

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

Tuesday 21st September 2021  
Autumn 2021 Newsletter 3

## Things to remember:

- This weekend is the Arts and crafts Showcase at the Village hall - lots of our children's work from the Jurassic coast project will be on display if you would like to pop along.
- First FABS meeting is today, Tuesday 21 st September 7pm at The Black Dog, Broadmayne-everyone welcome!
- Parent Governor vacancies - if you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact the school office - closing date is this Friday, the 24th.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The good weather has made a very welcome comeback and we are making the most of it while it lasts - it has been particularly lovely to see the pool still being used for after-school swimming, many thanks to our wonderful FABS and their volunteers for enabling this to happen!

## Snacks at School

A gentle reminder to all that we encourage all children to have a healthy snack, preferably waste-free, at break times. These are provided for our Reception and KS1 children, but those in years 3 and 4 often like something to eat mid-morning. Please support your children in choosing something to eat that is a healthy option as far as possible - it is often worth reminding children what their snack is each day, as if they bring it in a lunchbox they often choose something else instead!

## World Mental Health Day - #helloyellow

As you know, Broadmayne has a strong focus on mental health and we are always looking for ways in which to support our school community in this way. To this end, we have decided to mark World Mental Health Day on Friday 8th October by inviting everyone to wear a little yellow to show our young people they are not alone with their mental health. We will use the day to raise funds for [Young Minds](#) at the same time, and there will be various fundraising activities happening, as well as lots of useful, and supportive workshops for our children throughout the day. More details will follow!

## Can you help us?

We are currently in need of some help with resources in school, which I am hoping our lovely families might be able to help us with. Currently we are looking for the following:

- Our music room needs **two tall stools** so our younger children can reach the keyboards in their lessons - sturdy bar stools would be ideal if you are currently revamping your kitchen or have some stashed in a shed somewhere!

- I have a cunning plan to use old unwanted **mobile phones** for photos and videos within school. If you have recently upgraded your phone and have your older one lying around, we would be interested in re-using it for you. Phones will need to be in good condition and able to be updated still, as we will need to download a couple of apps.
- The school council will be contacting you soon with a plan they are putting together for enhancing playtimes at school. In the first instance they are looking for toys to create play boxes - if you have had a recent tidy-up of bedrooms, or are about to clear things out, they would love to take on any preloved **toy cars, diggers, dolls** or small world items (**toy dinosaurs, doll's house people, farm sets** etc)

Just in case we are inundated with offers, please contact the school office in the first instance if you have anything that could help us, on 01305 853471 or [office@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk)

### **FABS Focus**

This year we aim to have a number of fundraising targets we will be working on. The first is this half term, when our FABS Focus is the Year 3 classroom refurbishment which is scheduled to take place during Autumn half term. With this in mind all proceeds from this half term's fundraising efforts will go towards this project.

We have already started the term with successful afterschool swimming sessions and Friday ice cream sales which will continue to take place until the weather gets a little chilly- when we will switch to bake sales!

We have a number of exciting events planned (all being well) which we will keep you informed about as we go along.

If you would like to be involved with FABS then it can take as little or as much time as you have to offer. It can be very rewarding as the money we raise goes directly to Broadmayne First School and the experience our children have there. Along with this we have great community spirit and friendship!

Follow our Facebook page for regular updates and information:

<https://www.facebook.com/Broadmayne-FAB-155664854591895/>

Our first meeting of the year is taking place today - Tuesday 21 st September 7pm at The Black Dog, Broadmayne-everyone welcome!

If you can't make it but would like to be involved with FABS drop us a message via Facebook or email us at [broadmaynefabs@gmail.com](mailto:broadmaynefabs@gmail.com).

### **Attendance**

Attached to this letter is the school's attendance statement - please do read this carefully, as we are currently receiving several requests for in-term holidays.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

## Calendar Dates- Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>		
Wednesday 22nd		Kickboxing mini sessions in school
Thursday 23rd		Kickboxing mini sessions in school
Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th	All day	Arts and craft Showcase case at the Village hall
<b>OCTOBER 2021</b>		
Friday 8th		World Mental Health Day - #helloyellow - everyone wear something yellow to school with a donation to Young Minds
11th - 20th		Parent/teacher meetings - staff will contact you with details nearer the time.
Tuesday 19th		Harvest festival - more details to follow
		<b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN HALF TERM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Monday 1st		<b>START OF SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM</b> School photos-individual
Mon 1st - Fri 5th		Safe and Healthy Me Week
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Monday 13th	2pm 5.30pm	Christmas Play
Tuesday 14th	5.30pm	Christmas Play
Friday 17th		Christmas Party Day
		<b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</b>

## DASP SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE STATEMENT

The Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) are pleased to be able to provide some detail about our expectations for pupil attendance for the forthcoming academic year. Clearly, both families and schools are continuing to operate in challenging circumstances. We understand that you may have concerns for your child's well-being and this may at times influence your decision for your child's attendance at school. We urge you to talk to and work with us if this is the case so that we are able to work together to ensure that your child enjoys full attendance and participation in school and that you are able to be reassured for their well-being.

The Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) will remain committed to ensuring the best for all our learners and are working together with parents and carers to support children and families as schools return in September. All schools are working hard to promote good attendance and have common systems in place to work with families when attendance drops below an acceptable level.

You will be aware of the importance of good school attendance in improving a young person's chance of success in life and establishing positive attitudes to life-long learning. There is clear evidence of the link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Of pupils who have less than 90% attendance, only 35% achieve five or more GCSEs at Grade 9 to 4 including Maths and English, but 73% of pupils who have attendance of 95% or more will achieve this.

If a 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.

If DASP are concerned about a child's attendance they will talk to the parents and write to them to explain their concerns. The school will then monitor the child's attendance expecting to see an improvement. The Dorset Council (DC) School Attendance Service will be made aware of the school's concerns. If no improvement is made, the family will be invited to attend an Attendance Panel.

Here at DASP we are determined to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to achieve success and have an excellent record of attendance. Where there is cause for concern you will be contacted and attendance closely monitored. If attendance does not improve sufficiently, you will be invited to an Attendance Meeting or Panel. This meeting is an opportunity for the school, family and a representative from DC's School Attendance Service to meet together to discuss why your child has such a high absence rate and seek solutions to any problems.

The Panel/Meeting 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 £1,000.

The attendance process is designed to identify poor attendees quickly and address the issues that are affecting their attendance. When attendance improves, monitoring will continue and, if it falls, the Attendance Process will be resumed. Please be assured that whilst we will be sympathetic with families with genuine concerns over Covid – 19 it is expected that all children should regularly attend school.

All schools hope that the Attendance Meeting/ Panel will not be needed and that all pupils will have a good record of attendance, are happy and successful and benefit from their time in school.