



# Broadwood Primary School Newsletter

## Welcome Back

It has been a really great start to the year at Broadwood. Our new approach to teaching and learning, with our power groups from Y1 to Y6, is going extremely well. The children are very positive about the new approach and they all look so smart in their new school uniforms. As well as improving learning, we will be focusing on improving attendance this year. I look forward to working with you all.

Mr McLeod (Headteacher)

## Attendance

Attendance at school is remaining a high priority this year. Children will have the chance to earn lots of lovely treats for good attendance including class treats on a weekly, half term and termly basis for classes with the best attendance.

If your child is unable to attend school because they are poorly please ring Joanne Jamieson on 2741684.

If school is unaware of the reason for absence we will ring you in the first instance however it may be that we will make a personal call to your home to discuss reasons for that absence.

## Dates for your diary

This week you have had a list of dates for your diaries which include dates of parent consultations, Christmas parties and Family Afternoons. We hope you will find it useful. To follow will be a list of family assemblies which we hope you will be able to attend.



## Safeguarding

With the start of a new school year we would like to remind parents who the team in school is with responsibility for safeguarding. The Team consists of Mrs Brooks-Tyremen, Mr McLeod, Mr White and Mrs Jameson.

It is ours, and all members of staff's legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all the children at Broadwood Primary School. We aim to ensure that children are aware of whom they might talk to, both in and out of school, of their right to be listened to and heard and what steps can be taken to protect them from harm. We will raise their awareness through PHSCE, support from staff and helpful information around school.

We want to work with parents positively, openly and honestly and respect parents' rights to privacy and confidentiality. We will not share sensitive information unless we have permission or it is necessary to do so in order to protect a child. We would share with parents any concerns we may have about their child, unless to do so may place a child at risk of harm.

We must always act in the **best interests** of the child and it is our duty of care to do so. You are able to read the full safeguarding policy on our website and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the team.

## School Uniform

The children look fantastic in our new school uniform and it is lovely to see the whole school dressing so smartly.

If you would like to buy one of the school sweatshirts you can do it online at: <http://broadwood.cre8ivegraphics.co.uk>

Can we just remind parents that only small hair bobbles/slides should be worn at school. Thank you.

## Toddlers

Our very successful Toddler Group restarted last Friday. The cost for attending is £1.50. and the group runs from 9.15 to 10.45. The children have a lovely time and it would be lovely to see you there if you have pre-school children.



## Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Watch out for the posters. Hope to see you there.



We will be holding our first Car Boot Sale on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. A table will cost £2 and a car boot will be £5...or you could have both! It's a good time to go through old clothes and toys making room for what Santa might bring? We are hoping there will also be a bouncy castle, face painting, teas and coffees and much more. Pop it in your diary!



## Gate opening time

To make sure our children are safe in school we will not be opening the yard gates until 8.45am in the mornings. If you are attending our "Our out of hours club" please use the main gates to enter and leave the school grounds. If you are attending our Breakfast club and leave before 8.45am please use the main path to leave the premises until the gates are opened. Thank you for your cooperation and if you would like to discuss this please see a member of staff.

## Fundraising

Can we once again say how grateful we were for the amazing amount of money raised before the summer holidays. As you can see in the Key Stage 2 playground, we used the £2000 raised to begin to make some changes and brighten the yard up.

We hope to have another 'milk bottle' challenge in October and hope it is as successful. If you have any other fund raising ideas you please see Joanne – we know you all have lots of contacts in the Community that may be able to help our school. Looking forward to hearing from you.



## Polite Request

Can we please ask for children to arrive at school **on time**. School's start time is 8.55 however doors open at 8.50 to allow children to be settled and registered in their classes before they begin their English lessons. It is unsettling for children to arrive late and it is not giving them the best start to the day.

It would also be helpful for children to have appointments outside of school time. Collecting children before the end of the day, or during the school day, means they are missing crucial learning. We would like you to make appointments outside of school where possible.

## End of school day

It is really important that children are dismissed by teachers directly into the care of their parents or carers. As such, we would like all parents/carers for Key Stage 2 children to come onto the school yard at ten past 3 to collect their children, rather than stand behind the fence. Children will not be able to be dismissed if this is not the case.

