

Friends of Broad Chalke School News

WELCOME!

A HUGE and heartfelt welcome to *all* our new parents, families and little ones who have started school this week! What an exciting journey you are all about to embark on! A very warm welcome too, to the handful of other new families that have also joined our school in other year groups, last week. And last but not least, *welcome back* to all our existing families! We hope you've all had the most fantastic summers full of memorable moments and are feeling recharged and ready to take on the year ahead...

As parents/carers you are automatic members of the Friends of Broad Chalke School (FOBS); the schools PTFA and a registered charity, established to support both the school and each and every child within it. Through fundraising and networking, FOBS helps to provide the extra resources, experiences and opportunities that may otherwise be unattainable within school. We would love to encourage every member, both old and new, to get involved whenever/however you feel able; which we understand will naturally 'eb and flow' as you navigate home, work and school life! Meeting others, creating some of that childhood 'magic' as well as having Lots of fun is all part of the package.... And our doors, ears and ideas are always open to all.

Let's all get our little ones and ourselves settled back/into 'school routine' for a few weeks and thereafter we can begin to bash out plans for 24/25!

Chalke Valley Fete

FOBS had a bit of a busy summer break! Between navigating holidays and harvest for some, we agreed to take part in the local Chalke Valley Fete. The Fete has grown exceptionally over the last 3 years and it was an absolute pleasure to support it this time. The CVF Committee invited us to help run their raffle, with the return of donating us 50% of the proceeds. With thanks to those who helped to set up/pack down, man the stall and organise the receipt of prizes, we successfully ran a bumper raffle selling 799 tickets in 3 hours (with a frantic last half-hour rush!). The Fete have kindly made us a **£400** donation in return. We know many parents also helped the fete in various other capacities and it was really lovely to see some familiar faces there, as well as catch up with members both past and present.

The day also marked the 'official' grand opening of the Broad Chalke Playground! We are incredibly thankful to The Friends of Broad Chalke Playground, and particularly proud of Rosie Morgan for her instrumental role in developing and realising this incredible local build. From the 'mouths of babes', "it's Epic"! What an amazing local facility our children are lucky enough to sprint to at the end of a school day.

Enjoy your weekend!

The Friends of BC School Team



The calm before the storm!