

Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 7th July 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

I hope the children returned home, on Wednesday, enthused about their new class and teacher! Our move up session was a great success and the children were excited to find out their new class name. As you know, our class names are based on the wildlife found on the River Ebbles and suggestions were gathered from our school community. The results are as follows-

Year R= Ducklings, Year 1= Cygnets, Year 2= Barn Owls,

Year 3= Kingfishers, Year 4= Woodpeckers, Year 5= Dragonflies and Year 6= Otters.

I omitted to mention, in last week's newsletter, Year 6's visit to The Chalke Valley History Festival which they thoroughly enjoyed! This opportunity enriched their History learning; they returned with lots of interesting facts!

Also, last week, our Year 5 children spent an encounter day at Sarum Academy to help prepare them for secondary school. I received a delightful email from a member of the Art department who commented-

"I wanted to say how impressed we were with the behaviour and attitude to learning that your pupils displayed today. We, as an Art Department, were so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm" **WELL DONE YEAR 5!**



We are looking forward to seeing parent, grandparents and carers at our Sports Day on 17th July at 1.30pm. I am sure the weather will be glorious!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

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.

We are aware as we near the end of the school year pupils can feel more anxious. Children can display their worries in lots of different ways including withdrawal, arguing, bed wetting, moods etc. This website explains childhood anxiety in more detail and suggests techniques to support children

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/>.

Please speak to your child's teacher or me if you have concerns about your child.

FOBS School Disco (please give consent & pay on ParentPay)

Please note the timings for the upcoming disco **EYFS & KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm and KS2 5.30pm-6.45pm.**

Parents will need to register and drop children off at one of the outside school gates (these will be labelled). You will pick up your child at the same school gate. If your KS1 child is in an enrichment club, before the disco, please let us know so we can give them time to change into their disco clothes!

Change to School Timings

The DFE (Department for Education) has set the expectation that all mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. In order for us to fulfil this expectation we will need to increase our school day hours by 5 minutes. Therefore, commencing 1st September, our school start time will be 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm. Doors will open at 8.45am and children should be entering school at this time. Doors will shut at 8.55am. Any child arriving after this time will need to enter via the main entrance and a late mark will be put in the register. We have consulted with the bus companies and they will directly notify parents of the pick-up timings.

**Our Bags to School
raised £201 Thank you**

INSET DAYS 2023-24

1st Sept, 30th Oct,

4th Dec, 28th March &

3rd June *Please note additional*

*INSET day(s) may be added
following academisation*

Warmest regards
Heather Luft