



Broadmayne First School Newsletter

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

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Things to remember:

- School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday
- We will be watching the school pantomime this afternoon - if you would like to be able to watch it at home, you can purchase access via School Money - links will be sent out this week!
- LAST CHANCE TO BUY school calendars just £8 each - please let the office know if you would like one!
- Spring term Sports Clubs - please see information below to sign up.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, this will be my last newsletter before the holidays begin. I am sure you are all aware that, similar to other schools in the area, we have had a high number of children absent over the past couple of weeks, mainly driven by a rise in COVID infections. I think this has come as something of a shock to the school, as we have managed to avoid a high infection rate until now. We have worked with Public Health to guide our response, and will continue to do so until the end of term and into the holidays. Please do all remain vigilant - we are seeing several infections that have begun with a headache or cold symptoms, so it is worth keeping an eye out for these.

Nativity

The nativity was filmed last week, and is due to be ready to send out at the beginning of next week - just in time for the holidays. Once ready we will send the private Youtube link out to all our families. Children at school will be bringing home hot chocolate packs (courtesy of the lovely FABS) this week, ready to snuggle down and enjoy the film once ready! If your child is not currently attending school there is a pack here for them - please see below.

End of this week

If your child is at home this week and will be unable to join us before we break up, I would encourage you to see if you can organise someone else to pick up their cards, nativity hot chocolate packs etc before the end of the week. If you want to let staff know we will try and pass things over - I know some classes are already organising this amongst themselves.

Next Term

There is lots of chatter in the media about what will be happening with schools next term. As far as we are aware, we will open as usual - I certainly don't anticipate any nationwide school closures, although I will keep you informed in the holidays if necessary. There may be some extra restrictions we will need to bring in, depending on the infection rate when we return - again, you will all be kept informed.



We all need to bear in mind that we may be forced to close a class if we cannot staff it safely. So far we have managed this successfully, but it is best to be prepared. All classes are able to access Google Classroom - it may be worth checking you can access this at home still, as I know many of us will have forgotten over the past few months!

Mrs Norman's Winter Reading Challenge

Attached to this email are two reading challenges Mrs Norman has set - one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. These need to be returned by 10th January 2022. It would make her so pleased if everybody could take part!

Bennett's Fish and Chip Van

In exciting news (although possibly not if you are on a health kick post - holidays!), Bennett's fish and chip van will be moving to the school on Wednesday evenings from the beginning of January. Up until now the van has been using the village hall car park as its base, but we are conducting a trial of it being based at the school. The van will be on the school playground from around 2.30pm in order to set up - this should not affect pick up at the end of the day - and will start serving from 5pm. The school recognises this is an important village resource and are happy to help support it.

Sports Clubs

We will be continuing with our sports clubs after school in the spring term. The girl's football club will continue on Tuesday lunchtimes - please sign up here: [Girl's Football Club](#)

We will also be offering a Tag Rugby club for Years 2-4 on a Tuesday after school - the link to the form for this is here: [Tag Rugby Club Spring 2022](#)

As we approach the end of what has once again been a rather turbulent year, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few thank yous. To our parents and carers I would like to say a personal thank you for all your support, particularly with some difficult decisions I have had to make on the part of the school in recent weeks. A huge thank you to our FABS, who have tirelessly ensured our children and our community have had so many lovely opportunities this term - you all make the school a better place for us all! Thank you to our wonderful staff, who have in some cases worked through their own and their family's illness to ensure our children get the very best education possible - you all go above and beyond every day! And finally, thank you to our children - you are the reason we are here, and why we all work so hard, and we are proud of every single one of you - once again you have amazed us with your resilience this term!

We know there are many members of our community at home at the moment, and I am sad you are not here to join in with the final week before Christmas. We are all thinking of you and sending you our best wishes - we will try and get as many things home to you as possible!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022

Date	Time	Event
DECEMBER		
Friday 17th		Christmas Party Day LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM-school finishes at 2.30pm
JANUARY 2022		
Tuesday 4th		Return to school
Friday 21st	Am Pm	Y4 trip to Dorchester Museum Y3 working with AKA Dance Troop
Friday 28th		Whole School sponsored silence - School Council - details to follow
FEBRUARY 2022		
Friday 4th		Number Day
Friday 18th		Last day of half term
Mon 21st - Fri 25th		HALF TERM
Mon 28th		INSET Day
MARCH 2022		
Tuesday 1st		Children return to school - start of second half term