



Broadwindsor Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who came last Monday to our parents' assembly. It was great to see so many of you there, so we can share what the children are learning about at the moment. Highlights included: Thomas Hardy sharing their retelling of 'The Tiger who came to tea' which they have also retold in their writing books and Mary Anning showing some of their first art at school; while older pupils shared written work they were proud of including English and topic work. We also had our first handwriting awards which were given to one child in each year group. These awards will encourage children to try their best in this area. The school is having a focus on presentation and handwriting which is so important for children to take pride in their work. If children have any achievements from outside of school such as music and sporting awards to badges awarded from beavers and scouts, we would love to see them at sharing assembly on Mondays. Please come and join us at our next assembly for parents on **Monday 29th October at 2.30pm.**

Each the year the school publishes its plans for the year which is known as the School Development Plan. At the recent Governing Body meeting, this year's plans were outlined. These will be finalised by the end of October and focus on further improving pupil outcomes. This year one of our main priorities will be improving the children's reading and writing skills right across the school. An important part of this plan is providing professional development for teachers and improving the learning environment. We are starting with a focus on our school library and ICT space so hopefully you will notice improvements in this area over the next few months.



Learning to read is a partnership between school and home so please hear your child read every day if possible and record in their reading diary.

PTA Meeting

Everyone is welcome to come along to the first PTA meeting on 11th October at 2pm. The PTA offers vital funding for the children at Broadwindsor School and needs new members to continue the fundraising success that we have had in the past. It is also a great social group of people too! We would be particularly pleased to see parents and friends of our new Reception children coming along to the event. I will be there and can offer you a cup of tea so come along and see what our plans will be.



Keeping Active!

William Barnes class are taking part in a Hockey Festival this Monday afternoon with other local schools, which will give the children an introduction to hockey skills which we can then develop in our PE lessons over the next few weeks. Our keen footballers have been training with Mr Leader and Mrs Hammersley on Tuesday lunchtimes ahead of Kenway Cup matches after half-term. A group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in the Primary Leadership Academy to become Bronze Ambassadors on October 10th and then they will be able to use their skills at lunchtimes as sports leaders. Mrs Crier has taken on an additional role as a Play Leader at lunchtimes. In this role she will support children being active during their lunch break and overseeing the sports leaders as well. Our playground buddies are now on duty at break times and wear red sweatshirts. They help children with minor problems that they might have and support our family caring ethos we think is so important. Of course children are encouraged to speak to staff on duty if they have problems too.

Harvest Festival



Reverend Jo and the children are looking forward to presenting their thoughts about Harvest at our annual Harvest Festival at the church on the 12th October at 9.15am. Mrs Killick has been busy practicing songs with the children and they are sounding great.

This year we would like donations towards supporting a local food bank in Bridport. These need to be foods which can be stored at a food bank such as cans, packets and cereals.

Open Day

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Open Day on 1st November. You are welcome to see the children taking part in their usual learning routines between 9 and 10.30am. Some of the older children will act as tour guides and it would be a great opportunity to see the children's learning from this term. Please promote the Open Day in the community and especially with families who have young children.

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After School Clubs

We are lucky to have a number of after school clubs running at the moment. After half-term we will also be having an After School Church Club on Mondays. There will be a Dodgeball Club on Tuesdays and Art Club continues on Wednesday. Please help our cleaning staff by ensuring your child doesn't need to re-enter classrooms after clubs as cleaning has often been completed before the end of clubs. Children are to use the William Barnes class toilets at after school clubs.



Dates for the diary

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
Monday 8 th October	School Nurse Drop-In Session 2.45-3.45pm
Wednesday 10 th October	Bronze Ambassador training for selected pupils
Thursday 11 th October	Radstock Museum trip for Jane Austen class
Friday 12 th October	Harvest Festival 9.15am in the Church
Monday 15 th October	Parents Consultation meetings
Wednesday 17 th October	Parents Consultation meetings

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October – School closed for half term

Thursday 1 st November	School Open Morning 9 -10.30am
Monday 26 th November	School closed to children for In-service Training Day

Thank you for continued support

Best wishes

Philip Smith
Headteacher

