

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

Monday 6th September 2021
Autumn 2021 Newsletter 1

Things to remember:

- The weekend of the 25th/26th September 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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our families! I hope you have kept safe and well over the holidays, and are rested and ready to start a new term, and a new academic year. Staff have been really busy in the run-up to the beginning of term, getting the school in order after a lot of building work, decoration and refurbishing - please see below for further details.

School Building Updates

The school has been a hive of activity over the summer holidays. Both the older girls' and the Reception/Year One toilets have been refurbished, and both look fantastic! Staff and children are really pleased with their new look and we know the children will work really hard to keep them looking lovely for a long time to come. The Reception classroom and cloakroom area have been redecorated, alongside Year 4. Year 4 have also had their classroom redesigned and it really does look lovely and bright - please go and take a look if you have the chance!

We have invested in brand new touch screens for all classrooms, which provide a fantastic high quality picture with brilliant interactivity opportunities, and these will become more and more useful as we embed them into our teaching (although a couple refused to work on our first morning back - we should have guessed that would happen!)

We would like to extend an enormous thank you to the FABS, and through them to you all as parents and carers - the fundraising that you have all contributed has paid directly for the decorating and the new furniture in Year 4 - we couldn't do all of this without you!

COVID 19 Update

As I explained in my letter to you all towards the end of the summer holidays, many restrictions on schools have now been lifted. We have, however, decided to take a pragmatic approach to this and will be reintroducing things on a gradual basis, whilst keeping an eye on local infection rates. To this end, we will slowly reintroduce clubs - please see below for further information on these - and will be cautious around large groups meeting up inside. As per current guidance, children under 18 are not expected to self-isolate should they be in contact with a positive case, but the school would appreciate you letting us know if this is the case.

Curriculum Information

Teachers will be sending out emails over this week to inform you of some of the things that will be happening within your child's class this term. We would normally invite you to a Curriculum Meeting for your child's class, but we have decided against any larger meetings for the time being.

Clubs

This half term we are offering the following clubs:

Basketball Club - run by a qualified coach from Premier Sports, this will run every Tuesday this half term from 3.15 - 4.15pm, beginning on the 14th September. The club is open to children from Years 2,3 and 4. Please use the following form to book:

[Basketball Club Form](#)

Girls' Football Club - run by premier Sports, this will be every Tuesday lunchtime this half term starting on the 14th and is open to girls from years 2, 3 and 4.. Please use the following form to book:

[Girl's Football Club](#)

Both of these clubs must be paid for at the time of booking via SchoolMoney.

Trevor Senior will be starting his lunchtime football club this Friday for anyone in Years 3 and 4 that would like to attend. Please register your interest on the following form - all monies for this club must be paid directly to Trevor:

[Trevor Senior Football Club](#)

Both Breakfast Club and Cool Kids are now running at their pre-Covid times and are available for anyone within school to make use of - even if you only occasionally need to book a space we are happy to accommodate.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am - 8.45am every morning, and provides a range of lovely breakfasts (including a cooked breakfast once a week!). Children get the opportunity to have a calm start to the day with a variety of games and activities to occupy them.

Cool Kids runs from 3.15pm - 5.30pm Monday - Thursday. There are different activities each day, from cooking to den building and outdoor games, and children have a substantial snack to help keep them going until the end of the day.

To book either Breakfast Club or Cool Kids, please contact the school office.

Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome Laura Burnie to the school as a new Teaching Assistant this term. Laura is currently supporting the children in Year 1 and comes to us with a wealth of EYFS knowledge, which we will be putting to good use!

Swimming Pool

An enormous thank you to our FABS and their fabulous team of Reach and Rescue volunteers who have kept the pool up and running over the holidays, and who have given up their time to open the pool for our community to enjoy. Sadly, the time is now coming to close the pool for the winter months, and to prepare for the building of the new plant room.

Having seen the weather forecast for the next few days, the pool will hopefully be open every afternoon this week after school for swimming for our children - please check the FABS Facebook page for more updates!

FABS Fundraising

The FABS are always looking for ways to raise money for the school, and the recent work that has taken place to update our classrooms is proof of the enormous impact this fundraising has on the school, and most importantly, on our children. The FABS have some simple ways in which you can regularly donate to them:

- **Easy Fundraising**

Go to the following website to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbroadmayneschool/>

You can download the app, or the add-on for your internet browser and can get cashback for FABS when shopping at eligible websites.

- **Amazon Smile**

Instead of going straight to [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk), use the following link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

You log in to your normal amazon account then select a charity to support (search for FABS). FABS will then receive 0.5% on all purchases made via Amazon Smile.

- **Splash Lottery**

Better odds than the National Lottery with a guaranteed prize for a Broadmayne Supporter each week and an entry into the national jackpot draw where you could win £25,000. Tickets from £1 per week and all monies raised go directly to supporting the refurbishment and ongoing upkeep of the swimming pool.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/broadmayne-first-school>

Please see below for the school calendar, more dates will be added as we confirm them. You will notice that we are now reintroducing our theme weeks, beginning with Safe and Healthy Me as our focus straight after half term. Parent/teacher meetings will be offered as a 'hybrid' - either via telephone call, online or face to face, and individual staff will contact you about these a little nearer the time.

We are hoping that the Christmas play will be able to have a real, rather than a virtual, audience this year! We will inform you of our plans for Harvest a little nearer the time, but we will be collecting for the Dorchester Foodbank as usual.

In the meantime, we look forward to a busy and exciting term, and I look forward to catching up with you all on the playground or the school gate in the coming days,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- Autumn Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
SEPTEMBER 2021		
Wednesday 8th	AM	Reception class first morning in together
Thursday 9th		Reception class begin full time school
Wednesday 22nd		Kickboxing mini sessions in school
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Saturday 25th/Sunday 26th	All day	Arts and craft Showcase case at the Village hall
OCTOBER 2021		
11th - 20th		Parent/teacher meetings - staff will contact you with details nearer the time.
Tuesday 19th		Harvest festival - more details to follow LAST DAY OF AUTUMN HALF TERM
NOVEMBER		
Monday 1st		START OF SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM School photos-individual
Mon 1st - Fri 5th		Safe and Healthy Me Week
DECEMBER		
Monday 13th	2pm 5.30pm	Christmas Play
Tuesday 14th	5.30pm	Christmas Play
Friday 17th		Christmas party Day LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM