

The value we are looking at this half term is Justice. Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't hold on to what's wrong

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Spring 2022 Newsletter 9

Things to remember:

- The Big Walk and Wheel begins this week - can you find a way to wheel or walk to school, or even just part of the way? Download your family guide here:
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>
- Non-uniform day on Friday - please bring along something for the Easter bingo!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we find ourselves managing a rapid rise in Covid infections in the local community. We have several staff and children currently at home due to this, and we are doing our best to keep our classes running in as normal a way as possible. However, I do need to warn you that if staff absences rise, we may have to move to remote learning, possibly with very little notice - we will try everything not to have to take this option.

Sponsored Silence

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the School Council's Sponsored Silence! The children were overwhelmed with the response, raising over £800! At their most recent meeting the council decided they wanted to share part of this money with the Red Cross emergency fund. They are busily planning how to spend the rest to make school playtimes as fun as possible, and will be writing to you all in the near future with an update.

Red Nose Day

What an amazing array of crazy hairstyles we had last Friday for Red Nose day (and that was only the staff!) We raised £129 towards this worthy cause, but the School Council will be adding a little extra from their recent Sponsored Silence to this. This year the children have asked that we split the donations between Comic Relief and the [Red Cross DEC Humanitarian Appeal](#)

Breakfast Club/Cool Kids Bookings

Please be aware that we require reasonable advance notice if you wish to book your child into Breakfast Club or Cool Kids. For Breakfast Club we need to know by **4pm the day before** and for Cool kids by midday on the day you wish them to attend.

The school cannot accept bookings if you are later than this, unless it is an emergency, when we will always try to accommodate you.

Please also note that the policy for both clubs states we need **24 hours notice of a cancellation**, or we will have to charge, as we have lots of outgoings we plan for. We are trying to keep club costs as low as possible for our parents, and forward planning is the most effective way for us to do this.

FABS - Easter Bingo

FABS invite you to Easter Bingo on **Wednesday 6th April**, eyes down at 6pm, lots of chocolatey fun to be had. Delicious chilli nachos available for the adults and hot dogs or chilli nachos available for the children vegetarian options available. These need to be **preordered** in advance from the office (cash only). Wash down your chilli with a drink from the bar and some yummy cake for pudding (no need to pre order if you don't want food). We look forward to seeing you there!

Coffee Morning for Ukraine

There will be a coffee morning for Ukraine on Sunday 27th 10am-1pm at Broadmayne village hall. All proceeds will go to the British Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Picking Up Before the End of the School Day

We seem to be experiencing a rise in the number of parents and carers who are asking to collect their children from school before the end of the school day on a regular basis. Whilst I understand that there will be times when children need to be picked up before 3.15pm, and we especially try to be accommodating for those parents who need to also get to the middle school, we cannot support children missing part of the school day - this can amount to quite a lot of time missed very quickly. I would strongly encourage all parents and carers to try and seek alternative arrangements if you find this is happening regularly.

DASP Literacy Competitions

Please see the information attached to the end of this newsletter from Mrs Norman regarding the upcoming DASP competitions. Our school has always done well in these, so it would be lovely to see lots of children taking part again!

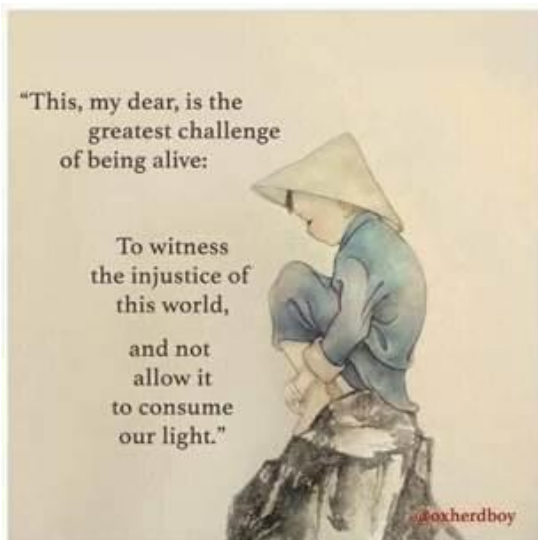
Talking with your child about Ukraine

If your child is affected by the continuing conflict in Ukraine there are several places you can access support. We do discuss this at school in a supportive and age appropriate way, but if you would like anything extra you can access the following links:

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/helping-your-child-cope-with-media-coverage-of-traumatic-events>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Pages/talking-to-children-and-teens-about-the-war-in-ukraine.aspx>

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/mar/05/be-open-be-honest-and-listen-how-to-talk-to-children-about-ukraine>



On a final note, I was listening to Martin Lewis (Money Saving Expert!) this week, and he had a recommendation for everyone with gas and electricity meters. With the quite worrying price rise coming in on April 1st, he suggests we make a note to read meters on the 31st March and send those readings in - in that way, in that way you will pay for all energy up until that date at the cheaper rate, rather than it being rolled into the newer rate from the 1st.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022

| Date | Time | Event |
|---------------------------|------|---|
| MARCH 2022 | | |
| 21st - 1st April | | Big Walk and Wheel Week |
| Friday 25th | | Non-uniform day - donate an item for Easter Bingo |
| Weds 30th - Fri 1st April | | Year 4 to Hooke Court |
| APRIL 2022 | | |
| Friday 1st | | Annual reports for Years 1-4 |
| Wednesday 6th | | FABS Easter Bingo |
| 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 |

DASP Literacy Competitions

This year DASP are offering you the chance to enter 3 different literacy competitions. There are lots of great prizes up for grabs, including Amazon vouchers, book tokens, cinema vouchers and Days Out vouchers! Here are the details of the competitions:

Writing Competition

Submit a piece of writing on the theme of diversity.

Entries can be up to 500 words.

Any style is acceptable e.g. a story, journal, poem, play, recount etc...

We will select one winner to go forward to the overall DASP final!

Illustration Competition

Submit an illustration on the theme of diversity.

You can use any medium - pen, pencil, paint, crayon etc

Entries can be A4 or A3 in size.

We will select one winner to go forward to the overall DASP final!

Oracy Competition

Submit a piece of oral work on the theme of diversity.

Entries must not exceed 3 minutes in length.

Format must be either video or voice recording, but must be able to be emailed.

Any style of speaking eg poetry, story, report, debate

We will select one winner to go forward to the DASP final!

The closing date for all entries to me here at Broadmayne First School is Friday 29th April. You can let me have any competition entries before that date though if you have finished them!

I hope you decide to enter at least one competition, and look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Good Luck! Mrs Norman

