

Staffing Update

As a school we strive to offer consistency where possible for all our children. Miss Whitney is due to begin her maternity leave on Fri 11th Jan. It is now possible to confirm that Mr. Harris, a member of our senior leadership team, will take over the teaching and learning responsibility for this class. Mr. Harris will be working with the children during the run up to Christmas in order to familiarise himself and ensure a smooth transition for all the children.

I also need to share with the parents of children in 1A the sad news that Mr. Adams, due to personal reasons, will be leaving Broadoak ahead of the Christmas break. We are extremely sad to be losing such a valuable member of the team, however wish him well in his future. The school have acted swiftly and recruited Mrs. Boden, a highly experienced replacement teacher. Mrs. Boden has been in school today to complete her induction and to draw up a transition plan that will include spending time in class alongside Mr. Adams getting to know the children, 1:1 meetings with Mr. Adams discussing each child's current attainment and next steps in learning plus a planned opportunity for parents to meet Mrs. Boden ahead of her official start in January. As a school we are mindful that 1A did have some disruption last year, but would like to reassure parents that we are taking every step possible to manage the transition.

Friday 16th November



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Emotionally Friendly School Status

I am pleased to inform you that we are engaging in the Emotionally Friendly Schools (EFS) programme. EFS is an initiative developed by Salford Educational Psychology Service in collaboration with schools. The aim is to promote positive emotional wellbeing in school and identify and support any difficulties that arise early. EFS focuses on 4 key areas:

- * Staff Wellbeing and School Ethos
- * Classroom Practice
- * Assessing Children's Needs
- * Supporting Individual Children

As part of this process we have been asked to collect data from children to help measure the impact. Children may be asked to complete a questionnaire or take part in group conversations to gain their views about how they think emotional wellbeing is promoted in school. If you would prefer for your child not to be involved in the data collection please opt-out by contacting the school office by Fri 23rd Nov.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

This week, the Standards and Testing Agency have confirmed details of the new Y4 Multiplication Tables check that becomes statutory for Y4 pupils during the next academic year. This year, schools are being invited to take part in a voluntary capacity. The check is delivered as an online, on-screen digital assessment and in line with the national curriculum, will test the children on their fast recall of multiplication facts. When completing the assessments, pupils will be given 6 seconds to enter a response to a given question e.g. $7 \times 8 = ?$. In school we will be using our maths lessons to help the children to become more confident across the multiplication tables up to and including 12. We would however ask that parents support by regularly practising quick recall at home and encouraging the children to log on to sites such as Mathletics, Hit the Button or other such games. If anyone has any further questions, please feel free to contact the class teacher or Miss Samson who is our school Maths Lead.

Dates for your Diary

20 th Nov	Crucial Crew Visit - Y6
21 st /22 nd Nov	Y1A/Y1C Visit to Worsley Woods
22 nd /23 rd Nov	Height & Weight Check - Y6
23 rd Nov	Early Years Open Day
26 th Nov	PTA Meeting - 6pm
29 th Nov	Pantomime (Nur - Y6)
29 th Nov	Y1 Hearing Tests (am)
30 th Nov	Flu Vaccination (Rec - Y5)
30 th Nov	Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Fair: EYFS/KS1 - Jam Jars & KS2 - Chocolate Tombola Donation
5 th Dec	Y4 Visit to Liverpool World Museum
6 th Dec	Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Fair - Bottle Stall Donation
7 th Dec	Christmas Fair - 3:30pm
10 th Dec	LKS2 Christmas Performance - 6pm
12 th Dec	Rec Christmas Performance - 9:15am Y1 Christmas Performance - 2:30pm UKS2 Christmas Performance - 6pm
13 th Dec	Nur Christmas Performance - 9:15am Y2 Christmas Performance - 2:30pm
14 th Dec	Save the Children Charity Day - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation
14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
18 th Dec	LKS2 Party day - pm UKS2 Christmas Disco - 6pm - 8pm
19 th Dec	KS1 Party Day - pm
20 th Dec	Nur / Rec Party Day
20 th Dec	PTA Christmas Movie Night
21 st Dec	Toy Day & School closes