



BROADWATER  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*May the peace and hope of  
Christ's birth  
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Donkeys, sheep and angels are everywhere I look! Christmas is definitely coming quickly. In school we are on our Advent journey, reflecting on the meaning of Advent and the stories around key events in the build up to the first Christmas. Our whole school Reverse Advent Calendar has been wonderfully supported and is a great way for the children to reflect on the importance of giving and helps us all to be thankful for what we have. Thank you all for your support with this important activity.

A massive thank you for the huge amount of work that F@B put into the preparation of the fantastic Christmas Fayre. It was a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas season together as a school community. They raised an amazing £.... Thank you for all the additional volunteers who helped out on the day.

This will be the last newsletter of 2023. It has been a full year. Reflecting back on all that has occurred this year on a global, national and local level one thing stands out for me – whatever the challenge, whatever the opportunity, the Broadwater School community always showed its strength, integrity and goodwill. This is an amazing school family and you are an amazing support for your children and us as a school. We could not do it without you – so a massive thanks for the hours spent supporting your children with the home learning tasks, a huge thank you to the many of you who volunteer your time to help with trips, readers and special project days but most importantly special thanks to all of you for taking the time out of your busy days to join together with us at our many school events across the year.

I wish you all a wonderful time with your families, friends and loved ones over the Christmas break. We look forward to another wonderfully exciting year of learning in 2024.

God Bless and Happy Christmas,

Mr Morrissey

(To keep up with all of the news please see the school website.)

## Diary Dates

### December

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Infants Christmas Party (am)**

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – CHRISTMAS HOT LUNCH (pre-ordered)**

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Yrs 3-6 Christmas Party (pm)**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Service led by Y6**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec (3.15-4.00pm) – Carols under the Christmas Tree**

**Mon 20 Dec 2023 – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - School Holiday**

### January

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET DAY (no children in school)**

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – First day of spring term**

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y1 Curriculum News Mtg for parents (2.50pm)**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – EY Curriculum News & Maths mtg for parents (9am & 6pm)**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y1 & Y2 – Science workshops (STEM)**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 SATs mtg for parents (6pm)**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3 & Y5 – Science workshops (STEM)**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Trip to Southdowns Planetarium**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Duck Class visit to Broadwater Fire Station**

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Hen Class visit to Broadwater Fire Station**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y1 Visiting Owls (postponed from Nov)**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Deadline for WSCC starting school online applications**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y5 Kingfisher – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y6 Trip to Newhaven Fort (TBC)**

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### February

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Y1 Dove – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 Musical Performance @ Bohunt (morning)**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y6 Falcon – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Y4 Macaw – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

### March

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March – Y2 Penguin – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Visiting Author Jill Atkins**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 Swallow – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 Trip to Amberley Working Museum**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March – YR Duck – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Drusillas Animal Park**

# Activities that have been taking place....

## YEAR R

Our final week of term consisted of our first nativity! We hope you enjoyed watching. We are very proud of all Ducks and Hens

Merry Christmas



## YEAR 1



As part of science, learning about classifications of deciduous and evergreen trees, Year 1 children enjoyed an adventure to Seeley Copse Education Centre. Children identified trees by looking at their leaves, churned their own delicious butter to eat on crackers and toasted marshmallows on a campfire. It was great to see the children learn in situ, and their enthusiasm for exploring new surroundings.



# Activities that have been taking place....

## YEAR 1

Year One got to meet Henry and Harry, two rescue hedgehogs. Harry was very sleepy and stayed curled up. We all got a good look at Henry who was wide awake and we loved watching his nose wriggle about as he sniffed the air to work out who we were. We learnt how important it is to leave water out for



## YEAR 2

Year 2 have held an exciting Knight Day as a fabulous finish! The children made apple tarts, completed many knight activities and learnt a dance. This dance was performed at their afternoon banquet. A royal visitor also dubbed each child too!



## YEAR 3

Year 3 took part in a DT Day weaving. We were inspired by some African artists to weave patterns inspired by African colours and patterns!



## YEAR 4

Year 4 had an amazing time working with the Rainbow Theatre as part of their Raiders and Traders topic. They became actors for the morning and acted out a saga, experiencing many exciting aspects of Viking life including shipbuilding, a Viking myth, voyages, Viking law and burial.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 went to Year 2 and Early Years to share the ancient Egyptian fairy tales that they had written.



### Year 5 feedback:

It is nice to share our stories so that the younger children can enjoy them. (Riley)

It is a really good idea to share our stories with Year 2 as we get to perform our stories. It is good for them to hear a story being read aloud. As the writer, if you see the children enjoying the story, it makes it fun for them too. It makes me feel a little bit like a real author. (Eva)

I really enjoyed sharing my story as we've tried really hard to write them and by sharing them, the younger children get to enjoy them too. The reception children said they loved the way that I used expression when I read to them. (Freya)

I think that we raise the bar by reading our stories to the Year 2 children as there is a big age difference - we are showing them what their writing will develop into. (Liam)

### Year 2 feedback:

It was really inspiring to hear the stories. I liked the different versions that they did of the well-known stories. (Noah)

I liked when Ella wrote, 'The flat man'. It made me laugh. It was so funny! (Rori)

The bread man reminded me of the Gingerman. It was a good adventure story. The flat bread man kept running away from everyone. He got eaten at the end. (Charlie)

I can't believe how much they have written: 3 whole pages! I really like the handwriting. It is very neat.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 took a virtual flight to Egypt to kickstart their new topic! Once there, the children took part in an archaeological dig where they uncovered ancient Egyptian artefacts and inferred what they might teach us about ancient Egyptian life.



