

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Perseverance . Our HeartSmart focus is: Too much selfie isn't healthy!

Wednesday 26th January 2022  
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Things to remember:

- Number Day is next Friday, the 4th - come dressed as something to do with maths or number to enjoy a day celebrating all things number-related!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy time at school over the past few days! Year 4 went on a trip to the museum in Dorchester, where they contributed to the composition of songs and music for the 'Songlines' project - they will be involved in a performance of this later on in the summer term, which we will send details of nearer the time. Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon last Friday, working with AKA Dance, and our younger children in Reception enjoyed a visit from Dorcheseter library this week, which they all thoroughly enjoyed!

Hopefully you have seen on Facebook the new history timeline that now lives along the corridor outside my office and the music room. At 9 metres long, it really looks amazing, and it is thanks to you all and your support and contributions to the events held by our FABS that we were able to have it installed. Mrs Bassindale, as our history lead, is over the moon about it, and is busily planning lots of activities with staff to really make the most of this fantastic resource.

### **Using the Staff Car Park**

Please can we ask that you do not drive into the staff car park at any time, unless you are using the disabled parking bay. This area is used by parents and children to access the Reception and Year 1 classrooms, and it is not safe for vehicles to be driving here either at drop off or pick up times. If you have difficulties accessing the school, please come and talk to us about it and we will see if we can find a solution that is safe for all.

### **E Safety training for Parents**

We know that many families have seen their children accessing more online time since the start of the pandemic, and often they worry if they are keeping their children as safe as possible. With this in mind, Gary Spracklen, the head at Prince of Wales First School, and I will be offering an online workshop about e- safety via Zoom on Wednesday 9th February from 8-9pm. We aim to cover all things digital in as succinct and informative way possible - more information and the link to the workshop can be found on the flyer attached to this email, the Zoom details are as follows:

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 8510 0375

Passcode: LFA

### **Reports**

The school will be introducing a slightly different approach to reports this year. Having said this, I have planned this approach for the past two years, and COVID has prevented it both times, so I am hoping this will be third time lucky!

For Years 1 to 4, full written reports will be coming out at the end of this term, just before the Easter holidays. These will let you know how your child is progressing through the curriculum, and will contain targets for your child to be worked on through the summer term. We will then hold parent/carer meetings towards the end of the summer term where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress since you received the reports.

We are also hoping to fully reintroduce our regular half termly 'Snapshot' reports beginning this half term covering attitude and effort.

Reception class will have parent/carer meetings this term, and a full report at the end of the summer term.

Of course, it goes without saying that if you ever feel the need to get in touch to chat about any concerns you may have about your child you are always welcome - please do not wait until 'official' meetings to talk through any worries with us!

### **Book Week**

We are planning to hold our annual Book Week straight after half term - it will begin on Tuesday 1st March as the Monday is an INSET day. I know our families appreciate plenty of warning for such things, so just to let you know now we will be inviting children to dress up as a word that they feel represents them in some way on Thursday 3rd - it can be any word, but they must be able to tell us what the word is and what it means! We have chosen this as the whole school has been working hard on learning new words through the week to expand our vocabulary, and we can add these words in!

We are also planning Books at Bedtime on Wednesday 2nd, where we invite children back into school at 5.30pm in their pyjamas to snuggle up and listen to a story read by staff.

More details will follow, but please pop these dates in your diary!

### **Whole School Sponsored Silence**

The School Council were unable to hold the sponsored silence on their planned date due to illness - watch this space for a new date coming soon!

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

As you know, at Broadmayne the mental health of our children, families and staff is at the heart of what we do. We will be marking Children's Mental Health Week from the 7th - 13th February this year with a series of school-wide workshops and activities. We will share more details with you next week, but our plan is to enable our children to have a week where we focus on particular areas to support them, and how they can support themselves and each other. The theme this year is 'growing together' which we feel is particularly apt for our school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

## Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022

Date	Time	Event
<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>		
Friday 4th		Number Day-please come dressed as something to do with numbers or maths, with a £2 donation to the NSPCC
Monday 7th-13th		Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th	8pm	E Safety Workshop for parents and carers - Zoom Meeting ID: 841 8510 0375 Passcode: LFA
Friday 18th		Last day before half term
Mon 21st - Fri 25th		HALF TERM BREAK
Mon 28th		INSET Day
<b>MARCH 2022</b>		
Tuesday 1st		Children return to school - start of second half term Beginning of Book Week
Wednesday 2nd	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Books at Bedtime
Thursday 3rd		Dress as a Word! What does it tell us about you?