



BROADWATER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term in our Monday Assemblies, we have been learning about some of the key people that Jesus met during his life according to the Bible. We have learned about his encounter with John the Baptist, the calling of the Disciples and how he placed importance on children being welcome. With each of these stories, we discovered that Jesus welcomes everyone and everyone is included.

Following this example is at the core of what we are about as a school, and the Ofsted inspectors clearly saw that during their visit. The recognition in the report that we are 'truly inclusive school, which develops inclusive pupils' just underlines this.

Trips

The spring term continues to be filled with exciting learning experiences. Thank to all who have been prompt with consent and payment for the various trips and experiences. It is worth reminding you all that the breadth and scope of school visitors and school trips in the future does rely heavily on parent payment contributions. As a school we will always consider the cost of trips and our office team works hard to secure the most cost-effective options, including the wonderfully generous donation from F@b to help subsidise the cost of coaches for many trips. Sadly, if the current rate of non-payment for trips and visitors continues, we will not be able to cover costs and therefore trips which form such a key part of our curriculum with valuable learning experiences for your children will be lost. With your help, we can continue to ensure a rich and vibrant curriculum.

Have a wonderful half term break with your families

Mr Morrissey

Headteacher

Diary Dates

January

Fri 26th Jan – Y5 Kingfisher – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Tues 30th Jan – Y6 Trip to Newhaven Fort (TBC)

February

Fri 2nd Feb – Y1 Dove – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Mon 5th Feb (3.40-5.30) – Parent Evenings (In-Person) – sign up online

Tues 6th Feb – Y5 Musical Performance @ Bohunt (morning)

Thurs 8th Feb (3.40-5.30) – Parent Evenings (In-Person) – sign up online

Fri 9th Feb – Y6 Falcon – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Tues 20th Feb (3.30-5.00pm) – Telephone consultations Y6/Y5/Y3/Y2

Weds 21st Feb (3.30-5.00pm) – Telephone consultations Y4/Y1/YR

Thurs 22nd Feb – Year 1 ‘Bike Day’

Fri 23rd Feb – Y4 Macaw – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Thurs 29th Feb – Year 1 Phonics Meeting for parents (2.45pm)

Diary Dates 2024

March

Fri 1st March – Y2 Penguin – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Tues 5th March – Y2 Visiting Author Jill Atkins

Weds 6th March – Spring Concert to Parents (2.00pm & 6.00pm)

Fri 8th March – Y3 Swallow – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Weds 13th March – Y2 Rainbow Theatre (Great Fire of London)

Thurs 14th March – Y1 Trip to Amberley Working Museum

Fri 15th March – YR Duck – Class Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Mon 25th March – Y4 Trip to Drusillas Animal Park

Weds 27th March – Easter Breakfast for Duck & Hen Class

Thurs 28th March – Last Day of Term

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April – Easter Holiday

Fri 26th April – Swift Class-led Assembly for parents (9.00am)

Activities that have been taking place....

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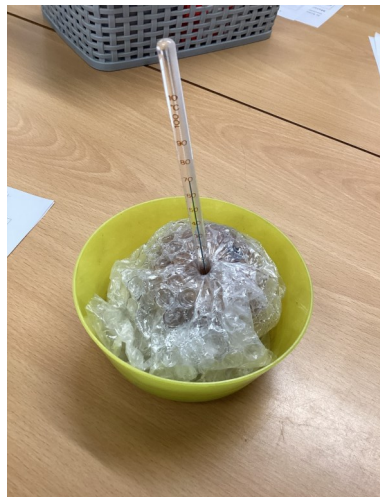


Hen and Duck class have been busy learning all about People who help us. We have been lucky enough to visit the local Fire station and had great fun learning about the fire engines and the how to use the hose. We have also had lots of parents visit, who work in the industry of helping others, to share infor-



YEAR 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed the science that they have completed so far this term. We have been learning about insulation and recently tested different materials to see which one could keep a jacket potato hot for the longest time. We found out that bubble wrap was the best material! This was surprising as we predicted that foil would work the best! We discussed why jacket potatoes are not wrapped in bubble wrap in the oven though...!



YEAR 5

Year 5 explored space at South Downs Planetarium. We watched the dome turn into the night sky, toured the International Space Station and visited the planets of our solar system. We learnt so much about our universe.



Year 5 have enjoyed experimenting with different techniques to depict an image of the Moon. They used different media such as water colour, pastel, pen and ink, collage and pencil shading. They then chose their preferred medium to create their final piece.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had an excellent day at Newhaven Fort this week.



We enjoyed a hands-on workshop, exploring a range of World War Two artefacts to further our understanding of life on the Home Front.

We experienced a replica air-raid and also met a war veteran too.



THANK YOU

There was a burst of colour at our school today when the children and staff wore non-uniform to support the Chestnut Tree House association. Everyone was encouraged to wear something colourful, bringing vibrancy and cheer to our school community, whilst raising funds for this meaningful cause. They are a local charity and they carry out vital work in supporting children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Caroline, from the Chestnut Tree House, came into our school to tell us all about the loving work they do and in return we raised an impressive **£480!**

If you're interested in learning more about the incredible work of Chestnut Tree House, please visit their website: <https://www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/>



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.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

In the event of rain on an outdoor club day - Please telephone after approx. 2.15pm by which time a decision would have been made and there will be a club's answerphone message which will let you know if any clubs have been cancelled. We will also follow up with a text message.

TERM DATES 2023-2024

Spring Term

Tues 2nd January – Thurs 28th March 2024 (INSET: 2nd Jan 2024)

(Half term holiday: 12th – 16th February)

Summer Term

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

(Half term holiday: 27th – 31st May)

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