



Broadwindsor Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and hope you managed to have some time as a family and the weather was great for the children to get outdoors and be active! I thought with a quite a few things coming up in the next few weeks I would write to you to remind you about them.

Sharing Assembly

Thank you to all of you who attended the sharing assembly on Monday. As we have an INSET day on the last Monday in November unfortunately we will not be obviously having an assembly that day. Instead we would like to invite you to the annual decorating tree assembly on Friday 7th December at 9am which I hear is a Broadwindsor tradition.

Remembrance at Broadwindsor



At 3pm on Monday 12th November we will hold a short act of remembrance outside in the playground to remember the men from Broadwindsor who lost their lives in the first and second world war. We will hear the names read out, hold 2 minutes silence and pray for peace.

Following the act of remembrance at 3pm, Church After School Club will host a memory cafe, where children, parents and members of the community are invited to come and share any stories, memories or artefacts about members of their family who have served in the armed forces at any time. There will be activities, tea and biscuits and a chance to chat and listen to one another.

We will be selling poppies and other items which can be bought for a donation ahead of Remembrance Day. Please see the separate letter about this.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please read the attached letter carefully which outlines our commitment to attendance across all the schools in our Collaboration. It is vitally important that we all support children having their entitlement to access the best possible education and consistent attendance has to be a major key to this. As the letter attached sets out, we monitor children's attendance closely and where pupils' attendance falls below 95%, we will contact parents in order that we can work together to improve your child's attendance.



Open Day – Thursday 1st November

Just a reminder that it is our Open Morning between 9 and 10.30 am. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school. 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. This is an ideal opportunity for families who have children starting in September 2019.

The logo for 'OPEN DAY' features the word 'OPEN' in a multi-colored font (red, blue, green, yellow) above the word 'DAY' in a blue and green font.

School photographs

Tempest Photography are in on Friday 9th November to take individual photographs of children. Sibling and family group photographs take place from 8.30am so please bring your family into the hall for these pictures and wait for your slot.

Children in Need - 16th November

The children very much want to support Children in Need this year which falls on 16th November this year. The School Council will send you details of what we will be doing this year once they have met and decided.

Visiting Salisbury Cathedral

At the recent Governing Body meeting it was decided that all the children within the school should have the opportunity to visit their diocese cathedral in Salisbury at least once in their time at being in school. With the schedule of visits planned this year it has been decided not to have the visit to Salisbury in this academic year. However, the school is going to look in to the Year 6 pupils taking part in the Leaver's day events they have in the summer term at Salisbury so that they have the opportunity to visit the Cathedral. For families that have already made a voluntary contribution towards the postponed visit they can ask the school office for a refund or use the money against other educational visits this year. Please speak to Mrs. Dawson.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 1 st November	School Open Morning 9 -10.30am
Thursday 8 th November	Young Shakespeare Company for KS2
Friday 9 th November	Tempest Photographs for Individual and Family
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need
Monday 26 th November	School closed to children for In-Service Training Day
Wednesday 28 th November	Netball Tournament (Year 5 and 6) Colfox 9.30am
Friday 30 th November	Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 5
Wednesday 5 th December	Christmas Show
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly
Tuesday 11 th December	Pantomime Trip to Octagon Theatre for whole school
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December	Last day of autumn term

Thank you for continued support

Best wishes

Philip Smith
Headteacher

