year. Children will have the chance to earn lots of lovely treats for good attendance. Mrs Smith's Year 5 class will be having a pizza tea on Thursday as a big well done for their fab attendance last year!

If your child is unable to attend school because they are poorly please ring Joanne Jameson on 2741684.

If school is unaware of the reason for absence we will ring you in the first instance; however it may be that we will make a personal call to your home to discuss reasons for that absence.

Dates for your diary

Alongside this newsletter we will be sending out a list of dates for your diaries which include dates of parent consultations, Christmas parties and class workshops. Also included is our list of family assemblies which will take place on Fridays at 2pm.



We hope you will find our list of dates useful.

Safeguarding

With the start of a new school year we would like to remind parents who the team in school is with responsibility for safeguarding. The Team consists of Mrs Brooks-Tyremen, Mr McLeod, Mrs Dangerfield and Mrs Jameson.

It is the legal responsibility of all staff to safeguard and promote the welfare of all of the children at Broadwood Primary School. We aim to ensure that children are aware of whom they might talk to, both in and out of school, of their right to be listened to and heard and what steps can be taken to protect them from harm. We will raise awareness through PHSC lessons, support from staff and helpful information around school.

We want to work with parents positively, openly and honestly and respect parents' rights to privacy and confidentiality. We will not share sensitive information unless we have permission or it is necessary to do so in order to protect a child. We would share with parents any concerns we may have about their child, unless to do so may place a child at risk of harm.

We must always act in the **best interests** of the child and it is our duty of care to do so. You are able to read the full safeguarding policy on our website and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the team.

School Uniform

Can we just remind parents that only small hair bobbles /slides should be worn at school and that earrings are not allowed. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Please join us for the MacMillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September. We hope to see you there.



Toddlers

Our very successful Toddler Group restarted last Friday. The cost for attending is £1.50. and the group runs from 9.15 to 10.45. The children have a lovely time and it would be lovely to see you there if you have pre-school children.

Polite Request

Can we please ask for children to arrive at school **on time**. School's start time is 8.55am, however gates open at 8.45am so children can line up on the school yard and parents can chat with their child's class teacher. Children go into school at 8.50am to allow children to be settled and registered in their classes before they begin their English lessons. It is unsettling for children to arrive late and it is not giving them the best start to the day.



We would also politely request that parents make appointments for doctors or dentists outside of school time. We understand that hospital appointments are less flexible. Collecting children before the end of the day, or during the school day, means they are missing crucial learning. Thank you.

Asthma

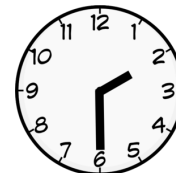
It is important that we have all up to date information for children who suffer from asthma. Many parents have already informed us that their child has an inhaler and have completed the relevant forms. If you have not already done so, and your child has an inhaler could you please inform the office, provide school with an inhaler and complete the paperwork. Thank you.



Well done Sycamore class who had the best attendance last week (week beginning 10.09.18) with 98.1% attendance.

2:30 Finish on Fridays

A reminder that the school finish time has changed on a **Friday**.



All children now finish school at half past 2. Your child may have chosen to attend a club however if this is not the case you must collect your child at **2:30**.

Fundraising

This term we will be raising funds to add to the monies we have been given to begin work on the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). It is a really exciting project and we hope to have it completed by Christmas. We hope to raise **£6000!** to support this project.



We plan to have a 'milk bottle' challenge in October and hope it is as successful as last year—we will also be having a Winter Fair in December. If you have any other fund raising ideas can you please see Joanne Jameson – we know you all have lots of contacts in the Community that may be able to help our school. Looking forward to hearing from you.