

Newsletter 10

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Challenge, Equality & Opportunity

News, Information and Reminders

Covid Update

For the first time in as long as we can remember, we currently have no known confirmed positive cases amongst the pupil population in school, which is great news. We know how quickly this can change but we are hopeful that we are in a much more settled state as we go into next half term. Unfortunately, Covid is still affecting staffing levels in school, fingers crossed that this settles soon too, and of course that everyone remains well.

We anticipate changes in guidance soon, we will keep you up to date with how these affect school.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March and this year's theme is **You're a Reader!** The day will be a celebration of reading and books (fiction and non-fiction). Each class will spend the day doing lots of activities including some of our favourites:

- Reading families (children read with partners in other classes).
- Staff story swaps (mystery reading sessions with all staff in school).
- Cross curricular activities based around one book and one author for each class).



There will be a few surprises on the day too!

All children are asked to bring their favourite book from home, or to choose their favourite from the class library.

We would love to see everyone reading a favourite book on Twitter too. If you find time over the holidays and you would like to share a picture, please tweet us with the hashtag #BEFSreads



Clubs

We are restarting Lee Sterry clubs and art club after half term.

We are also starting some staff clubs in school with the children, these usually run at lunchtimes and so you won't need to complete any forms at home. Instead, staff will let children know in school and children can apply to join various activities. We try to include everyone but some clubs have to be limited in size in order to manage them safely.

Once we are in the new school, we will have much more space and will be able to return to our full extra-curricular programme of activities and clubs before and after school, as well as lunchtimes. It will be such a luxury to have two halls so that our wrap around care and our extra-curricular activities can both take place at the same time!

Chinese New Year



It was great to see Reception dressed in red and enjoying lots of activities for Chinese New Year. Thanks to one of our parents who came into school to share the story of Chinese New Year and to talk to the children about family traditions. Everyone had a great day and learnt lots!

Games and Apps Ratings

Please make yourself aware of the age ratings of the apps and games which your child uses online. There are several games, such as Fortnite, which none of our children at Broadway should be using and we think are having a negative impact on the ways that some children play. There are other more significant risks to children too and this is why the age ratings are in place. You can find out much more at www.internetmatters.org

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Parents and Carers' Evenings

Parents and Carers' evenings are planned for Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. We will set up the appointment bookings on ParentMail in the first week back after half term.

Parking

Again, we have had reports from local residents about cars parking across driveways and dangerous driving/parking in the area around school. We have also had reports of dangerous driving in the small car park outside of school. Please remember that you can park at the Three Mile and walk in from there, or you could park slightly further away from school and walk for the last 5 minutes of your journey. Of course, if you can manage it, the best way to travel to school is on foot, scooter or bike, even if you only manage it for one or two days each week, it would help to alleviate some of the problems around school. Thank you.

Big Walk and Wheel



We have registered for this year's Big Walk and Wheel, which is the UK's largest inter-school travel competition. Each day we will record the number of sustainable journeys made to school by children and carers and we will compete with schools of similar sizes both locally and nationally. We will celebrate our achievements every day in school and would appreciate your support. We will keep you up to date with our progress!



Well done to our Key Stage Two Times Tables Rockstars this half term. We have some very impressive scores on our KS2 Leaderboard and we are up to 8th place in the Nearby Schools list which includes some Middle and High Schools! Times Tables are very important in Mathematics and this is a fun and enjoyable way to pick up and develop knowledge and speed whilst competing against friends and even teachers! Logins can be found in the front of your child's planner and the class teachers also have copies, if the children need them.

School Relocation Updates

Huge thanks to our PTFA who are purchasing a new sweatshirt/cardigan for every child in school. We know that this will be a great help to our families and children. Children will still be welcome to wear the old uniform until it is worn out!

Mr Burnett and I are visiting the new school this afternoon and will post some photographs to Twitter later. The interior is almost finished now, with just some internal decoration and final fixtures and fittings to be completed. Furniture will arrive in time for the school opening. Work to the exterior continues, but we are expecting to see some real progress to the outdoor play areas and the Early Years outdoor learning areas when we visit today. The learning environment, both inside and out is going to be a brilliant place to learn. We can't wait!

Have a lovely half term holiday, everyone!

Best wishes

Helen McKenna
Headteacher

Dates List

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February Half term holiday

Monday 28th February Back to school

Thursday 3rd March World Book Day – more information to follow!

Friday 18th March Red Nose Day – more information to follow!

All classes to visit the new school

Monday 21st March Start of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Monday 21st March Parents and Carers' Evening

Tuesday 22nd March Parents and Carers' Evening

Thursday 31st March Reception visit to the farm

Friday 1st April KS2 visit to Beamish

Thursday 7th April Last day of term for children – start of Easter Holiday

Friday 8th April School closed for decant

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April School closed for staff setting up

Tuesday 26th April School closed for staff setting up

Wednesday 27th April Start of new term at Havannah First School!

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 11th May Y4 Residential to Robinwood

Thursday 12th May Y4 Residential to Robinwood

Friday 13th May Y4 Residential to Robinwood

Friday 27th May Break up for half term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half term Holiday

Monday 6th June GST holiday for the Platinum Jubilee

Tuesday 7th June Back to school

Friday 22nd July Break up for summer holiday