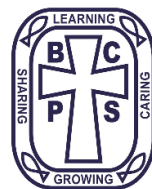


Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2023

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



This term our Collective Worship theme is **TRUTHFULNESS**

'Tell the Truth to each other' Zechariah 8v16

This week in school

Year 6 Designing

As part of their Design and Technology learning Year 6 designed, made and modified a playground design. This week we invited members of 'Friends of Broad Chalke Playground' to meet our pupil designers and see the models. The children are hoping some of their design features may be used in the re-design of Broad Chalke Village Playground.



Year 3 River Dipping



Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the river working with Wessex Water to explore the different wildlife in the River Ebble. The children carried out sorting activities and river dipping to find out what lives in the River Ebble. The children found mayfly, shrimps, stone fly larvae, caddis fly larvae, worms and leeches!

"I liked how we got to explore. We learnt about how the River Ebble is a chalk stream." Emily C

Year 1 Visit the Farm

The children had a fabulous time visiting Riverbourne Farm this week. As well as meeting animals they learnt more about how to care for different breeds.

"We saw pigs, they are my favourite- I got to feed them." Chase



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.

Broad Chalke Safeguarding Requests

- Please do not drop off children before 8am for Early Birds. Parents, please walk your child to the hall entrance to ensure your child registered
- Lots of children are in school without a hat- please ensure they also bring a water bottle especially during this hot weather
- As you know, The Chalke Valley History Festival is taking place next week- you may want to consider leaving earlier for drop off and pick up to ensure you are not held up in traffic.

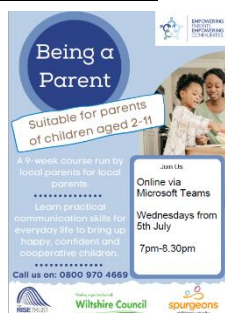
WRAP AROUND CARE

Following previous communication, I can confirm from September we will be offering after school care which will be named 'Night Owls'. The after-school care will run Monday-Friday 3.15-4.30pm.

As it stands, one member of staff has been secured. **If anyone in our community is interested in becoming a 'Night Owl Assistant'?** (Grade D £10.98 per hour)- if you are interested please email the office.

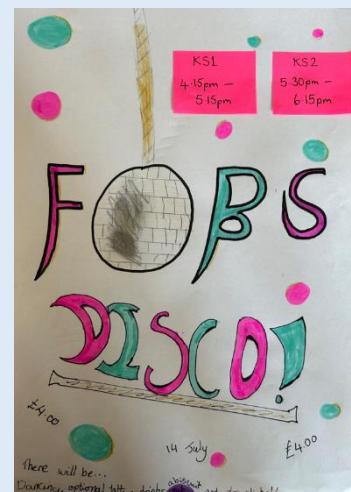
More information will follow. Numbers will be dependent on staff recruitment.

PARENTING



Being a parent is tough! An increasing number of parents are sharing with me the challenges of parenting and raising children in this modern world.

Thankfully there is support, help and advice available. A free online parenting course, suitable for parents of children aged 2-11, is available and starts on Wednesday 5th July. Please call 08009704669
If we can support, as a school, please do come and talk to me.



UNIFORM

As we approach the summer I know, as parents, we want to get uniform orders in place early! I can confirm our uniform will **not** change until September 2024. DSAT will also be providing a free jumper to every pupil to support our transition.

Please see below for a reminder about uniform expectations-

Winter Uniform

Navy Blue School Logo Sweatshirt or navy cardigan

Sky blue polo shirts

Black or blue flat school shoes (**no boots**)

Boys – Grey trousers; grey, black or dark blue socks

Girls – Navy or grey trousers, grey skirt, tunic or dress; grey, black, dark blue or white socks/tights

Summer Uniform

Boys – Grey shorts and as above

Girls – Blue gingham dress/skirt

Shoes or **closed toe** sandals – black or dark blue (flat)

P.E. and Games kit

Shorts (navy)

White School Logo T-shirts

Trainers

In winter navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings are advisable.



School embroidered polo shirt – optional

Hair accessories should reflect our school colours (navy, blue, white, black)

No jewellery should be worn (except stud earrings and these should be covered for PE)

Smart watches should not be worn

Message from our Chair of Governors

Last week the Governors, along with DSAT, hosted an open meeting to discuss our proposal to join DSAT. We were pleased to have given parents and the wider community the chance to have an open discussion. We are grateful to those who took the time to attend, or have subsequently made contact with us, and thank you all for your support as we continue on what we believe to be an exciting journey enabling us to secure a high provision of education in the Chalke Valley.

Yesterday was our annual governors in school day. We made drop in visits to all classes and received a presentation about our EYFS provision. Lunch gave us the opportunity to come together with staff, which is always time well spent. We are excited to see how the school has developed and progressed since our last governors day in school.

As we approach the end of another academic year we would like to thank you all for your support you have given to the life of the school and to all our staffing team for their continued commitment and dedication and assure them the summer holidays are just around the corner.....

Warmest regards

Heather Luft
Headteacher