



BROADWATER  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have reached this point of the year already!

So much has happened this term with all that has been going on – from exciting trips and inspirational visitors to art projects and learning Easter songs. This week there has been a special focus on the Easter Story and across the school, all children have been involved in a week of prayer and reflection activities. With the weather being warmer, we have been able to begin to use our completed prayer garden this week, and hope to continue to do so more regularly as the summer progresses. Do please take the time to check out the news feed on the website to see what the children have been up to recently.

A massive thank you to all who volunteer to support F@B – the disco this half term was a real success. Thank you too to all who have volunteered on trips and visits, or to support various learning projects or with supporting readers in school. Your help is greatly valued. If there are any parents, carers or grandparents who could offer any time to listen to young readers in the school we would always welcome you – just get in touch with the school office.

We say goodbye to Mrs Eccles this week, and wish her all the best in her new school.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break, and look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the summer term on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

God Bless,  
Mr Morrissey

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

## Diary Dates 2024

### March

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term**

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holiday**

### April

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – First day of the school summer term**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April – YR Curriculum News Meeting for parents (2.50pm)**

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> April – Y1 Curriculum News Meeting for parents (2.50pm)**

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April – Y2 Curriculum News Meeting for parents (2.50pm)**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Y6 Trip to Highdown Hill (drop off & pick up by parents)**

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Y4 Mtg for Parents re. Multiplication check (2.45 & 6pm)**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – Swift Class-led Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – F@B Quiz Night (7.00pm)**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May Y6 BIKEABILITY Week**

### May

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Y2 Puffin Class-led Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 Toucan Class-led Assembly for parents (9.00am)**

**Mon 13-Thurs 16 May – Y6 SATs Week**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y6 Trip to Paultons Park**

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y5 Heron Class Trip to Ford Recycling Centre**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Kingfisher Class Trip to Ford Recycling Centre**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Whole School CLASS PHOTOS**

**27-31 May – HALFTERM BREAK**

# Activities that have been taking place....

## YEAR R

We finished off an incredible term with an Easter breakfast. Mr Cooper read us a blessing before we ate cereal, hot cross buns and bread. Mr Cooper then re-told us the Easter story, showing us why hot cross buns look the way they do. What a lovely way to end the term.



## YEAR I

A great day out at Amberley Museum last week. Year 1 rode on a narrow-gauge railway, an old Southdown bus and built their own wagon-wheel. The sun shone and we had a great time learning from the objects and artefacts.



## YEAR 2

Year Two have been making Great Fire of London houses! We used many skills including measuring, sawing, cutting, constructing and problem solving. What a great day!



## YEAR 3

Year 3 had a fantastic day at their Robot workshop. They explored lots of different CAMs and learnt how they work. They then built their own toy robot and decorated it with lots of craft materials. Everyone had a brilliant day!



# YEAR 3



As part of Year 3's Marvellous Moving Machines topic, they have learnt all about pasta machines and how they have changed overtime. They then made their own pasta using the machine, thinking about how to shape it and how many times to roll it through to get the perfect pasta! Everyone had a brilliant time!



## YEAR 4



This week, Year 4 had an amazing time creating their own rainforest houses in DT. Using an assortment of "natural" resources, they planned, designed and built their houses in teams, thinking about what they had learnt about how people live in the rainforest. Their teachers were amazed at their creativity, problem solving and perseverance when faced with challenges. We all had a really fantastic time. Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped on the day!



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning all about space! In science, the children jumped and placed post-it notes on the wall. Then, using a mathematical equation, they calculated how high they could jump on different planets (which have different levels of gravity) and presented this information in a graph.



Eight children from Year 5 were invited to go to a Choral Day at Christ Hospital School. While we were there, we learnt four new songs, watched the marching band and then performed the songs we had learnt to an audience. It was a great day.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 have been busy sewing: making textile teddy bears suitable for an evacuee child. We designed them, used templates to cut out the fabric and then used a range of stitches to sew the bears together. Don't they look brilliant!



We finished our World War Two topic, 'When the siren sounds', this week with a VE-Day-style celebration with parents. It was lovely for parents to share the children's topic work from the term. The children entertained us with their wartime 1940's-style dances too.





# SPORTS REPORT

## 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Girls Football – 7<sup>th</sup>

The team had a fully-packed schedule in which they played against 8 different schools. It was a very competitive tournament with 6 of the games ending 1-0 and 2 games 0-0. Unfortunately, they were on the wrong end of the score line more often than not with 4 defeats and 2 victories. That placed them 7<sup>th</sup> overall out of the 9 schools but the girls had a great time throughout.



## 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Netball – 7<sup>th</sup> out of 10

The team played several matches and showed real improvement as the tournament progressed. Even in the pouring rain!



## March 6<sup>th</sup> –Year 2 Cross country

### Boys 4<sup>th</sup>/14, Girls 4<sup>th</sup>/14, Charlie Individual Gold!

Fantastic performances from both the boys and girls teams at the cross country event. Both teams finishing in a superb 4<sup>th</sup> place out of the 14 competing teams. With around 80 children in both races, there were some excellent individual displays, with Charlie the most impressive of all as he took victory and the gold medal in the boys race!



## March 7<sup>th</sup> –Year 4 Netball – winners!

There were high hopes for this team of incredibly talented netball players going in to the tournament and they backed up those hopes in spectacular fashion! They blew the competition away as they dominated their group with some resounding wins as they won all 4 matches.

They then played the final against Bramber, who had won their group, and it was a much tighter affair. However, Broadwater found the extra moments of quality to win 2-1 and take the gold medals!



## **March 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Football Tournament – 4<sup>th</sup> in group**

A mixed bag of results for the usually consistent team of year 4 boys. 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats saw them finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place in their group of 7 teams and miss out on the semi-finals this time.



## **March 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 3&4 Penalty Shootout – Year 3 5<sup>th</sup>, Year 4 6<sup>th</sup>**

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5&6 Penalty Shootout – Year 5 =9<sup>th</sup>, Year 6 =9<sup>th</sup>**

Broadwater hosted a very busy couple of afternoons which saw 20 teams and 120 children competing in the penalty shootout competitions. A massive congratulations must go to the Year 6 sports leaders who helped run, referee and score across the 2 afternoons – they were brilliant!

As always, penalties can be a real lottery and all of our teams kept finding themselves on the end of the narrowest of defeats.

But all 24 of our children from across Key Stage 2 had a great time and there were a lot of debuts for children representing the school!



# Thank you from the Rockinghorse Children's Charity

Every child in child in Broadwater took part in the relay run around our field to raise money for Rockinghorse Children's Charity. Thank you for all your generous donations and we raised £387.78.



# Updates & Reminders

## **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 2024-2025**

## **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 )

## **AUTUMN TERM**

Monday 2nd September 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024  
(Half Term holiday: Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024)

## **SPRING TERM 2025**

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025  
(Half Term holiday: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025)

## **SUMMER TERM**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Tuesday 22nd July 2025  
(Half Term holiday: Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025)

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