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NEWSLETTER Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Time is flying in school, and we are exceptionally proud of the positive start the children have made this year. We've had a busy couple of weeks ending with some great musical experiences to take us through into half term.



BROADHEMPSTON LEARNERS – We've had some great musical fun this week and hope you will enjoy us sharing these with you tomorrow at 2.30 in the village hall.

BIRCH CLASS: Reception had a great time as they developed their knowledge of instruments during Kip's workshop where they enjoyed singing a range of songs and playing lots of different instruments. They wonderfully accompanied Kip as he played his violin and guitar. **Years 1 & 2** have been practising a few songs today with Kip for tomorrow's performance and will use the instruments to accompany these. I particularly like their Welcome song!





Sycamore class loved having their music sessions with Kip. They sang, danced and played a whole range of instruments and created an amazing version of a sea shanty!

Oak Class have been enjoying a classical master class! They started by exploring Fingal's Cave using creative language to characterise the classical piece by Mendelssohn. In afternoon with Kip, after a warm up with grandma, they recreated part of the melody using glockenspiels. They then went on to create their own interpretation of a storm using a variety of instruments including hand bells, rain sticks and djembe drums. You are in for a treat on Friday!



DRUMMING WORKSHOP - Huge thanks to the PTFA for their support in enabling us to have such a fantastic experience.



Friday 20th October 2.30 concert to celebrate arts week – please join us!

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

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| Attendance: (Our school target is 97%) | |
| Whole school | 97.5% |
| Birch Class | 97.3% |
| Sycamore Class | 97.8% |
| Oak Class | 97.5% |

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.

Get Britain Talking

You might have seen the adverts on TV regarding the Get Britain Talking campaign which has launched a unique homework task designed to help young people open up about the hardest subject of all: what's on their minds. The strength of this homework is that it offers a powerful nudge and a simple tool to facilitate children's questions. Here's the homework should you like to open up this conversation with your children.

What's on our minds can be the hardest subject.

So what's on yours?

Sometimes, the world can feel like a scary place.

That's why this World Mental Health Day, we've set the nation a different kind of homework.

Because talking about the hardest subjects on our mind can help ease our stress, and reduce our anxiety.

And working on a shared task like this one is a brilliant way to start a proper chat if you need a hand.

Get talking

1

Ask your parent, carer, or an adult you trust if they'll help you with your homework.

Tell them not to worry - nothing will be marked, and they won't even need a calculator!

2


If you're not sure where to start, try writing or drawing your worries or fears on the front cover of this exercise.

You can use the box or go outside the lines. Remember: there are no right or wrong answers.

3

Now, spend time together talking through any worries one by one. Discuss questions such as:

How does it make you feel? What are you most afraid might happen? Would it help if you had more information?



Get listening

Even if we're used to talking together, it can be hard to open up about our worries or fears, particularly the more serious or scary ones. Perhaps you're afraid that talking about them might make you both worry more,

but the reality is the opposite is more likely to be true. When we talk about the hardest subjects, we don't have to have all the answers. The important thing is to listen without judgment, and try not to rush to resolve the problem.

STAFFING NEWS ~ (Birch Class parents have already been informed)

I have some sad and happy news on the staffing front to share with you all. We would like to inform you of some staffing changes that will take effect after half term.

After such a high level of commitment and work with young children and their families Mrs Jenny Potter will sadly be leaving us at the end of this half term. This was a difficult decision for her to make but she has many commitments to her family which now need her full time and attention.

It is with sadness that we will say goodbye and know that she will be really missed by all, especially the children. I know from our many conversations that your children have all been a joy for Mrs Potter to teach and their enthusiasm in the classroom made her days fly by. Mrs Potter will take many wonderful memories with her.

You may have also noticed that Mrs Talbot is positively blooming, and the next baby Talbot is due early in the Spring term. This means that Mrs Talbot will be taking maternity leave in mid-January.

Our recruitment process is underway, and we hope to have news to share soon. In the meantime, Mrs Rebecca Barons, who teaches part time at Landscope will be picking up the reins for the next half term with Mrs Talbot. She is highly experienced in EYFS & KS1 and will provide continuity and excellent learning opportunities for the children.



COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 20 th Oct | 2.30 concert to celebrate arts week – please join us! |
| 20 th Oct | Break up for half term |
| 30 th Oct | School photographer |
| 14 th Nov | Cultural Champion, Souad Fadel visiting KS2 |
| 27 th Nov | Years 1&2 Gymnastics festival |
| 7 th Dec | 2.30pm KS2 Christmas concert in church – bring your singing voices! |
| 8 th Dec | CHANGE OF DATE! Birch Class Christmas Performance 2.30pm in church |
| 9 th Dec (Saturday) | PTFA Christmas Fair |
| 13 th Dec | Village carol service with Choir and musicians performing |
| 15 th Dec | End of term 2pm |

I think that's it! Have a super half term holiday

Jill Ryder.