



# Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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*

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents' evening. We hope you found this an informative and helpful evening. It was lovely to see parents enjoying looking at books and celebrating how wonderful their children are 😊

## Super Assembly

I am so impressed with how brilliantly the children at Broad Chalke show courageous advocacy and share passions. This week Athena, Florence and Lily, from Year 4, led an amazing assembly about endangered species and how we can look after our planet. The presentation was informative and engaging. Well done!

## Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our annual Harvest Festival which is being held, in school, on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm**. Children from each class will present a Harvest reflection, we will sing some songs and the choir will perform.



On Wednesday we welcomed a member of the **Trussell Trust** to talk to the children about how they support people in Salisbury, who are in need. As in previous years we are asking for food donations. Please send in:

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| - Tinned meat     | - Tinned fish | -Tinned potatoes | -Tinned fruit          |
| - Tinned puddings | - UHT milk    | - Tea bags       | -Rice                  |
| - Biscuits        | - Jam         | - Pulses         | - Instant coffee       |
| - Cooking sauce   | - Noodles     | - Beans          | -Long life fruit juice |

**Please send food in from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.**

**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.*

Yesterday was **World Mental Health Day**. We know that the world can be a challenging place to grow up in. Young Minds charity provides lots of advice and support for families e.g. how to be a good listener, building positive mental health and understanding trauma. For more information please follow this link <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>



At Broad Chalke we offer different interventions and experiences to support positive mental health and encourage children to talk. For example: Dog therapy (Crumble), ELSA, Lego Therapy, Kitchen Nurture, Drawing & Talking and Forest Fun. If you think your child might benefit from some additional support, please talk to your child's teacher. Our pastoral team meet on a regular basis; we really want to support our pupils to flourish.

We hope our brilliant Dragonflies have a FANTASTIC residential at 'The Beacon' next week 😊

Best wishes  
Heather Luft (Headteacher)

## Friends of Broad Chalke School News

### Christmas Wreath Workshop Bookings \*LIVE\*

Bookings are officially LIVE & OPEN for our Christmas wreath workshop on the evening of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December!** Please see the attached poster for further information about the evening, but we have lined up for you a fun, festive event, expertly led by a professional florist and a fabulous support team, complete with mulled wine and all the luxuries! This really is one not to miss and treat yourself to! To book, please visit Classlist and the 'What's On' tab... just make sure this is refreshed for the latest upcoming events. To fully secure your place, please make payment by BACS (following the booking instructions) and complete all booking questions. Spaces are limited, so be sure to get in quick to avoid disappointment if it's been on your radar! Please note that Broad Chalke School parents/carers/staff will receive first priority for bookings, until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, and any remaining spaces thereafter will be opened up to the local community. We can't wait to host this one and really look forward to seeing you there!

### \*NEW\* Astra Recycling Textile Bank

Next week, we are due to take receipt of our new textile recycling bank, switching our scheme from Bag2School to AstraRecycling. Gone are the days (hopefully!) of storing up all those items from a clear out and piling them up in front of the main entrance, once a term! The bank will be positioned in front of the bicycle shelter, next to the big bins, for easy use and will also be accessible to anyone from our local community to use and contribute to our fundraising.

The beauty of Astra is that it takes so much more than Bag2School and provides a more 'complete' recycling scheme. They take *all* clothing, including branded uniform (thereby giving us an outlet to greenly dispose of all the large old logo jumpers which were phased out at the end of last year), as well as all clothing accessories (e.g. shoes, bags, hats, belts etc), bed linen and soft toys. Importantly, they will recycle clothing and textiles that are not only fit for resale by export, but they will also recycle those items which have seen better days by shredding and repurposing the materials. Please just make sure items are **clean**, and not wet or soiled, and that they are also **bagged** before depositing; items must not be thrown in loose. The only request of what they DO NOT take is duvets, pillows, cushions, rugs and carpets, offcuts, threads or yarns.

So, everything so far sounds great! What could possibly go wrong!?! ..... Well.....!

According to Astra, the most likely potential issue is that, at some point, someone will accidentally deposit something into the bank that they weren't supposed to. Think mobile phones and car keys.... We knew your eyes would widen!!! The best advice is to obviously tuck everything safely in pockets and keep the depositing to adults only, however, on that occasion that you *do* deposit your car keys, contact Astra and they will arrange to meet you at an agreed time. Tel: 02392 177360.

While we get started with this new scheme, and in anticipation of not having had a clothing collection for a couple of months, bin space could be at a premium! Astra routinely empty bins fortnightly and quicker, by request, if full. Please bear with us while we get any full bins turned around and collected as soon as possible, with the potential stream of recycling hopefully settling into a steady flow. Can we please just politely request that, if the bin is full, keep hold of your recycling safely in your car for a few days until the bin is empty again and *do not* leave any bags dumped around the base/vicinity of a full bin 😊.

We're really excited about this change in service and hope it proves useful to all. Bring it on, Astra!

### Open Committee Meetings

Just a quick update to let you know that meetings will resume again at the start of next term, and we are just working on setting a 'pattern' for as to when these will regularly feature, so you will always know when to expect them....

*That's us over and out for another week and a happy weekend to all....! The Friends of BC School Team*