Year 5 started making their canopic jars this week. The children used modroc, cups and newspaper to create authentic looking ancient Egyptian canopic jars. When they are completely dry, the children will be painting them and adding detail like hieroglyphics. Look back on the school's news feed for a photo of them once they are finished!





## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy designing, sawing and constructing their Winter Wonderland fairground rides as part of their Design Technology learning. They made working Ferris wheels, chair-o-planes and carousel models, which used pulley mechanisms, and designed them in a winter or Christmas theme. The final products were excellent!



### Year 6 spreading festive cheer in the community

Year 6 have been out and about this week, visiting local care and residential homes to sing. They sang a mixture of traditional carols and modern worship songs and it was lovely to see the children



## **7<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Girls Football Festival – P5 W2 D3 L0**

The girls played very well on an afternoon where goals seemed hard to come by. They dominated each match they played and converted chances to win 2 of the games whilst the other 3 games finished 0-0 meaning the girls did not concede a single goal in the entire festival!



## **14<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Girls Football Tournament – Semi-finalists out of 16 schools**

There was no stopping the girls in the group phase as they brushed aside Vale, Orchards and Elm Grove in convincing fashion without conceding a goal. That meant they finished in top spot and earned a quarter final matchup against West Park. A far more even game saw the girls emerge with a single goal to reach the semi-final stage. The tournament ended here as they found themselves up against an extremely impressive TAB side who deservedly took their place in the final and went on to win the tournament. Our girls were rightfully very proud of their performance throughout the afternoon.





## 15<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Football Festival – P5 W4 D1 L0

It was unsurprising that our year 4 team of very talented footballers dominated the festival. Only Orchards managed to contain our boys to a 0-0 draw, with powerful and convincing wins the result in the other 4 matches.



**16<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Netball Skills Festival** No matches for the girls on this occasion as the festival focused on the various skills of netball. Activities based on shooting, passing, movement, reaction and defending will hopefully prepare the girls well ahead of the tournament in the new year.





## **21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 6 Football Tournament – quarter-finalists out of 16 teams**

Things began well for the boys as they defeated Orchards 1-0 and then had a frustrating 0-0 draw with Elm Grove. A narrow defeat to Vale then left the team with a nery wait to see if they had qualified and there was a relief to hear we had done enough to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the group and reach the knockout stage of the competition. A quarter final with TAB was where the boys put in their best display. A fiercely competitive game ended goalless and still the deadlock was not broken following extra time. A penalty shootout then ended in a 3-3 draw before the boys eventually lost on sudden death penalties. They were gutted but were still happy with the battling display they had put in.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 4 Dodgeball Festival – P4 W2 D0 L2**

The first ever dodgeball event was held in the Worthing Schools area! It was a chaotic but extremely enjoyable afternoon. In an event where the action is fast and furious and almost impossible for the referees to keep up with, our children must be commended for their honesty throughout. We are very proud of the fair play and integrity they displayed at all times.



## Updates & Reminders

# Thank you

### **Parking**

Thank you all for continuing to be considerate of our neighbours and the safety of the children. You will have noticed recently that parking wardens have been present at the start and end of the day more frequently following a request from the school. They are there to ensure the safety of the children.

### **School uniform**

Each term we are collecting a large amount of unnamed school uniform. This also includes coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and other accessories.

Please label or write your child's name on these items so they can be returned to the owners.

### **Wrap Around Care**

Wrap around care continues to be very popular and is a service we as a school are keen to provide for the school community. The governors were keen to share the successes of WAC with the whole school community and so following a recent visit they have this to say:

#### **Governor visit to Wrap Around Care**

The Governors recently visited the school's Wrap Around Care facility. This term marked two years since it opened with a new ethos, upgraded facilities and a new team.

The offering continues to be very popular with the majority of sessions fully booked, generating extra funds to support the school's work. Having observed WAC in action, the Governors note that children very much enjoy the setting, with staff taking an active role in guiding the children's experiences.

The children settle in quickly as they transition from the school day, accessing a wide variety of activities and games or toys spanning sports, arts & crafts, computing, role play, reading and plenty of free choice time, with the line-up changing every day.

The Governors are active across the school year in supporting the School in ensuring the Wrap Around Care facility embraces the ethos of the school and its community.

# Thank you

## 'Reverse Advent' Thank you!

Thank you very much to all of our children and families who have donated to our 'Reverse Advent' toiletries project on behalf of the Body Basics appeal for Worthing Foodbank. We have lots of Christmas boxes bursting with donations, ready to be collected by the charity at the end of the week. They are always extremely grateful for our donations so thank you so much for your support with this.





## **F@B**

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the fair we have raised approximately £2600.00 we are very grateful to the F@B volunteers that help set up the fair and all the families that volunteered to run stalls.

Thank you to the year 6 elves and Father Christmas for the visit to our school.

Nikki and Team

## **TERM DATES 2023-2024**

### **Spring Term**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (INSET: 2nd Jan 2024)

(Half term holiday: 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February)

### **Summer Term**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 (INSET: 22 & 23 July 2024)

(Half term holiday: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May )

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