

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: Trust Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't forget to let love in!

Thursday 14th November 2023  
Autumn 2 Newsletter 10

Things to remember:

- Children may wear suitable party or home clothes tomorrow as it is our 'Party Day'
- School ends at 2pm tomorrow afternoon
- The snow machine will be working tomorrow morning at drop off; there will be an opportunity for you to take photographs of your own child/ren. If you wish to avoid the snow, please use the side get from the staff car park.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are 1 day away from the Christmas holidays! The Autumn term has certainly whizzed past. We have certainly achieved a lot this term and I am looking forward to the spring term and continuing our journey on the Broadmayne Bus. The new year will continue to see changes as we develop our 'Flying High' motto and I look forward to sharing these with you in the new year. I wish to thank everyone who has supported me in my first term of headship. You have made me feel very welcome, your smiles and supportive comments have been a constant glimmer and I feel very much part of the Broadmayne community.



## Our Christmas Tree has brightened up our foyer!

Our office foyer is smelling beautiful since we took delivery of our Christmas tree from Goulds garden centre. Thank you to everyone who entered the Facebook competition and nominated us. Our tree was beautifully decorated by Basil along with his mum and we have had lots of comments on how wonderful it looks from our visitors.

## The Christmas Fair

It was lovely to see so many people attend the Christmas fair. There were lots of smiley faces and people enjoying themselves. My glimmer for the evening was seeing and listening to the school choir which was put together and organised by Mrs Castelli. A huge thank you to both Mr and Mrs Castelli for providing some entertainment for us to listen to. As usual the fabulous FABs team did a wonderful job and the event raised around £2,000! This money will be used to create a music room with new musical instruments. A huge thank you to the FABs team for giving up their team to support the school.



## The Nativity

The highlight of the week has to be watching our wonderful children perform in the Christmas Nativity. It was a joy to watch such groovy dancing and hear beautiful singing voices. Our narrators did a fantastic job of retelling the story and I am very proud of all of the children. It is never easy getting up in front of lots of people to perform. Thank you to everyone who provided costumes and brought their children back for the evening performances.

## Staffing update



As the term comes to an end I would like to let you know of some staff changes for the new year. I have thought very carefully about the changes and feel that these changes will help support the children and their learning. From January Mrs Howells will change her working pattern to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and will be based in Year 1. Mrs Dunford will work in Year 2, 4 days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and I will be their class teacher on a Wednesday. In January we welcome Mrs Ashdown to Reception. She will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please see below the names of the staff for each year group for January:

	Teachers	Support Staff
Reception	Mrs Crumbleholme (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Ashdown (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).	Mrs Cornell Mrs Clarke
Year 1	Mrs Norman (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Howells (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).	Mrs Chant
Year 2	Mrs Dunford (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Jordan-Gill (Wednesday)	Mrs Barnett
Year 3	Miss Felgate	Mrs Stanborough Mrs Castelli (Thursday)
Year 4	Mrs Brake	Mrs Tindell (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

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At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Bassindale, Mrs Grogan and Mr Dearden. Mrs Grogan will be sadly missed, but we wish her the very best of luck as she focuses on spending more time with her family. Mrs Clarke will now work every day in Reception from January. Mr Dearden has been given the opportunity to take up a teaching position in a school in Weymouth and we wish him well in his future training. We will be recruiting for additional Teaching Assistants to support our children and I will inform you of these developments as soon as I can recruit to these posts.

### Volunteers needed

With a reduction in staff in January I am looking for volunteers to come in and support our wonderful children. We would love to have as many people as possible in school to listen to our children read. Please do let me know if you have an hour a week to spare to hear readers or if you would like to volunteer in other ways to support the school.

### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance last week was: 96.02%

#### Attendance Matters

Whole school year to date - 95.01%



Like many schools nationally, we are working hard to improve our children's attendance. The school aims that pupils achieve a good attendance level, which is 95% or more. Please help us by doing your best to get your child to school unless, of course, they are genuinely unable to participate or may be infectious to others. In the Spring term, your child's attendance for the Autumn term will be sent to you. The below shows you how much education your child misses out on if their attendance is below 95%

**95% Attendance** - means your child misses

- Half a day every fortnight
- 2 weeks of school in a year
- 2 terms + 1 half term over the whole of their education (228 days missed)

**90% Attendance** - means your child misses

- Half a day every week
- 4 weeks of school in a year
- 1 whole school year + 1 half term off over the whole of their education (456 school days)

**85% Attendance** - means your child misses

- 1 and a half days every 2 weeks
- 6 weeks of school in a year
- 1 whole school year + 5 half terms over the whole of their education (684 school days)

**80% Attendance** - means your child misses

- 1 day a week
- 8 weeks of school in a year
- 2 whole school years + 1 term over the whole of their education (912 school days missed)

### Lost Property

As you can see from the table that was put outside, there is a lot of unclaimed property that has rounded up this week. Please do take the time to look through the items as at the end of the term they will be rehomed. As of January, we will have one central location that lost property will be taken to. This will be within the office foyer, so if your child has lost something, please do make that your first point of contact.



### Reception Transition to full days

As the new year approaches we would like to encourage all Reception children to be in school all day every day. If you would like to discuss this further please do contact the office to book an appointment to discuss this further with me.





### Blue Peter Challenge - Reading badge

At the beginning of the term I wrote in a newsletter about a Blue Peter badge that you could be awarded if you sent in a book review. This week the lovely Tilly received her badge. Well done Tilly, great work! There is still time to achieve a Blue Peter badge. Please visit [Blue Peter Badge](#) for more information.



A huge well done to Arthur who was very excited to show me all of the badges that he has achieved whilst attending his Badgers group with St John's Ambulance. Arthur assures me that he would be able to look after me if I fell in the playground or needed help in the water. Well done Arthur. Keep up the good work!

### Our Golden moments this week



### Winter Wonderland

Sadly it is time to dismantle this beautiful display - if you have a spare 30 minutes tomorrow, from 13.:50, the FABS would love some help to pack everything away neatly before the holidays begin - Thank you in advance

### And finally....

- Thank you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Brake who are coordinating the play. It was a brilliant show.
- Thank you to all of the Broadmayne Buddies who continue to try and keep our school environment tidy.
- Thank you to the FABS team who have raised a phenomenal amount of money this term.
- Thank you to everyone at Broadmayne First School who have all worked incredibly hard this term.

Have a wonderful Christmas making magical memories.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jordan-Gill

### Calendar Dates Spring 2024

Date	Time	Event
JANUARY		
Tuesday 2nd January	8.45	RETURN TO SCHOOL - beginning of Spring 1 Term