



Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

'We serve one another in love' Luke 10v27



Respect

Resilience

Hope

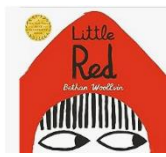
Love

This term our Collective Worship theme is **COMMUNITY**

'Live in harmony with one another' Romans 12v16

This week

In our **Otter Class**, for Science, the children made a **Pulsilogium**. This is a tool created by Santorio in 1602 and was used to measure the heartbeat or pulse of an individual. The children explored the accuracy and tested it through lots of active play! Great work Otters!



Every class is currently creating a beautiful display to celebrate their writing for their first English learning journey of the term. Each class has used a book based on the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' to support their English learning.



In DT, this week, our **Barn Owls** have been exploring stability to decide which shape would be best for Baby Bear's chair. The children discovered it was the pyramid that proved to be most stable. We can't wait to see your finished designs Barn Owls 😊

Child of Hope

Next week, on Friday 27th September, we are inviting our children to wear the colours from the Ugandan flag (black, yellow end red) to celebrate our developing partnership with a Ugandan school, through the Child of Hope charity. We will be making a collection via ParentPay which will be sent to Uganda to support the ongoing work of this charity.



During our Ugandan Day the children will learn more about life in Uganda and explore what it might be like to be part of a Ugandan school.

Child of Hope is a Christian charity which seeks to improve life for the poor children and families in Eastern Uganda by providing free education and health care. For more information please follow this link [Child of Hope](#)

SAFEGUARDING

At Broad Chalke, keeping children safe is always a priority and our safeguarding duty. The purpose of these weekly updates is to raise awareness and support you as parents.

As you know improving school attendance is a national government target. The DFE and Wiltshire expectations for attendance have recently changed.

- You can only allow your child to miss school if they are ill or have advance permission from the school (only exceptional circumstances)
- A holiday, in term time, is not considered exceptional circumstances – the fines have also increased.

As a school our expectation for attendance is **97%**.

We understand there are times children get poorly and need time to recover; we are keen to support families as and when this happens.

Your child's attendance will be reported to you at the upcoming parents' evenings. If your child's attendance is a concern, you may be contacted or receive a letter. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like support, please contact us.

Attendance	Number of days absent in a year	Time missed in 5 years	Time missed over 10 years
99%	2 days	10 days	1 month
97%	6 days	1.5 months	3 months
95%	9.5 days	3 months	6 months
90%	19 days	6 months	1 year
85%	28.5 days	9 months	1.5 years
80%	38 days	1 year	2 years

Best wishes Heather Luft
(Headteacher)

Friends of Broad Chalke School News

Date for the Diary: Christmas Wreath Workshop Tuesday 10th December

It's only September and we're mentioning the 'C' word!!! But this is a date we Really don't want you to miss. Announcing with a drum roll.... we will be hosting a Christmas Wreath Workshop in the evening of Tuesday 10th December so, if you're interested, pencil it in your diary now before any festive clashes occur! Booking information will follow soon

Stikins® Name Labels

The children are back, and WhatsApp's are already flowing with lost property alerts! ... And with football kicking off again, it's only going to escalate.... If you know, you know!!! How a jumper and a single shoe (that's right, not even a pair) walk off together we will never know...

If you haven't yet managed to label your little ones' items, and to help track down the inevitable lost property, we thought we'd give you a little reminder of our collaboration with Stikins® Name Labels. Their labels are Great and for every order made, we receive 30% commission. Mostly next day delivery. No sewing or ironing, just sticking; onto anything and everything. Jobs a goodun!

To order, visit www.stikins.co.uk, click 'order now' and enter our unique **School Fundraising Number 2789**

Class Reps

The start of the new academic year is great time to think about class reps. Each year, every class appoints a couple of representatives to provide a link between FOBS, parents and school. They play such an admirable and important role in keeping both the committee and parents connected, sharing ideas, communicating and promoting fundraisers, as well as rallying volunteer support for events and helping with collections. Historically, they have furthermore beavered away at Christmas to help collate and wrap Christmas Colour Hampers for raffling, as well as help Father Christmas's elves keep on top of their wrapping ahead of his hotly anticipated visit to school! Having a couple of reps per class really helps to share responsibilities and so we recommend 2, maybe 3, to support each other. Attending open committee meetings is by no means compulsory, however it may be helpful in understanding and communicating collective thoughts. In the past, we understand some coffee dates have also been arranged with class reps to help this line of communication.

With the hugest thank you to all those who have so fabulously filled these roles over the last year, we would kindly like to ask each class to please consider and decide on their reps for this new academic year. It may be that your existing reps are more than happy to continue with their heroic efforts, or it may be that parents wish to redistribute responsibilities; we wholeheartedly appreciate that personal situations and 'life balance' is ever changing. Ultimately, whatever you're happy with, we're happy with; just let us know and we look forward to working with you all over the coming year!

Year R, in particular, will need new reps appointing. We would advise at least one of these reps to be an existing parent to help guide the way, but we would also love to openly encourage any new parents who may also be interested to 'grab the bull by the horns' and get involved! It would be fabulous to have you on board!

A happy weekend to all..... The Friends of BC School Team

