

Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

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



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

'My peace I give to you' John 14v27

The children returned to school excited to share their holiday news. It sounds like lots of families had an adventurous half term! 😊

What a relief the weather has improved today which has meant our children can enjoy being outside. I'm sure you agree; our site looks particularly beautiful at the moment.

Lots of exciting learning has been taking place, this week, with the launch of new books to support our learning journey approach to English- teachers will be sharing the learning focus and celebrating the children's achievements through Seesaw, so please keep logging in!

Some of our Learning journey books for this term...

EYFS-



Cygnets-



Barn Owls-



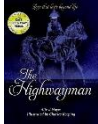
Kingfishers-



Wood peckers-



Dragonflies-



Otters-



The Home Learning Project (Y2-6), to support our umbrella theme 'A Night in the Museum', will be coming home today or Monday. We can't wait to see your finished projects. Books to be returned by Friday 8th December 😊

SAFEGUARDING

At Broad Chalke, keeping children safe is always a priority and our safeguarding duty. The purpose of these weekly updates is to raise awareness and support you as parents.

As we approach Bonfire night and firework displays- I am sharing a few links about firework safety which you might find helpful to share at home [Firework video](#) [Fire work safety code and video](#)



Parent's Evenings

Our Autumn parent's evening is taking place on **Tuesday 14th November** (face-to-face for all year groups) and **Thursday 16th November** (face-to-face for EYFS and Zoom for Y1-6). Please book a slot via school cloud

<https://broadchalke.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Flu Vaccination

Our in-school flu vaccinations are taking place next week on **Tuesday 7th November**. Please ensure you have completed the consent form <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts>

Phonics Workshop- Wednesday 8th November at 2pm in the hall

At Broad Chalke we use the phonics scheme Unlocking Letters and Sounds to support our teaching of Early Reading. We only launched this scheme in July and would like to keep you fully informed about the scheme and our approach to Early Reading by offering a phonics workshop to EYFS and Year 1 parents. We hope this informative session will help you to feel more confident when supporting your child with reading at home.

Our Community

- A huge thank you to everyone who brought bags 2 school. We raised **£193** which is fantastic!
- On Friday 10th November there will be no celebration assembly in school as we will be holding a **Remembrance Service** (weather permitting) at the war memorial (opposite the church) in Broad Chalke. We will aim to start the service at 10.50am and hold a two-minute silence at 11am. All welcome.
 - Following an assembly, led by Richard from 'House of Opportunity', today the children will be bringing home a leaflet about the **Christmas box appeal**. If you would like to support this initiative, Christmas boxes need to be brought to school on **20th November**
 - Attached to this newsletter is a letter from **DSAT** which holds details about how we will participate in their 10th anniversary celebrations. We are still on track to become part of the Trust on 1st December.
- Our **'Night at the Museum'** event is being held on Thursday 30th November (3.30pm-4.30pm). This will be an opportunity for parents to see the learning across the school and for children to engage in activities with their siblings and parents. More details to follow next week.



Message from our Governors- update about Broad Chalke School joining DSAT

As you are aware, in recent weeks and months we have been consulting on our plans to join the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust. Thank you to those who attended the meetings or responded to the online questionnaire. At the meeting, in June, we were able to present our rationale and discuss the options that had been considered. We were able to follow up a few questions with some of you individually. As part of the consultation, ourselves and the Trust were able to respond to each of the questions raised and there was nothing to materially affect our decision to make this move. Questions were largely around organisational changes, curriculum and uniform. In each of these cases, you will feel very little difference. The school leadership and staffing structure will remain the same and your day-to-day contact will continue as always. We will be working with the Trust to continually improve and refine our curriculum and education offer in the school as we do now, and we will benefit hugely from their advice and support. In terms of uniform, there is no need to worry – your children will be able to come to school in their current uniform as normal. Over the coming months, our uniform providers will be changing the logo to match the new logo design. You will be able to continue wearing the current uniform for as long as it is wearable but any new uniform you buy will have the new logo. Next September, DSAT will be gifting every child with a school sweatshirt with the new logo on. Currently, the move to the Trust is on schedule to take place on 1st December – we will let you know if there is any change to this. Mr Lacey, the Trust's CEO, will come into school early in the new year to lead a collective worship and to formally welcome the children and staff into the Trust. The day we join DSAT is actually the day of their 10th anniversary. We will be joining them online for a celebration event at 9.30am that morning so the children will quickly feel part of the wider family. As always, if there are questions you have, please do let us know.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and stay safe

Best wishes

Heather Luft (Headteacher)