

Friday 6th September 2024
Autumn Term Newsletter 1

Things to remember:

- Bring coats to school please as the weather begins to change
- Flu immunisations on Friday 13th for those children who have been registered

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the wet weather we have had a fabulous start to the Autumn term. It was wonderful to see smiling and excited children when we opened our doors yesterday. The children looked smart in their school uniform and certainly showed that we are a community to be proud of. Thank you to all parents who have followed the school expectations with school uniform, if you need any support with school uniform, please pop into the school office who will be able to provide you with preloved items.



'Get Heart Smart!' Our school focus: Generosity

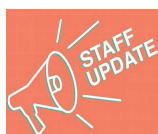


This half term we will be focusing on our school value of being kind and how being generous builds on this value. We will be teaching the children that being generous means doing something extra to help and how when we are being generous we do not expect a reward. Our school community over the summer holidays showed huge generosity in helping provide an even better outside learning experience for our children. I have been blown away by people's generosity:

- Our bike shelter is now in use thanks to the hard work of Kitty's dad and grandad; Sienna's dad, Arthur's dad and Basil and Peony's dad. The path which was created by Julian and Paul the builder was an added bonus. It looks great!
- The bike roundabout has now been installed and is awaiting its safety inspection. Thank you to Lucy's mum for coordinating the build and ensuring it is compliant with building regulations.
- Our Year 1 outside area is looking incredible, walls have been painted, resources have been made and it is now an accessible area for children to continue their learning outside. A huge thank you to Albie, Freddie, Matilda, Rauri, Clara, Leo, Ewan and Toby's parents for giving up part of their summer to make the area so special.
- Our playground has been brightened up with the awesome artwork of Toby and Ollie's mum. The children have absolutely loved looking at all of the intricate details and each time I spot something I hadn't noticed before. A huge thank you to Emily's mum and Kitty's dad who helped transport and assemble all of the pieces together.

- Julian and Lucy's mum have continued to keep the pool operating with new pieces of machinery and daily maintenance. The pool has required a new chlorinator and heat source pump this year, which have been costly but thanks to the hard work of the FABs team we will continue to have a swimming pool next year.
- Our swim volunteers have enabled children to be able to swim throughout the summer which has been lovely to see, thank you for giving up your time.
- Our paths down to the pool and at the front of the school have encouraged wildlife and have produced a wonderful scent, thank you to Basil and Peony's mum for taking the time to plant the lavender plants.
- Mrs Denning continues to brighten up our school by planting flowers in our tubs and borders.

As you can see we have upgraded the music garden to a new trim trail and I hope that the children will enjoy using this. As we have lots of new equipment we will be timetabling each class to use the trim trail, roundabout, agility equipment and the astro pitch. Each year group will get an opportunity to play football on a weekly basis and this will be supervised by a member of staff. Each piece of equipment needs to be supervised and therefore we politely ask that children do not use the school equipment outside of playtimes and lunchtimes.



Staffing update

Over the summer holidays we recruited additional Teaching Assistants to join our wonderful team. Mr Bell will be working in Year 1 and 2 and Miss Barnes in Year 3. We also welcome Mrs Fedosina to our Cool Kids team. Our staffing structure is as follows:

	Teacher	Support Staff
Reception	Mrs Crumblehome (Monday - Wednesday) Mrs Ashdown (Wednesday - Friday)	Mrs Clarke Mrs Barker (mornings only)
Year 1	Mrs Norman (Monday - Wednesday) Mrs Howells (Wednesday - Friday)	Mrs Cornell (Monday - Thursday) Mrs Stanborough (Friday) Mrs Chant Mr Bell (mornings only)
Year 2	Mrs Dunford (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)	Miss Barnett Mr Bell (afternoons)

	Mrs Jordan-Gill (Wednesday all day, Thursday AM) <i>Please note this working pattern may change due to Headteacher commitments.</i>	
Year 3	Miss Felgate	Mr Wilkinson Miss Barnes
Year 4	Mrs Brake	Mrs Tindell (Monday - Thursday) Mrs Lysenko

Mrs Castelli will be covering Year 3 and 4 PPA and will be working down in our wonderful woods in the afternoons. Whilst I will do my very best for the staffing structure to remain the same throughout the year, we will need to be flexible to meet the needs of the children and the school.

Start of the day - Door and gate closures



Our classroom doors will open at 8.45am each morning and will close at 8.55am. This is to ensure that our classes have a calming and settled start to the day. Our registers will be taken at 8.57am and learning will begin at 9am. If the gates are closed, this will mean that the classroom doors are closed and you will need to sign your child in at the office.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Asda have set up a new fundraising scheme to provide schools with additional funding. If you are an Asda shopper you can link your loyalty card to our school. Each time you shop at Asda we will be given 0.5% of your total. Asda has kick started our fund by giving us £50. We will also be given £1.00 for every person to link their cashpot to our school. We currently have £53.00!



Wessex Schools Music Ensembles

Does your child play an instrument or enjoy singing? Join a Wessex Schools Music Ensemble! Wessex run several weekly cross-school groups:

Wednesdays @ Thomas Hardye School

4-4:50pm Bandemonium (for wind/brass players grade 0-2), Stringalings (for violinists/cellists grade 0-2)

5-5:50pm Dorchester Children's Orchestra (for all orchestral instruments from approx. grade 2+)

Thursdays @ Prince of Wales School

3:45 - 4:30pm Skylarks Children's Choir for children from years 2-4. For children who enjoy singing and would like to gain experience of singing a wide range of songs in harmony.

Fridays @ Thomas Hardy School

4 - 4:50pm Nightingales Choir for children from years 5-8. For more advanced singers who enjoy singing in harmony.

Ensembles cost £38 per term, but you are welcome to try a session for free without committing.

For more information and to apply: <https://music.wessex.ac/general-information.html>
<https://music.wessex.ac/apply-for-a-wessex-music-ensemble.html>



Rainbow Run

Our first whole school fundraising event will be taking place on Friday 20th September from 3.30. This is an opportunity for families to come together and experience a fun run whilst being showered with colour! There will be a bar and food available, a live band and entertainment. Following the colour run there will be games and sports activities for all the family to enjoy. Tickets can be brought online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fabs-broadmayne.



And finally....

Thank you to every child at Broadmayne First School, you have returned back to school flying high!

Enjoy your weekend. I shall be travelling up to Newcastle to take part in the Great North Run. If you are not at the Dorset County Show keep an eye out for me on BBC!

Best wishes,

Mrs Jordan-Gill

Broadmayne First School Term Dates

2024/25

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Tuesday 3rd September	INSET day
Wednesday 4th September	INSET day
Thursday 5th September	Years 1-4 return to school
Monday 9th September	Reception children all begin school

HALF TERM MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Monday 4th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th November	All children return to school
Friday 20th December	2024 term ends

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January	All children return to school
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HALF TERM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February	All children return to school
Thursday 4th April	End of term

SUMMER TERM 2025

Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday
Tues 22nd April	All children return to school
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday

HALF TERM MONDAY 26TH MAY TO FRIDAY 30th May

Monday 2nd June	All children return to school
Tuesday 22nd July	End of term
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET DAY

Inset days are days set aside for teacher training. Children do not attend school on inset days

