



Broadwindsor Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already we are at the end of the second week back at school. The children are really settling back well into new school year. We have been especially impressed with the reception children this year and they managed to join us for whole-school assembly from day two.

You may have heard that we trying to improve lunchtime routines so children wait for less time to get their lunch and Mary Anning come into the hall before the other children so that they can be settled and have a more relaxed lunch experience. Jane Austen children (Year 5 and 6) are taking it in turns to help the younger children cut up their food and talk to them. It is very important that the school community acts as a family and looks out for each other.



Thank you to all the parents who joined the children, staff and members of the community at Broadwindsor Church to take part in the commissioning last Friday. I was presented with some important items including a formal handing over of the PE shed keys from sports leaders, so I must try hard not to lose them! It was a very moving moment and a lovely way to welcome me to Broadwindsor. It included a reading from the Bible, focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit which are our Christian values. Our collective worship programme this term will take one of these values each week this term to explore with the children. You might want to put Friday 12th October in your diary as this our Harvest Festival in church, which all the children will be attending and you are most welcome to join us.

Beach Clean



A group of the older eco group, accompanied by Mrs Taylor, have been involved in a Beach Clean at West bay. The children are very concerned about the throwing away of plastics which often end up in our oceans. The group are hoping to make a big impact along with other schools at this event. Thank you Mrs Taylor for coordinating event and getting our conservation work off to a great start!

As I emphasised in our previous letter, we will continue to offer you lots of opportunities to be involved in your child's education, such as parents' evenings, chances to see your child's learning and be involved in a range of events. Our Parent Assembly at 2.30pm on Monday 24th September is a great opportunity to be involved and see some of the fantastic work the children are doing. All parents are welcome to join us at this assembly so please come along. Hopefully, you have received a copy of your class newsletter from class teachers, giving you details about this term and how you can support your child at home. Each class teacher will also be holding short, after school class meetings so you can come and find out about class routines and how you can help with your child's learning. Thomas Hardy had their meeting after school yesterday.

William Barnes – Thursday 20th September after school
Jane Austen – Monday 17th September after school

Mrs Russell will be holding two introductory workshop sessions for parents who have children that have just started school. These sessions will provide you with the opportunity to learn more about these areas of learning and to see some of the materials and resources used in the teaching of these subjects.

- Introduction to Reading in Reception Tuesday 18th September 9.00- 9.30 am
- Introduction to Mathematics in Reception Tuesday 25th September 9.00-9.30 am

For our older pupils there are open day opportunities at Beaminster secondary school coming up at the start of October. Monday 1st October is especially designed for pupils and parents from our school, along with families from Beaminster St Mary's and Parrot and Axe.

Dates for the diary

Friday 21 st September	Drum Starts
Monday 24 th September	Parents' Assembly
Wednesday 26 th September	Reception Class Photograph for Bridport News
Monday 1 st October	Beaminster School Open morning for Broadwindsor 9-10.30am
Wednesday 3 rd October	Beaminster School Open morning (Open to all) 9-10.30am
Thursday 11 th October	Radstock Museum trip for Jane Austen
Friday 12 th October	Harvest Festival 9.15am
Monday 15 th October	Parent Consultation meetings
Wednesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation meetings

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – School closed for half term
Thursday 1st November School Open Morning 9 -10.30am
Monday 26th November School closed to children for In-service Training Day

Once again may I wish all of our school community a very successful and happy year and well done to the children for making a good start back!

Best wishes

Philip Smith

Headteacher