



Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is: Thankfulness Our HeartSmart focus is: Get Heartsmart!

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Things to remember:

- Flu immunisations Friday 22nd September - deadline to register is midnight on Tuesday 19th.
- Book Sale on the main playground after school on Wednesday 20th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a week! I have only been here for 2 weeks and already feel like I have always worked here, which just proves how lovely and welcoming the whole community has been. I have been into every class this week and I think I have learnt around 80% of children's names, 1 more week and I think I will have cracked it. I would like to thank you again for welcoming me into the school community.

Attendance Matters

As a school we are committed to ensuring our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes and good school attendance is key to achieving this aim. We will work hard to provide a safe and welcoming environment for your child and will monitor attendance closely.

Good school attendance improves your child's chances of success in life. There is clear evidence of the link between good attendance at school and high levels of achievement. Children with no absence at key stage 4 are almost 2 times more likely to achieve 5 or more GCSEs than children who missed 10-15 percent of lessons.

If your child has an attendance level of 90%, they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year this will represent four weeks of absence. If this level of absence were maintained for a five-year period it would mean half a school year would have been missed.

Our school procedures require you to report your child's absence daily. To do so, please call the school office and leave a message as soon as possible on the day of absence by 9am. Please let the school know in advance of any planned absences, including for example hospital appointments. Where possible, please make medical and dental appointments out of school hours.



We would really appreciate your help in ensuring that your child has good school attendance. If there is a concern, we will write to you and talk with you so that we can work together to identify any barriers that may be preventing your child from attending school and ensure support is put in place. We may also contact the Inclusion Team at Dorset Council for advice and support or other organisations that may be able to help. It is hoped that this will be successful in improving attendance.

Where support has failed to address attendance issues, we will contact you again to invite you to a meeting where we can identify the reasons why attendance has not improved and change or adjust the intervention where appropriate.

We are determined to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to achieve success and have an excellent record of attendance. If following additional support attendance does not improve sufficiently, you will be invited to meet with the school and an Inclusion Lead from Dorset Council at an Inclusion Panel. Other professionals may also be invited where appropriate. This meeting is an opportunity to meet and discuss why your child has a high absence rate and seek solutions to any problems.

The Inclusion Panel can recommend several outcomes, which can include a further period of close monitoring with specified targets for attendance; issuing a £60 Penalty Notice, a Parenting Order or seeking prosecution which could result in a fine of up to £2,500.

It is hoped that such measures will not be needed and that your child will have a good record of attendance, is happy and achieves the best possible outcomes.

Our whole school attendance last week was : 99.4%

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Reading Rocks at Broadmayne!

Did you know that reading increases your child's learning potential, confidence and ability to understand right across the curriculum? It helps to...

- Improve concentration and memory
- Expands vocabulary and strengthens writing abilities
- Enhances knowledge
- Increases imagination and creativity



By the end of this week all of our children will come home with a staged reading book and reading record. It is expected that all children will read at home at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 5 minutes. We encourage children to read the same book 3 times before changing it. This enables children to practise a variety of reading skills such as decoding words, recognising them to become a fluent reader and being able to retell and answer questions

about the story. Reading bedtime stories helps children's love of reading develop. Any reading can be recorded in your child's reading record; all reading is important and valued!

Over the next few weeks we will be holding the following events to support our love of reading:

Author visit and book sale

The Year Two Class have the exciting opportunity to attend a DASP "meet the author" event at The Thomas Hardy School on Wednesday 18th October. The cost of transport to get the children to this event is very expensive and therefore we would like to do some fundraising to bring this cost down. We have some lovely books that many of you kindly donated earlier in the year as part of a Book Swap during World Book Week. We are going to hold a book sale after school next Wednesday (20th September) on the playground where you will have the opportunity to buy one or more of these books at the bargain price of 50p each! We hope that you will support us in this fundraising effort to raise some money to put towards transport costs. Thank you!

Read to a Relative or friend

I am very excited to experience the popular 'read with a friend or relative' sessions, which have been held regularly at school. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of joining us for these events, during this time we invite parents and carers (and Grandmas and Grandads!) to join your children for half an hour of reading pleasure - please feel free to bring your own books in if you wish! Those children whose relatives can't make it in are free to read with a friend or join in with someone else, so you may find you sometimes have more than one child to share the love of reading with. Please do try to come along if you can, it is always such a special time for our children, and really promotes the love of reading. The first of these sessions will be on Friday 13th October.



Development of the new library

This term we are looking to revamp our new library with new furniture and soft furnishings. Once this has been completed, children will visit the library on a weekly basis and select a book to read for pleasure with their grown ups. We cannot wait to show you what we have achieved. We will continue to update you with its progress.

School transfer September 2024

Letters will be coming out to all Year 4 parents regarding your child's transfer to middle school in September 2024. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. All applications are made online. For further information, please follow the link: [Parents Guide for School Admissions](#). All applications are made online so please do look out for the letter!

Parent Questionnaire

I am keen to build up relationships with families and carers that are built on mutual respect and honesty. My door is always open and if I am not teaching or in a meeting, I am always happy to meet with parents to discuss any concerns or provide support for your children. I am keen for all children to 'fly high' and would value any feedback you can give with regards to how you feel about the education and support you receive at our school. I would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the following questionnaire. [September Parent Questionnaire](#) This will help develop our School Development Plan for the coming year. I will of course publish the results of the survey and how we intend to improve on any development points.



We need your help!

