



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

Monday 29th November 2021
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Things to remember:

- The Christmas market begins at 6pm on Friday - don't forget to book a visit to Father Christmas - slots are going fast!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had the opportunity to enjoy the school's Winter Wonderland - the elves were certainly very busy over the weekend putting everything together! A huge thank you to our FABS and to every family that came along and helped out - it looks amazing and is putting a smile on everyone's face!

COVID Update

As you will be aware, due to the high case rates in our local area, Public Health Dorset and Dorset Council provided [additional guidance for educational settings](#) across the county to reduce transmission of COVID-19, with a review at the end of November. These measures have been reviewed with local and regional partners and it has been agreed that they should be extended until the end of the school winter term on 17 December.

- Our local case rates remain significantly above the England average, and are now above the South West average
- Case rates are not coming down quickly, and the decrease is much slower than in other regions
- Across the county, case rates are over 1700 for 0 – 15 year olds

With regard to this the school will continue to pause large group gatherings, limit the amount of visitors to the school and ask that masks be worn by adults in communal areas. We continue to prioritise good ventilation and high standards of hygiene.

The school strongly recommends that children with any cold-like symptoms are kept at home and undertake a PCR. If negative for COVID individuals should still wait until 24 hours post fever before coming back to school. Colds and other non-Covid symptoms are circulating but in the first instance cardinal symptoms should be treated as possible COVID and trigger isolation and testing. This is the case even if others in the setting /group have tested negative for similar symptoms.

Can I remind everyone that lateral flow tests are not intended to be used on anyone exhibiting symptoms - they are designed for asymptomatic cases only. A PCR should always be sought for anyone with symptoms. The school cannot accept a negative LFT as proof that someone with symptoms is able to attend the setting.

By working together we can try and limit the spread of the virus within the school, particularly in the run up to Christmas. The last thing I would want is any of our families having COVID over the Christmas period - this happened to me last year and I can assure you it did not make for a happy family time!



Christmas and Nativity Update 2

In the light of the above information, and with growing concerns about the spread of a new variant of the virus, the school has decided that we cannot invite parents and carers in to watch our nativity performance this year.

As you can probably imagine, we are all really disappointed about this, as we have spent a long time planning for this event, which is the highlight of the Autumn term. Rehearsals continue as usual however, and all children will still get to experience performing on stage, as we film and then broadcast the play instead. Filming will take place on Friday 10th December.

In order to be able to have a celebration together, we are inviting everyone back to school for **5pm on Monday 13th December** for a Christmas song celebration. Please come along and join us on the school field, where the children will sing to you a selection of songs they have learned from the nativity production. Please bring along lanterns to light your way! This is, of course, weather dependent, so fingers crossed for a clear and calm evening in which to celebrate together.

Christmas Market

We are all looking forward to the FABS Christmas Market which takes place this Friday from 6pm. There will be a huge range of stalls for your Christmas shopping needs, as well as food and drink and entertainment, including some festive singing from our school choir, the Starlings. Please come along and support the FABS and the school - all money raised will go towards supporting our children!

Christmas Workshop

Broadmayne Methodist church is offering a 'drop and shop' service on Wednesday 22nd December for children in Years 2,3 and 4. From 10.30am to 3pm your children can go along and join in with crafting activities, stories and games whilst you get any important holiday tasks completed in peace! Full details are on the forms attached to this email, or you can pick up a hard copy from the school office. Please return forms to the school office - numbers are strictly limited so places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Dorset Schools Admissions Consultation

Dorset is running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2023/2024 with effect from **Monday 29th November 2021** to **Sunday 23rd January 2022**.

Details of the consultation will be available to view at

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2023-to-2024-school-admissions-policies>

Responses must be submitted either in writing to the School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by **Sunday 23rd January 2022**.

Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to Dorset Council's Cabinet meeting on **1st March 2022**.

The key dates for the consultation are set out below:

Dorset LA consultation begins	29th November 2021
Dorset LA consultation ends	23rd January 2022
Own Admission Authorities (including Dorset LA) determine Admission Arrangements	28 th February 2022

Own Admission Authorities (including Dorset LA) publish Admission Arrangements	15 th March 2022
Deadline for Objections to Office of the School's Adjudicator	15 th May 2022

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
DECEMBER		
Friday 3rd	6-8pm	Christmas Market
Friday 10th		Christmas Jumper /Dress as Christmas Day Filming of the nativity play
Monday 13th	5pm	Meet at the outdoor classroom for a Christmas sing-a-long - please bring lanterns and torches!
Wednesday 15th		Local Food links Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 17th		Christmas Party Day LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM-school finishes at 2.30pm
JANUARY 2022		
Tuesday 4th		Return to school