

# Broadhempston Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back!

I hope that your children have all enjoyed their first few days at school and are settling in happily. The staff and I are all fully rested after the summer break and look forward to doing the best that we can to help every single child to be the best that they can be during the next year. I'm sure that we will have lots of delightful adventures along the way as the year progresses!

**WELCOME!** The new school year always brings new faces into school and it is always a pleasure to greet the children coming to school for their first "proper" day. A big Broadhempston welcome to our new starters this September: And finally, a warm Broadhempston welcome to Miss Heike who joins the Sycamore teaching team this year.

I hope that they all enjoy their Broadhempston days whilst learning lots and playing full roles in the life of the school.



### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Do take a look on our school website, the latest information for each class this year and topic webs for this term can be found in individual Class folders.

If you were unable to make the **Parent Meetings** this week, please look at your child's class page on our school website where PowerPoints will be available to update you.

### VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in supporting us in school, we always have jobs to do in class – from individual reading to supporting with trips, we would welcome you to join us! Please let class teachers and Mrs Carwithen know as we need you to complete a DBS check. Thank you

## SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	98.4%
Birch Class	100%
Sycamore Class	97.2%
Oak Class	98.1%

**In line with our Trust policy no holidays will be authorised this year and penalty notices will be issued.**

### Ofsted & Government directives state that:

Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling

behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

### The government expects: Schools and local authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence; (all pupils to be above 95%)
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
  - act early to address absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
  - All pupils to be punctual to their lessons

**I feel sure that attendance is a thorny issue and we appear to be nagging, but we really do need your support to get this right.**

### Every School Day Counts

Each day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Do remember that we can support your children in school if they have sniffles and snuffles rather than keeping them at home.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Please, where possible, book these outside of school hours.

### REMINDER:

% attendance	Days lost in a year	By the end of primary school (Y1-Y6) this could mean...
95% attendance	9 days of absence <b>1 week and 4 days of learning missed</b> Up to 45 lessons	10 weeks and 4 days of learning lost Up to 270 lessons
90% attendance	19 days of absence <b>3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed</b> Up to 95 lessons	22 weeks and 4 days of learning lost(almost 2 terms) Up to 570 lessons lost
85% attendance	28 days of absence <b>5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed( ½ a term)</b> Up to 140 lessons	33 weeks and 3 days of learning lost (almost a full year) Up to 840 lessons lost

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Carwithen.

## ONLINE SAFETY

From reception to the end of primary school, children's digital journey changes a lot.

At a younger age, they might engage more with videos and tablet games. However, at the primary school age, children might talk more with family and friends or play online games. With more online interactions, they experience more risks and opportunities.

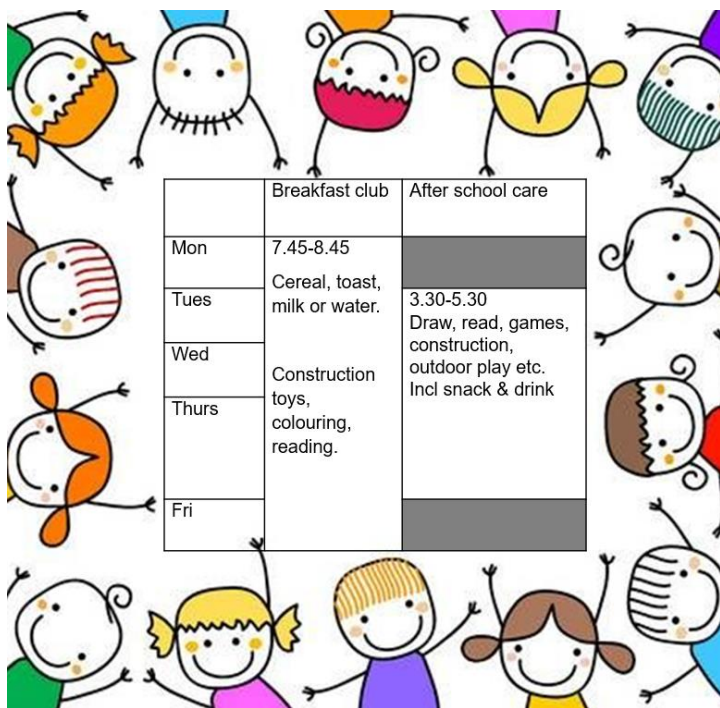
Internet Matters have produced a guide called 'Discovering digital at primary school' which will help prepare you for the new school year with insights into the online safety issues primary children might face.

**A parent's guide to:**  
**Discovering digital at primary school**  
*Online safety tips to support children*



[Discovering digital at Primary leaflets - Internet Matters](#)

## WRAP AROUND CARE



	Breakfast club	After school care
Mon	7.45-8.45	
Tues	Cereal, toast, milk or water.	3.30-5.30 Draw, read, games, construction, outdoor play etc. Incl snack & drink
Wed	Construction toys, colouring, reading.	
Thurs		
Fri		

### Other Clubs running regularly

**Monday**  
**Wolf Paq 3:30-5:00**

**Wednesday:**  
**12.40 Choir**  
**Premier Sports Club 3.30- 5.15**  
**Spanish 3.30-4.30**

I think that's it! In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything to do with the school or your child please come in and talk to us or get in touch by phone or email.

Have a super weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*