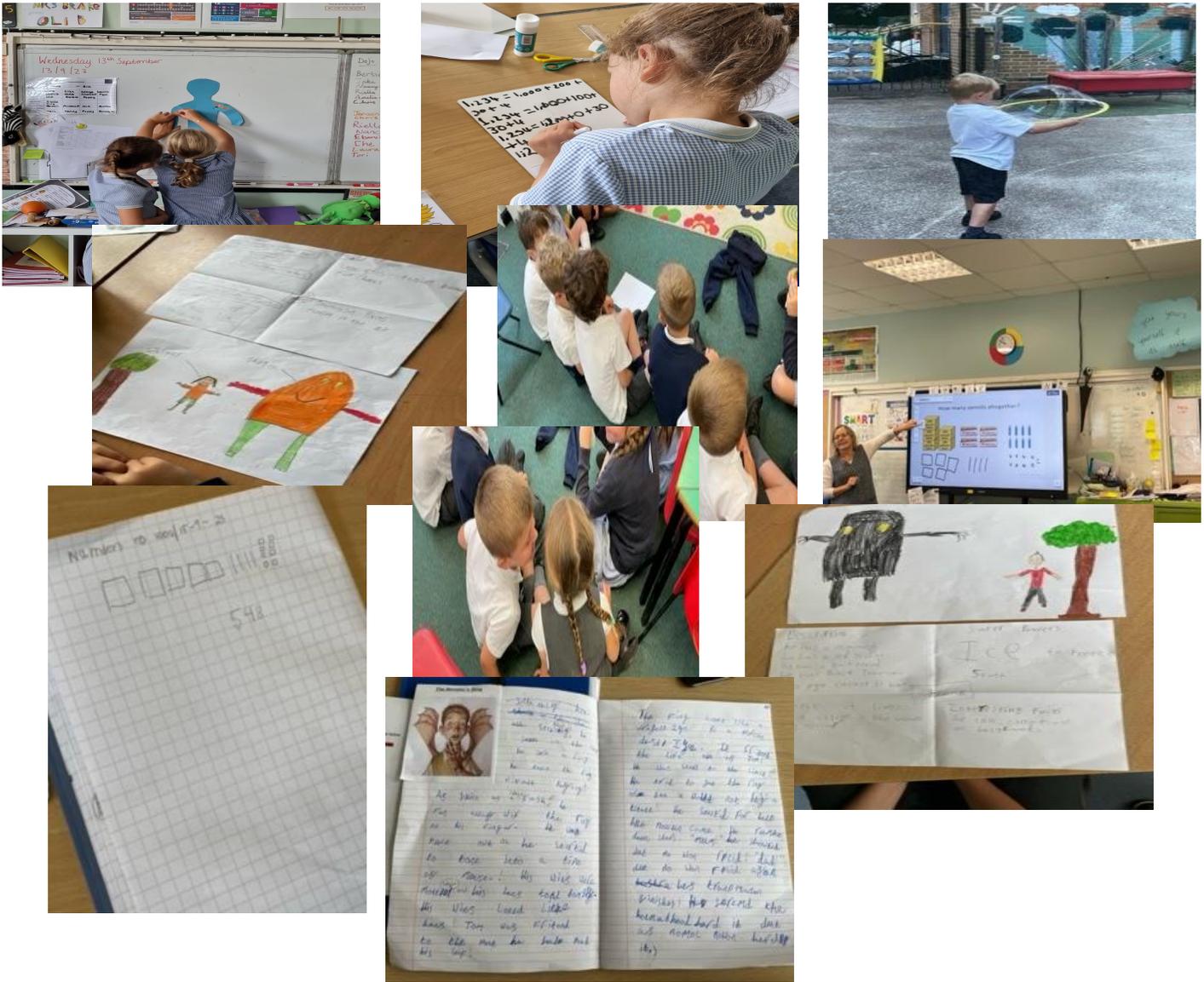
You may have spotted the big skip that has arrived in our car park this week. We are looking to improve our outdoor learning environments to provide learning spaces outside of the classroom. Unfortunately, some of our wooden equipment has aged and is now becoming unsafe for the children to use. We therefore have a few pieces of equipment that need to be dismantled and added to the skip.



If you are able to help with this, please do let me or the office know and we can arrange a suitable time to get to work. We thank you in anticipation for your support.

Our Golden moments this week

We have had so many golden moments this week. Reception had great fun exploring with soapy water and hoops. Year 1 have been learning about the past and how repeating a story can change - they had great fun repeating Mrs Howells secret message around the circle Year 2 have designed their own monster to support their writing sessions, whilst Year 3 have been learning how to add 3 digit numbers using the partitioning method. Year 4 have generated all the things that make them happy and how unkind words can have a lasting impact. Here are a few our golden moments this week:



And finally.....

We give thanks for the continued support of parents and carers

We look forward to working together with all our parents and carers to ensure the children at Broadmayne feel safe and happy.

We hope for a wealth of many golden moments ahead this year!

Best wishes,
Mrs Jordan-Gill

Calendar Dates Autumn 2023

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 20th September	3.15	Book sale - raising funds for the Year 2 Meet the author trip.
OCTOBER		
Monday 9th October	3.30-5.30	Parent consultations for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4.
Friday 13th October	9.00	Read to a relative or friend
Tuesday 10th October	3.30-5.30	Parent consultations for Reception, Year 2, 3 and 4.
Monday 16th October	3.30-5.30	Parent consultation Year 1 only
Monday 16th October		Food and Festivals Week.
Wednesday 18th October		Year 2 Literacy Festival Event - more details to follow
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		
Friday 8th December		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Monday 11th December	5.30	Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December	5.30	Christmas Performance
Friday 15th December		Christmas Party Day