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Date: 30th September 2022

Newsletter

Dear Families,

September has gone in a flash! Children have settled into their classes and are feeling happy and comfortable coming to school. As the days are getting shorter and the temperature drops, please don't forget to provide a warm coat and also a hat and gloves (all **named**) as children will go outside every day whatever the weather.

At this time of year we often see an increase in sickness absence—usually just coughs and colds. There have been a couple of Covid cases reported again recently so just a reminder that if your child has a positive Covid test result they should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. Children who live with someone who has a positive test result should continue to attend as normal.

Thank you for attending the Curriculum evenings and thank you to staff who gave up their time to organise these. We are currently updating our website with all class information and policies so please do take some time to look and see what is going on and how best to support at home. Reading books and phonics/spelling will be coming home with the children shortly. We spend around £3000 on reading books every year and children in our school are privileged to often be the first person to be reading a brand new book; please look after our books so that they can be used for many years to come.

We are in talks with the highways and road safety department at Swindon Borough Council regarding parking which continues to be an issue; our PCSO is also continuing to monitor the situation. I urge you again to walk where you can or park further away and avoid blocking driveways and paths - I do not want to be bringing news of an accident in the future. This really is everyone's responsibility so let's try and fix it together.

A copy of the Breakfast and After School Club policy is attached to this newsletter this week; if you send your child to either club, please read through the policy and speak to me if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Dance

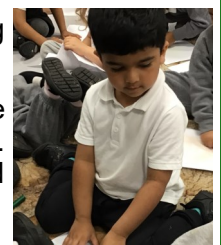


Nursery



It has been a busy week in Apple Tree Class, and all of the children are growing in confidence. We have loved seeing their play develop, even in the short time that they have been with us.

The children have taken the lead in their learning this week and we have been on lots of bear hunts! As the weather has started to change, we have been exploring the signs of autumn. We are making autumn wreaths for our classroom using crunchy leaves and practising our counting skills with conkers.



In class, we are starting each morning with a 'dough disco' session and using 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' to make our hands and fingers strong, ready to be fantastic writers. We are doing lots of fine motor activities like threading and have been so impressed with the focus and resilience the children have shown.

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Reception

The children have settled nicely into school and have picked up the routines well. This week we have spent time talking about our families and getting to know each other more.



The children have been creating their families and houses using a variety of resources. Take a look at some of their stone families!

We are excited to start teaching our first phonic sounds next week and I'm sure the children will be just as excited to share their new learning with you!

Year 1/2 What a busy week in KS1! We have been developing a range of skills throughout different lessons – we have continued to describe characters from our story and have learnt about different conjunctions to join our ideas together. We also had the opportunity to use the Ipads for the first time this term to research about a chosen animal in Science. In Year 1 this week, we have been comparing numbers using the vocabulary of greater than, less than and equal to. In Year 2, we have been developing our geographical skills by locating and labelling India on a world map and looking at the other continents around India.



Our welly walk sessions are getting much colder, especially now we are in Autumn but we have had lots of fun exploring



and building bug hotels, developing our team building and communication skills.

Year 3 This week Year 3 have been planning a narrative around a picture book called 'Message in a Bottle' by Mark Hunt. They have planned their own character and have looked to reinvent the story using expanded noun phrases and other wonderful descriptive methods. Our learning of The Romans has continued by studying Boudicca the warrior who stood up against The Roman invasion as well as learning more about Roman Gods and Goddesses which link to the table names we use in class!



We are concluding our topic of place value and number in Maths and have used our outdoor learning opportunities to consolidate understanding of comparing numbers. Moving across to Science, we have investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials, and how magnets can attract and repel depending on the material.



Finally, we have kickstarted our Spanish by learning how to greet one another with ¡hola!, adiós, ¡buenas días, ¡buenas tardes!, and ¡buenas noches! For now, adiós!



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Friends of Badbury Park Primary School

Thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning today; we will update you on the amount raised shortly.

We are in the process of organising a whole range of fun, social family events and fundraising activities such as a Christmas Fayre and school disco which will raise funds for additional resources to enhance the children's learning. We would very much welcome new members to join us; all offers of help, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated! If you would like to get involved, please speak to the school office and they will pass your details to the joint Chairs.



"My Child at School" app and parent portal

Please look out for an email next week about an online portal and app which we will be using to communicate with parents and will be needed to **make a booking for the parent/teacher consultation meetings next month**. The benefits of using **Mychildatschool.com** include

- Instant access to an up-to-date school calendar
- School announcements section to inform you of events, visits or trips
- Push notifications to let you know instantly about important information or reminders
- Online parent consultation bookings
- An insight on your child's homework topics
- Instant access to Newsletters
- Option to update and confirm the contact and student details that we hold in school

Please activate your account as soon as you receive your user name and an invitation to log on or speak to the office if you need any help with accessing the portal.

Breakfast club assistant

We are looking to appoint a warm and friendly person to join our growing team as soon as possible to help in the delivery of our breakfast club.

Are you?

- An individual with passion and drive who role-models kindness and positivity.
- Someone who is fun, creative and enthusiastic with a love for outdoor learning
- Someone who is confident supervising children to ensure their safety and general welfare
- Someone who has excellent communication/interpersonal skills with pupils, parents and staff

The hours of work are currently Wednesday and Friday 07.45-08.45 (term time only) but there may be additional hours available in the future as the school grows. Please speak to Mrs Dance or the school office if you are interested.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SWINDON MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB
FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES

TRICK OR TREAT?

AGES 4-12

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB
BROOK FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
24th -28th October 2022

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including, Football, basketball, cricket, table football a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and much more.....

HALLOWEEN PARTY ON FRIDAY 28th
www.swindonmultisports.co.uk

JOIN US FOR OUR SPOOKTACULAR

BADBURY PARK HALLOWEEN SCARECROW TRAIL 2022

FREE TO ENTER AND PARTICIPATE

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER
UNTIL
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER
(INCLUSIVE)

DONATIONS TO THE WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE WELCOME NO MATTER HOW SMALL

MAPS AND CHECKLISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA THE BADBURY PARK FACEBOOK GROUPS AND FROM BADBURY PARK SCHOOL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS COMMUNITY EVENT

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School Diary

September 2022

1st & 2nd, Teacher training days (no school for pupils)

5th : First day of term 1

12th: Curriculum meetings for Y1 to Y3

5pm in classrooms

Week beginning 19th: School council elections

21st : Open day for prospective YR parents

28th: YR parent meeting at 6pm

October 2022

17th & 18th : Parent/Teacher consultations

20th—28th : school holiday

31st: TD day (no school for pupils)

November 2022

1st : Start of term 2

2nd: Individual school photos

14th: Odd socks Day

14th-18th: Anti-bullying week

17th: Nasal Flu Clinic in school

18th: Children In Need

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

↳ Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022

↳ Monday 31st October 2022

↳ Tuesday 3rd January 2023

↳ Friday 7th July 2023

School closure day

* Thursday 4th May 2023 (Polling Day)