

Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Friendship . Our HeartSmart focus is: Fake is a Mistake!

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Things to remember:

- Masks do not need to be worn when accessing the school grounds after half term - however, please ensure you do wear them if you need to speak with staff or come into school
- Please don't forget it is an INSET day this Friday!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first full half term back this year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on how brilliantly our children have stepped back into school life. Thanks to the unwavering support of all our staff, things really do look much more like 'normal', and we sincerely hope that next half term things will settle down even further. A quick thank you once again for supporting our classes with their Race for Life - at the last count, we had raised £2783.75, including Gift Aid, which is an incredible amount! We are hoping this may yet go up by a little more once sponsorship money is sent in - we will let you know of the final amount once we receive it!

Primary Quality Mark in Science

We are very proud to announce that Broadmayne is one of only 300 schools in the country to have been awarded the Primary Quality Mark in Science this year. Schools that achieve this award have to demonstrate a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even during the challenging times that we have all recently been through. The assessors were looking for children engaging with great science both in and out of the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science alongside secure scientific understanding.

Despite obvious issues with lockdowns etc, we were congratulated in particular for how we developed scientific cultural capital in the school, through our links with outside organisations, strong family links and the range of professional development our staff have taken part in. Well done Mrs Stoker for leading the school through this-the assessors said "*Science subject leaders, their colleagues, their headteacher, children, parents and governors should be very proud.*"

Ticks

With the warm weather (hopefully!) approaching, the likelihood of children coming into contact with ticks becomes more likely. Ticks are small, and can vary in size from being as small as a tiny freckle, to the size of a baked bean. Ticks can be found across the UK, and survive in many different habitats, and we do occasionally find them in the school grounds. Ticks cannot fly, swim or jump. Current medical advice is that it is best practice for the school to remove a tick if we find one on your child - we will try and contact you to let you know if we are going to do this, and to discuss with you any further details, but if we cannot get hold of you we will remove the tick. To avoid ticks, the recommendations are that children wear long sleeves/trousers, which is not always practical in the summer, but we always ask children to wear these for if they will be visiting the



woods. There are also insect repellents that can deter ticks. If you require any further information, there are Public Health England leaflets available in the school foyer, or you can access the NHS guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

Snapshots

This week sees the return of our regular Snapshot Reports. These will be sent out with children from Years 1 to 4 towards the end of this week. For those of you new to Snapshots, these are short, half termly reports that reflect your child's attitude to learning over the past few weeks. The reports will also let you know your child's attendance figure for this half term.

Swimming Pool Update

Our friends in the FABS have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks to get the pool ready for swimming after half term. You should have been contacted by each class teacher to let you know which days your child will be swimming, and to give permission for the wearing of goggles - if you have not received this information, please contact the class teachers. The first week back after half term we will be concentrating on water safety and the rules and behaviour expected around the pool, particularly as it has been quite some time since many of our children have used the pool. We can't wait to get back in and swim again!

We wish you all a happy and relaxing half term, in the hope that the sun will finally make a more committed appearance than it has done of late! We look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on Monday 7th June.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Collings



Calendar Dates- Summer Term Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
MAY		
Friday 28th		INSET Day
JUNE		
31st - 4th June		HALF TERM
Monday 7th		Return to school - second half of summer term begins
Week beg, 7th		STEM Week-The Jurassic Coast
Thursday 10th		Shire Hall visit Year 2
Friday 11th		Shire Hall visit Year 3
Friday 25th		Year 4 visit Hooke Court for the day
JULY		
Thursday 1st	All day	Transfer Day-Year 4 children visit middle schools for the day
Wednesday 7th	PM	Sports Day
Thursday 8th	AM	Whole school football tournament
Thursday 15th	PM	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 22nd	PM	Dance Day
Friday 23rd July	AM	Leavers Assembly
Friday 23rd July		Last day of summer term