

Broadmayne First School Newsletter

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is forgiveness . Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't rub it in, rub it out!

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Things to remember:

- Last call to complete the parent/carer consultation form! This can be used to let us know how things went over lockdown and to book a meeting with your child's teacher if you wish:
<https://forms.gle/eyLBSF9ULnFnqik38>
- Milk bottle tops for the Blood Bikes are still being collected - please drop them off at the office door!
- Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March. Further details to follow, but early warning!! We are inviting everyone to come in on the day with crazy styled hair...if they wish 😊

Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't think I need to tell you all how happy I was this week, to be standing in the sunshine on Monday morning at the school gate, waiting to welcome everyone back! It is an absolute joy to have all our children back with us again, and I have spent a lot of time admiring longer hair or haircuts, missing teeth or new teeth, and all the children whose feet grew exponentially over lockdown and who couldn't fit in their school shoes! We have all had big smiles on our faces, and even today's wet weather won't dampen our happiness at all being back together again.

Parent and Carer Consultations

As I wrote in the last newsletter, we are offering parent and carer consultations from Monday 22nd March. This is an opportunity for you to have a chat with your child's class teacher about how lockdown went, how your child is settling back into school, and to discuss any concerns and celebrate successes. The link to the form to book is above in the Things to Remember box - **please do not email teachers directly** to organise a meeting. This term we are offering a slightly different approach - each class will offer an afternoon where the staff will be available to meet with you via Google Meet or over the phone. The afternoons offered are as follows:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Tuesday 30th March 1-5pm	Thursday 25th March 1-5pm	Monday 22nd March 1-5pm	Wednesday 24th March 1-5pm	Thursday 25th March 1-5pm

The form linked to above will allow you to indicate which time slot you would prefer - teachers will contact you directly nearer the time with an appointment time. The deadline for requesting a meeting is **Monday 15th March**.



Relax Kids

We will be holding a Relax Kids session for our children in Years 1 - 4 over the next two weeks. In the session, children will be learning how to stay calm and relaxed, and will be exploring ways of reducing anxiety.

Improving Broadband for Local Families

The school have had a request to share the following information about improving the broadband offer in the village, which we are happy to do as we feel an improvement in broadband delivery and speed would be of huge benefit to the local community:

Paul Whittaker is trying to coordinate bringing a jointly funded fibre broadband solution to Broadmayne and West Knighton. This would involve moving the village to Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) which is a much faster way of accessing the internet than we have at the present time. In short, in order to gain this as cost-free as possible to the community, there needs to be a certain number of people who sign up as interested.

Paul says: *We are able to claim up to £1500 per household in grants towards the cost. So, in order for the cost still to be zero for everyone taking part we would need 182 households to sign up - but if they did, EVERY household in Broadmayne and West Knighton will benefit, at zero cost to everyone!*

We now have 108 people who are interested - so 74 to go before everyone in both Broadmayne and West Knighton can take advantage of FTTP Broadband without any capital costs for the infrastructure. Please continue to spread the word - if we get enough people signed up then we all get the extra benefit. Even if people don't intend to use faster broadband, having FTTP available in the village could possibly increase the value of their homes or at least make them more attractive to potential buyers in the future!

You can find out more via the Broadmayne, West Knighton and Warmwell Villages Facebook page, or by emailing Paul on paul.whittaker@live.com

FABS Update

As we move out of lockdown, the FABS are hoping they will be able to begin arranging some school events again soon. In the meantime I am really pleased to share with you all that their fundraising efforts over the Autumn term resulted in the final total of £4307 raised for the school! This is absolutely amazing, and an enormous thank you goes out to everyone involved in arranging events such as the online auction, and to all of you who took part and so generously contributed.

The money raised will be going towards refurbishing the classrooms and buying resources to support the school - the FABS will be back with further details as things begin to reopen and we can all move forward with our plans!

We have had such a positive start back to full schooling, but there are bound to be wobbles along the way. You may find your child who was really excited to come back is now showing a little anxiety, and there will inevitably be some children who will find the return more challenging. And then there are the children who are finding it difficult to curb their enthusiasm at being back! We are here to help and support everyone, and all our classes are working through a carefully planned curriculum to ensure all our children get the support they need. If you need to chat through anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- Spring Term Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
MARCH		
Thursday 11th		Year R Vision Screening
Monday 15th		Music lessons resume again from this week
Tuesday 16th		Relax Kids session Yrs 1 and 2
Wednesday 17th		Census Day (we will be looking at the National census - not taking one!)
Friday 19th		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief - Crazy Hair Day!!
Week beg. 22nd		Parent and carer consultations week
Tuesday 23rd		Relax Kids session Yrs 3 and 4
Tuesday 30th		Full Governors Board meeting
APRIL		
Thursday 1st		Break up for Easter