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Things to remember:

- Books at Bedtime this Wednesday at 5.30pm - come in pyjamas for a story and hot chocolate!
- Express Yourself on Thursday - come to school dressed as a word that means something to you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after the half term holiday. I hope, despite the current news of what is happening in Ukraine, that you all managed to have a restful break and enjoyed the good weather at the end of the week - something of a contrast to the end of half term and the effects of Storm Eunice! I am happy to report that the school remained undamaged despite the high winds, and we hope all our families were left relatively unscathed too.

If your child is worried or upset about what is currently being reported in the news, please do let us know and we will help support them. Alternatively, you might want to look at the Newsround site [advice if you're upset by the news](#).

HeartSmart Focus: Don't hold on to what's wrong

This half term our HeartSmart focus is 'Don't hold on to what's wrong'. We will be looking at the importance of forgiveness and learning how to cope with negative emotions. We will also be looking at how our behaviour affects others and we will be linking this to our work on bullying.

Book week this week

Don't forget we have lots of activities taking place this week to celebrate World Book Week. Everyone is invited back into school in their pyjamas on Wednesday evening from 5.30pm to 6.15pm to listen to stories read by staff and enjoy a hot chocolate - we do ask that parents not leave children at school, but instead join us in the hall for a warm drink and a chat.

On Thursday we are asking children to think how they can 'Express Yourself' - dress as a word that means something to you!

COVID 19 Update

As you are no doubt aware, government guidance on Covid-19 changed during half term. The requirement for regular asymptomatic testing has been lifted for staff and students in most settings, and there is no longer a legal duty to self-isolate in the case of a positive test.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Fully vaccinated close contacts will no longer need to test daily for 7 days, and the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate has been removed.

Public Health Advice reads as follows: *Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.*

Routine contact tracing will end.

Free testing will end from 1st April for the general public, including those with symptoms. The government will continue to provide free tests for symptomatic people in older age groups, and those who are most vulnerable.

It is a priority for Broadmayne to ensure children attend school on a regular basis - therefore, your child should attend school unless they are not well enough to come in, or they test positive for Covid-19, as described above. The school continues to seek to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid-19 and so would strongly encourage those who test positive to follow the above guidance until such times as that guidance changes.

Rescue Visit and Talk - via Helicopter!

We are very excited to let you know that next Monday, the 7th March, the school will be visited by Peter Faulding, the Founder and CEO of [Specialist Group International - 24/7 Specialist Rescue Response](#). The group supports rescues of all types, both privately and on behalf of police and fire services across the country. Peter was involved in a rescue attempt of a young child where, very sadly, the child drowned. He has now decided to run a campaign to raise awareness of water safety amongst children. He has purchased 1000 life jackets in memory of the child and is distributing them to primary schools. He and a colleague (whose daughters attended our school a few years ago) are presenting us with 8 life jackets and will give the children a water safety brief. Of course we are really grateful for this, but more excitingly Peter will be arriving on the school field in a helicopter! Children will have the opportunity to have a look around this as part of the visit - we can't wait!

Dorchester Science Festival

Attached to this email is a flyer for the upcoming **Dorchester Science Festival (6th-15th March)**, and a poster for the **Family Science Fair on Sunday 13th March** at the Dorset Museum.

Admittance is by ticket only. Tickets are FREE and can be obtained by going to the Dorset Museum website: [Family Science Fair - Dorset Museum](#)

There will be 2 time slots available – from 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm.

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis – keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates: [\(20+\) Dorchester Science Festival | Facebook](#)

In addition, the bug and exotic animal activity with Worldlife, which is being held at the Town Hall (upstairs at the Corn Exchange) will also require a ticket – which can also be obtained on the Dorset Museum website: [World Life Demonstrations - Dorset Museum](#)

You will need your ticket on the day, to be admitted to the Family Science Fair & to Worldlife.

The Dorchester Science Festival, which will take place over 10 days from the 6th-15th March includes events hosted by Dorchester Arts, Waterstones, Dorchester Library and Learning Centre, the Thomas Hardy School, Cape Farewell & Bournemouth University, and Brewery Square.

Some of the Dorchester Science Festival activities are ticketed – for full information about everything happening, check out the attached programme, or pick up a copy from a number of locations around Dorchester, including the Library, the Post Office, the Dorset Museum – and more, or visit the Dorchester Science Facebook page at: [\(20+\) Dorchester Science Festival | Facebook](#)

Dorchester Arts are hosting a show called 'The Magic of Science' and have a whole series of activities taking place under an installation of Luke Jerram's Mars - a seven-metre diameter, stunningly accurate recreation of our nearest planetary neighbour! There will be public general access to see Mars on the day of the Family Science Fair, as well as on other dates. For details of the full Mars programme, including public access times and ticketed events, head to the Mars page of the Dorchester Arts website: [Mars - Dorchester Arts](#)

Emailing the school

Please ensure you use the correct email addresses when contacting the school, particularly if you wish to contact one of the teaching staff. Each class has their own assigned year group email, and this is for parents and carers to use when you wish to speak with staff - please do not use the staff's personal emails as these are designed for internal school mail.

As a reminder, contact emails are as follows:

Reception staff - year-r@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 1 staff- year1@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 2 staff - year2@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 3 staff - year3@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

Year 4 staff- year4@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk

On a final note, a huge thanks once again to our FABS, who thanks to your generous donations were able to have the Timeline corridor redecorated over the holidays - it looks so fresh and bright, it was a pleasure to come back to school! Of course, as is always the way, it has now made adjoining areas look a little tired and shabby, so we are busy hatching plans for further redecoration in the near future!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022

Date	Time	Event
MARCH 2022		
Wednesday 2nd	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Books at Bedtime
Thursday 3rd		Express Yourself - Dress as a Word! What does it tell us about you?
Monday 7th	PM	Visit by Peter Faulding (plus helicopter!)
Friday 18th		Red Nose Day - Crazy hair!
Weds 30th - Fri 1st April		Year 4 to Hooke Court
APRIL 2022		
Friday 1st		Annual reports for Years 1-4
Thursday 7th		Last day of Spring term
Friday 8th		INSET Day
Mon 11th - Fri 22nd		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 25th April		Return to school - start of summer term