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**Head teacher**

**Mrs. Melanie Austin**

**12th July 2017**

**Summer 2017: Newsletter No. 6**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Broadmayne I would like to thank all of our school community for helping to make Broadmayne such a special place. The staff, who work with such dedication and care, the FABs for their tireless fundraising, the governors who give so much of their time, the families for all their support and above all, the children who make it all worthwhile! We will be bidding a fond farewell to our lovely Year 4 class at the Leavers’ assembly and wishing them well for the next exciting step in their education. I hope all of you will have fun over the holidays and relax; the new school year will start on Wed 6th September for Yr 1- Yr 4. The new Reception class will start on Wed 6th or Thurs 7th, (am only), with the whole class on Fri 8th (am only).

**Sports day & FABs fair**

Thank you to the FABs and families for supporting our traditional sports day; we were lucky enough to have good weather but not quite so hot as the week before! The children were brilliant as always and I’m sure they appreciated all the encouragement from the spectators! The FABs raised over £600 which will be shared amongst the classes to buy more equipment- thank you so much.

**Farewell**

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Gillott next week; luckily she will still be living in Dorchester so you may well bump into her and she has promised to keep in touch! We wish her happiness and success in her new job.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Weeks who has been training this year in Year 4. We are very proud that she has now qualified as a teacher and will be taking up her post at Dunbury School. We wish her all the best and will miss her in September.

**Thank you afternoon**

We are looking forward to welcoming all our volunteers on Monday for an informal celebration, starting at 2.15. The children will be singing some of their favourite songs and serving refreshments.

If you have not received an invitation and have volunteered in school this year please let us know!

We will also be awarding some annual prizes and those parents will be invited too.

**Art Showcase**

Teachers have kept back some of the children’s lovely artwork for you to enjoy. It will be displayed in the hall on Tues 18th (9-11.30am & 3.30-4.15pm) so do pop in and have a look if you have time. Some pieces will be selected for display at the Broadmayne & West Knighton Arts Showcase in September.

**Transfer Day**

Feedback from children and staff has been very positive – all seems to have gone smoothly!

**Governor vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please contact Mrs Foyle or Mrs Austin if you are interested in this role.

**Swimming Gala/Sponsored Splash!**

The FABs fundraising Sponsored Splash went ahead on Monday and it was a great success! We were very impressed with the determination of the children to do as many widths/lengths as they could- well done everyone! The FABs look forward to receiving some sponsorship donations towards the pool fund.

**Library Summer Challenge: Animal Agents**

On Mon 3rd July Helen from Dorchester library came to talk to the children about this year’s Summer reading challenge: “Animal Agents.” Leaflets have been sent home and we are hoping to exceed last

Year’s record!

**School Reports**

We are sending home our annual reports for your perusal this week. Yr 2 will be also sending SATs results and Yr 1 will send Phonics screening results. Depending on the year group and subject, teachers will be indicating whether children have attained Age Related Expectations/expected levels, exceeded/achieved greater depth, or are working towards. These assessments are based on National Curriculum objectives. Please come and ask if you have any queries.

**Music lessons**

Instrumental music lessons will start the week beginning 11th September

**Summer swimming**

Sarah Hewitt will be running her Turtlebacks swimming lessons during the first 2 weeks of the holidays (leaflets have been sent home) and FABs are hoping to run summer swimming throughout the holidays.

**Ticks**

I understand that there is a national increase in numbers of people getting tick bites this year- if you or your child are bitten please see a GP as soon as possible in case treatment is needed.

Yours sincerely

**Diary dates**

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| **July** |  |
| Thurs 13th  9.15 for 9.30am start | In-house football tournament-all welcome |
| Mon 17th at 2.15 | Thank you afternoon- invitations only |
| Tues 18th- am & pm |  Art showcase in the hall- all welcome |
| **Thurs 20th at 9.10 am** | **Yr 4 leavers’ assembly- Yr 4 families****Last day of Summer term** |
| **Fri 21st**  | Staff inset day |

**Dates for 2017-18 school year**

Mon 4th and Tues 5th September: INSET days

Wed 6th September: First day of Autumn term for Yrs 1-4 and 1st half of Reception class

Thurs 7th September: 2nd half of Reception class

Fri 15th December: Last day of Autumn term

Half term: Mon 23rd- Fri 27th October inclusive

Other Inset days: Mon 30th October 2017, Friday 9th Feb 2018

5th Inset day to be confirmed

**Spring term 2018**

Friday 9th February: INSET day

Mon 2nd Jan to Fri 29th March

Half term: 12th-16th Feb

**Summer term 2018**

Wednesday 25th July: INSET day

Mon 16th Apr to Tues 24th July

Half term: 28th – 1st June