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NEWSLETTER Tuesday 23rd July

Dear Parents / Carers,

As another year draws to a close, we have all been reflecting on the journey of our school. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and to the numerous fun and fundraising exploits of the PTFA. We achieve so much because we work together as a team, and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school. Long may this continue!

MATILDA, THE MUSICAL



Well, what can I say about this performance ...I was blown away! I think Roger from the Helen foundation sums the whole thing up beautifully:

"The performance was magnificent! It was truly one of the best primary school productions we have seen in recent years. The children took part so wholeheartedly and with such joy that their enthusiasm and sense of sharing in a common effort conveyed itself immediately to the audience, who were on their side from the opening number. The quality of the singing, the efforts the actors made to inhabit their roles, and the skilful use of the stage are just three notable features of the production. There was such a lot of talent on display! You sensed the energy and commitment rising throughout the performance right to the very end when, absolutely justifiably, the audience stood up to show their fulsome appreciation. The children should all feel very proud of their efforts and this event will live long in the memory. I doubt if any of them will forget in later years, just how much they enjoyed taking part in Matilda. It will become one of the defining moments of their time at Broadhempston. The arts have always been very strong at the school and this afternoon is a further example of the power of the arts to create exceptional experiences for young people that will further boost their sense of what they can achieve and nourish them in future years. Warmest possible praise, too, should go to all the staff team involved. Finding

the energy and commitment at the end of a very long school year is a mark of exceptional professionalism. They, too, should share equally in the justified glow of satisfaction that comes from a job really well done."

I agree with every word!

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 97%)	
Whole school	96.4%
Birch Class	96.5%
Sycamore Class	96.4%
Oak Class	96.3%



With the summer holidays upon us now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is great to use as a starting point.

[Digital Family Agreement \(lgfl.net\)](https://www.lgfl.net)

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.

UNIFORM & PE kit ready for September

Getting ready for next year... The wearing of school uniform is actively encouraged, fostering an identity with and pride in the school. School Logo Jumpers, sweatshirts, cardigans, fleece jackets and PE shirts are available from

Children should wear:

- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. (Bearing the school logo is useful for when we take trips as the logo helps to easily identify us.)
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Blue/black trousers/shorts
- White Polo Top / shirt with collars not round neck
- White socks, navy tights or blue leggings worn under a skirt as tights
- Sensible and smart black or blue shoes. Trainers of this colour are also suitable, but a second pair must be available for sport/PE.
- Summer wear with blue check
- Sun hats should be worn in the Summer
- PE light blue hoodie
- Joggers and hoodies are acceptable for PE only.

This list is not exhaustive but represents the main items, which can be found in most high street supermarkets. It's also worth noting that the PTFA has second hand uniform available. I am aware that this is not new information and is part of every new intake parent meeting, but we felt it was worth revisiting. We really do appreciate your support with keeping our children smart.

WRAP AROUND CARE & SCHOOL DINNERS

Please book school dinners before returning in September – everything is on parent pay and ready for you to begin.

- Breakfast Club will be running Tuesday- Friday 7:45-8:45, £2.50.
- Afterschool Club will be running Tuesday & Thursday, 3.30-5.30, £6.
- All bookings as normal.

Premier Education will be running a chess club on Wednesdays 3.30-5.30 – please book following the link on the School App

PTFA

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to remind everyone what a great job our PTFA do. We have had a number of very successful fundraising events as well as some fabulous community events, All of that has only been possible with the support of a lot of people so thank you all, but especially to Jess, who never tires of supporting us in any way she can! Thank you!

NEW BIRCH CLASS END OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR SEPTEMBER

In the interests of safeguarding, we have taken the decision not to open the school doors at the end of the day from this coming September. Parents will be invited to come into the back playground via the side gate – there will be a new internal gate to keep the children safe. All will become clear in September!

DATES FOR AUTUMN

- Non-Pupil Days on 3rd & 4th September
- Children back to school Thursday 5th September

Parent meetings September 2024

We know that parents are key educators in their child's life and also see the link between parents and teachers working closely together, impacting on positive outcomes in all areas for your children.

With this in mind, each class has a meeting in September for you to come and meet your child's teacher, find out about the expectations for the year, and get to know more about the curriculum on offer here at Broadhempston.

We would like to give parents as much notice as possible with the aim that every child has a parent at these meetings where possible. Please see below for the dates and times of these meetings.

- Monday 9th September: 2.30 Oak class meeting
- Tuesday 10th September: 2.30 Birch Class Y1&2 meeting
- Wednesday 11th September: 2.30 Sycamore Class meeting

PowerPoints will be available on class pages on our website for any parents unable to make these meetings.

AND FINALLY... Our leavers service has been, as always, poignant. We say goodbye and good luck...

Year 6... promise me that you will always remember...

"You are braver than you believe

Stronger than you seem,

And smarter than you think!"

AA Milne

Mrs Rx

Well, we've reached the end of another packed Broadhempston year. Whilst it is onwards and upwards for each Class of 2024, so it is also with our school. We never stand still, and we are always looking at how we can improve and 2024/25 will be no different.

As I sign off my last newsletter as Head of Broadhempston I would like to thank you all for your support over the last four years. You have a special little school here and this is all because of



the way that everyone works together in the interests of the children. Thank you to you all, for all the contributions that you have made, both big and small, to a really special place for the children to live and learn with each other. I will miss our little school, but know I leave it in safe hands, with a lady who already holds it close to her heart, which is where it should be!

Have a wonderful summer.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Jill Ryder.