

Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 15th September

With the love of God we learn, care, grow and share



This term our Collective Worship theme is GENEROSITY

'God loves a cheerful giver' 2 Corinthians 9v7

All of our children now seem settled in their new classes and there is a buzz of learning around the school!

I am currently starting to show new parents around the school for Sept 2024. If you know of a local family who would like a tour, please encourage them to make an appointment 😊

It was lovely to welcome our EYFS parents for a stay and share today while the rest of the school enjoyed a celebration assembly. Thank you, Mrs Shelley, for stepping in last minute as the new term's bugs have robbed me of a voice!

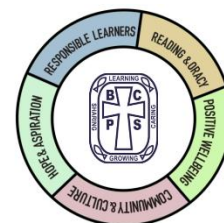
Next week our Year 4 children will be enjoying our first school visit of the year to Bolderwood which will support their Geography learning this term. Photos to follow next week!

DSAT conversion update

Next week we are welcoming a small team from DSAT who are spending the day in school to get to know us and begin developing our partnership. We are on track to convert on 1st December.

Day to day you will not notice many differences as we will continue to be Broad Chalke School! The exciting changes are the offer of high-quality professional development for all staff, regular on-going support and a sparkly new logo and website which will be coming soon...when I have finished it! I will keep you posted.

As a school we want to ensure our curriculum offer is exciting, engaging and bespoke to Broad Chalke. With this in mind, we have decided on five drivers which will help our planning and decision making. During our INSET all staff reflected on what we already do and then considered what we could do in the future. I will now be asking pupils for their thoughts!



An exciting new idea shared was to re-establish a link with another school from a different culture. I am delighted to announce we hopefully going to be developing a partnership with a school in Uganda. We are beginning our journey by holding a Ugandan day on 29th September in support of the charity Child of Hope. This is a Christian charity which seeks to improve life for slum children and their families in Eastern Uganda by providing free education, healthcare. We are inviting children to wear the colours of the Ugandan flag (black, yellow and red) if they would like to. We will be making a collection via parent pay, if you would like to donate or children can bring in £1. I am sure this immersive day will be very memorable...especially as Mrs Tribbeck and her team will be creating a Ugandan style lunch!

SAFEGUARDING


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

This week I have had a number of concerns raised about parking and the safety of our children at drop off and pick up.

Please can I remind parents to utilise the MUGA car park as well as our school facilities. I would also ask parents to consider the option of car sharing to reduce the volume of vehicles. No cars should be parked in the disabled spaces (unless you have a prior agreement with the school or are registered disabled).

No children should be on site, unaccompanied, before 8.40pm. Year 5 and 6 children may walk in on their own, in order to prepare them for secondary school, but they should wait by classroom doors. No football should be played in case of injury, there are no school staff on duty to supervise.

Warmest regards



Child of hope

Heather Luft
Headteacher

Term Dates 2023-24

September

- 15th – Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1
- 21st- Y4 Trip to Bolderwood
- 22nd- Celebration Assembly KS2
- 28th- School photographs (individual)
- 29th- Uganda Day- more information to follow
- 29th- Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1

October

- 5th- Stay and Read 2.40pm
- 6th- Celebration Assembly KS2
- 9th- Year 5 Residential to Lee Abbey
- 9th-16th- Bikeability Y6
- 17th- Harvest Festival
- 18th – Last day of term 1

Half Term- 19th October-27th October

- 30th- INSET (no pupils in school)

November

- 2nd- Bags to School
- 3rd- Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1
- 7th- whole school flu immunisation
- 10th- Remembrance Service
- 14th & 16th- Parent's Evening
- 17th- Celebration Assembly KS2
- 24th- Celebration Assembly EYFS & KS1
- 30th- A Night at the Museum event (more details to follow)

December

- 1st- Christmas craft day
- 4th- INSET (no pupils in school)
- 7th – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- 12th- KS2 carol concert
- 18th- Party Day
- 19th- Christmas lunch & Pantomime
- 20th- Last day of term 2

Christmas Holidays- 21st Dec-3rd January