



Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



'We serve one another in love' Luke 10v27

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

'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love' 1 Cor 13v13

Wonderful World Book day!

We absolutely love special days like World Book day. Memorable events like this remind us of how fun life is in a primary school! We celebrated the day by having paired reading across the school, questioning authors, signing up for a mystery story teller and holding a stay and read parent event. Thank you to everyone who came into school, for making such a huge effort with dressing up and helping us to celebrate the wonderful world of books!



Parents' Evening

You are invited to attend Parents' Evening on Tuesday 19th March (face to face) and Thursday 21st March (Zoom except Year R which is face to face). Please book a slot via School Cloud.

Last year I sent out a parent questionnaire. Feedback included, opportunities to increase our communication about children's progress and targets. Therefore, as part of this term's parents' evening, pupil targets in reading, writing, maths and social/emotional development will be discussed. You will also receive a paper copy of the targets. We hope you find this helpful.

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.

This week I attended a networking meeting with different professionals (social workers, police, health etc) across Wiltshire to discuss how we can further support our families. As part of the discussion we found out more about the 'Wiltshire All Together' website which signposts parents, carers and families to different services within Wiltshire including SEN support, NHS advice and community services

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/AllTogether> There is also a link to free parenting courses (Positive parenting, Being a parent, SWAPP- Autism parent). These run throughout the year and I would highly recommend them.

Performance Poetry

I am delighted to announce our annual Performance Poetry event will be held on

Friday 19th April at 2.30pm.

Parents are invited to attend this event. Children are encouraged to learn a poem and be able to recite it. Every child will get the opportunity to perform the poem within their class and each class will vote for one boy and girl to perform at the Performance Poetry event.



Attendance

Now we are part of DSAT we have adopted their Attendance Policy. The expectation is for pupil attendance to be 96% or above. We fully understand that illness has a part to play in children's attendance. In line with the policy, if your child's attendance dips below this figure, and is not due to confirmed illness, you may be contacted in person or via an attendance letter (particularly if attendance is unauthorised e.g. holidays in term time). We continue to want to work in partnership so please let us know if we can support your child or you, as a family, with attendance.

Is your child Pupil Premium?

Are you a low-income family who currently receive Income support, Jobseeker's allowance or Child Tax Credit (based on an income below £16,190)? If so, you may qualify as Pupil Premium.

What does this mean?

The school can receive additional funds to support your child practically, academically, socially and emotionally. Your child would continue to receive free school meals, even in Key Stage Two, and we pay for one club, milk, fruit snack, uniform and trips.

If you would like to apply please follow this link <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1669/Free-school-meals>

If you would like to discuss whether you might qualify or need help completing the application, please contact admin@broadchalke.dsat.org.uk

Reminder...our last day of term is **Wednesday 27th March at 3.15pm**

Best wishes

Heather Luft (Headteacher)