

# Broadhempston Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER Thursday 11th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term! I can hardly believe the holidays are over and we are back into the swing of school life. Another busy and exciting term lies ahead.

### CLASS INFORMATION

Please keep an eye on the school website for information about what your children will be learning in each class. Staff have uploaded topic webs and class newsletters to ensure you have all the necessary information about the term ahead.

### FOREST SCHOOL DATES:

Birch class: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Sycamore Class: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Oak Class: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February



### VISION & VALUES

Using stories, Picture News & Lyfta we will be exploring the themes of Hunger, Veganuary, Trust, Individual liberty and thinking about some big questions related to spirituality. Our assemblies promise to be interesting and full of questions, discussion and debate!

### PE UPDATES

There's lots happening this term. We have been throwing and catching and improving our ball skills.



### SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE



Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues. Just like teaching a child to ride a bike or cross the road, digital resilience is another way to highlight

the need to help children cope with whatever the online world throws at them. The following may be of interest... Digital Resilience Toolkit: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/>

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	97.7%
Class 1	97.7%
Class 2	98.0%
Class 3	97.4%

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 officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow and Mrs Carwithen.

**ATTENDANCE:** This week the Government has launched a national campaign surrounding improving school attendance. As a Trust, we support this campaign and understand that attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Attendance matters, not only because of the importance of learning but for the wider, holistic benefits for children's wellbeing and happiness.



- That moment they found a new best friend queuing up for pudding.
- That time fractions suddenly clicked.
- That day cavemen came to live in the playground.
- That science lesson when a mento and cola 'rocket' sprayed everywhere.
- Breaking a school record on sports day.
- When they helped catch the escaped rabbit.
- Helping to build props for the school play.
- When they baked cupcakes that were actually edible (just).
- Performing that encore at the school concert.
- From the first day of term to the last, each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child's wellbeing.
- Positive, real, life-changing moments.
- And in a school year there are hundreds of them.

What a difference a school day makes! (DfE attendance campaign guidelines 2024)

**A message from our CEO, Attendance and Last day of term finish time.**

As you are probably aware the government have been highly concerned about the continued falling attendance rates this year and in schools year on year since the Covid pandemic. The DfE are mounting a campaign through schools to ensure parents are aware of the implications of missing learning time in school. We at the Link, are supporting that initiative by reviewing our approach. An initial action will be to ensure that pupils are in school to the very end of the school day at the end of each term, pupils will not be leaving earlier than the published end of the school day. We felt it was only fair that we made this clear to parents early in the term to avoid any problems nearer the time.

Attendance concerns will continue to be dealt with robustly and in support of the campaign we will be sending DfE generated/ suggested reminders out to ensure you are all kept well informed. Many thanks for your understanding regarding this national drive.

Kind regards,  
Nicky

*Nicky Dunford*  
*Chief Executive Officer*  
*Link Academy Trust*

**COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Oak Class educational visit to RAF Harrowbeer
5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Mental health week: The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.

<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Safer internet day Parent workshop at 3pm in Oak Class with Miss Barlow</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Break up for half term. Back to school Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parent consultations – booking info will be sent in due course</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Birch Reception class assembly for parents 3pm village hall</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Birch Y1&amp;2 class assembly for parents 3pm village hall</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class 3 Mosque educational visit</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class 4 educational visit: Occombe Farm</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Jewish speaker visiting Birch and Oak classes</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sycamore class assembly for parents 3pm village hall</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Oak class assembly for parents 3pm village hall</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y5/6 Hockey tournament</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Break up – 3.30pm finish</b>

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*