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Learning for Life

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

STAFF CHANGES. Following a recent recruitment process **Miss L. Taylor** has been appointed as our new **Office Manager**. Miss Taylor has worked as an Administrative Assistant at the school for several years. Parents of children in Year 4 are already aware that 4P class teacher **Mrs J. Phillips** will be leaving this Friday to go on **maternity leave**. We wish her well. Mrs Phillips's maternity leave will be covered by **Mrs H. Willis**. Key Stage 2 Leader **Mrs C. Farmery** returns from maternity leave to take over her class from **Mrs V. Dickinson**. She will be teaching class 4F on Mondays to Wednesdays. **Mrs C. Breckell** will teach 4F on Thursdays and Fridays. Finally, we say 'goodbye' to **Mrs K. Cullum** from the Mealtime Supervisory Team later this month.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE. We are planning to celebrate the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** with a **picnic and party** on **Friday 1 June**. As part of the day's celebrations we will be gathering round the **flagpole** towards the end of the afternoon to sing the **National Anthem**. Do come and join us if you can. More information will follow nearer the time.

BROADFIELD YEAR OF MATHS. We have named **2012** our **Year of Maths**. Our Maths Subject leader, **Mr S. Lloyd**, and colleagues, are organising lots of new initiatives and events to help the children make the best possible progress in Maths. Our new '**Terrific Times Tables**' scheme has got off to a great start with many children rapidly improving in their knowledge of the multiplication tables. Mr Lloyd also recently organised a very successful **Maths Week**. Our second **Olympics Week**, scheduled to take place week commencing 5 March, will also have a strong Mathematical focus. During that week the children will be visited by **Mr Numbervator** who helps children to develop their Maths understanding in a fun way. All of the children in Years 1 to 6 should be receiving weekly **Maths homework**. Finally two new **Maths Clubs** have been set up in Key Stage 2. Please speak to Miss Taylor in the School Office if you would like more information.

SNOW. Thank you for ensuring that most children attended school on Monday. Parents should have received a Groupcall text message notifying them that the school was open. Please let the School Office know if you did not receive the message. We have had to keep the children inside for most of this week as the playground is not yet suitable for playtime use. I am indebted to the parents who turned up with shovels early on Monday morning to help clear pathways. Please speak to Miss Taylor if you would like your name added to our **Snow Clearance Team**.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE. Well done to class **3B** who currently have the highest attendance in the school at 96.6%. In second place is **5S** (96.2%) and then **RF** (95.9%). Parents are reminded that they **must** book requests for absence at least 3 weeks in advance using the form available from the School Office or on the school website (www.broadfieldprimary.org). Absence will generally only be authorised if the child's attendance exceeds 95%. Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is in school every day. Holidays should not be booked during term time.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS. Thank you for your support at this week's Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings for children in Years 1 to 6. The following Year 6 pupils were chosen by their teachers to welcome parents: **Jade Johnson, Ronnie Passingham, Ashwin Nesarajah, Elise Kime, Aaron Trent, Holly Barker, Jamie Day and Leah Shotton**. Consultations for parents in Reception and for those children who started Nursery this term will take place on **Wednesday 29 February** and **Thursday 1 March**.

NEW TREES. We have used money received from the **Broadfield School Association** to plant **9 mature trees** on the school field. Hopefully in the years to come the trees will provide shade for the children during the Summer months.

BROADFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION. The Broadfield School Association Committee do a wonderful job organising events to raise money to improve the school for the children. A recent example is the successful **KS2 Disco**, held last Friday evening. The Broadfield School Association are always looking for new volunteers to help them - even on an occasional basis. Please leave your details in the School Office if you would like to help.

TEAM POINTS. All of the children from Reception to Year 6 are in one of four teams: **Team Blue, Team Green, Team Red and Team Yellow.** Team points are awarded to children who follow 'The Broadfield Way'. It may be, for example, that they have **worked particularly hard**, or been especially **kind, honest or well mannered.** If your child comes home with a team point please ask them why they got it - they should be able to tell you! In Friday's **Celebration Assembly** the **Team Point Cup** is awarded to the Team that has gained the most points during that week.

e-COMMUNICATIONS. Our new Office Manager, Miss L. Taylor, is planning to start sending out copies of most of the letters by e-mail. This will be trialled in Key Stage 1 after half term and introduced to the rest of the school towards the end of the term. For now, all parents will also receive a hardcopy. If this proves to be successful, we may - in time - start to phase out sending paper copies of letters home. Do let Miss Taylor know your thoughts on this matter by emailing her via admin@broadfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk.

ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM. The following events have taken place recently or will be taking place soon:

Date	Year Group	Venue
Weekly	Y5	Group of children to Steelpan lessons at Adeyfield School (Music)
27 Jan to 2 Feb 2012	All	Maths Week
20 January 2012	Y2	Fire engine visiting school (History, English)
3 February 2012	Y6	Gifted and Talented Science workshop in partnership with University of Hertfordshire and Adeyfield School
10 February 2012	Y6	Visit to RAF Museum (History - WWII)
21 February 2012	School Council	Visit to Olympic Park
27 Feb to 2 Mar 2012	All	Readathon
1 March	All	World Maths Day
7 March	All	World Book Day
	Y6	Swimming Gala at The Cavendish School
14 March	YR	Visit to Boxmoor Trust to see 'lambing'
22 to 27 March 2012	Y6	School Journey to Rock UK
28 March 2012	Y2	Visit to St Alban's Cathedral (RE, History - buildings)

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? The recent **Governors' Coffee Morning** proved to be a very useful way of receiving parents' comments and feedback on several aspects of school life. If you have any feedback on any aspect of our work don't wait until the next coffee morning, please email your comments to admin@broadfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk. Parents are reminded that they can arrange to make an appointment with their child's class teacher at any time if they want to look at their child's books, review progress or discuss any aspect of their child's education. You can make an appointment by writing in the Home/School Link Book or by calling at the School Office.

HOW CAN YOU HELP US? Parents can help us by endeavouring to:

- Return consent slips promptly to school
- Not parking in the school car-park (except when prior permission has been obtained)
- Ensuring their child is in school by **8.55am** (except Nursery where different times apply)

Thank you in anticipation of your help in these matters.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TO VISIT OLYMPIC PARK. The older School Councillors have been invited to tour the **Olympic Park** on the afternoon of 21 February. (The tour is only open to pupils aged 8 or above). We are grateful to **Adeyfield School** for supplying a minibus (and driver) to enable us to take up this superb opportunity.

GOLD SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AWARD. I received a letter from **Herts County Council** recently informing me that we had been awarded a **Gold School Travel Plan Award.** This reflects the good work of **Mrs A Dale, Eco School Leader,** and the **Eco-Council** in promoting the benefits of walking to school. Mrs Dale and governor **Mrs P Johnson** will be attending the awards ceremony at Welwyn Garden City next month.

WINDMILL CHILDREN'S CENTRE. Most parents are aware that the Windmill Children's Centre shares the site with the school. **Caroline Keeler,** the Centre Manager, and her team, offer a wonderful range of activities and services for children up to five years old, and their families. Amongst the activities advertised in their February newsletter are the following events:

- Rhyme Time (2.00 - 3.00pm 20 February)
- Pregnancy Club (7.00 - 9.30pm on 20 February and 19 March)
- Let's Talk - pre booked consultation with Educational Psychologist (1.00 - 3.00pm 29 February)
- Miscarriage Support Group (8.00 - 9.30pm, last Thursday of every month)
- Windmill Soccer Stars (9.15 - 10.00 am (age 2-3) 10.00 - 11.00 am (age 4) every Saturday)
- Messy Play Church - once a month for children with special needs and disabilities and their families (2.30 - 4.30pm, 12 February at Adeyfield Free Church (age 3-12))

For further information, or to make a booking call 01442 426303.

WORLD BOOK DAY / READATHON. Our English Subject Leader, **Mrs L. Boyes**, has organised two great events to promote **reading**. Look out for separate letters giving more information about **World Book Day** to be held on **1 March** and the **Readathon**.

LUNCHTIME BOOKCLUB. English Subject Leader Mrs L. Boyes writes, 'We are looking for a team of **Dads and Grandads** who could come into school for one lunchtime a week (12 noon to 1.00pm) on a regular basis to read with boys who need support with their reading. All candidates would be subject to an enhanced CRB check.' If you are interested in helping with the book club please complete the slip on the letter which will be sent home soon.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY. I will be away from school with the Year 6 children from **20 - 23 March** on their School Journey to the **Rock UK Frontier Centre**. The children will be staying for three nights at this residential centre in Northhamptonshire, taking part in a variety of **adventurous** and **team building** activities including **canoeing, archery** and **fencing**.

ADEYFIELD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND HALF TERM PROGRAMME. There are lots of super events going on over the half term holiday at the **Adeyfield Adventure Playground** on Turners Hill. The playground caters for children aged 6 - 12 although the under sixes can come along if they are accompanied and supervised by an adult. Please call 01442 242852 for more information.

MONGOLIAN OLYMPIC LINK. The children in Year 5 were pleased to receive an email from the **Mongolian Embassy** recently in response to their letters requesting information about the country. We have adopted Mongolia as our partner nation for the **Olympics**. The children in Year 5 will soon start emailing pen pals at a school in Mongolia. This link has been set up by the London 2012 Organising Committee.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2012/13. If your child is born between **01.09.08** and **31.08.09** you may apply for a Nursery place from **Monday 20 February** via www.hertsdirect.org/nurseryadmissions. The deadline is **Sunday 1 April**. Please direct any queries to Mrs Mehta via the School Office.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. I was pleased to recently meet with our local **Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator** and as a result will be writing to all properties surrounding the school asking them to be vigilant for the security of the school site. I understand from our Police Community Support Officer that properties in **Great Road** and **Hobleetts Road** were broken into on 5 February.

BROADFIELD STARS. Well done to the following children who have each achieved something special:

- **Megan Macey**, 3B, who performed in **Bugsy Malone** at the Watford Pumphouse Theatre with her theatre group, Little Voices. Megan took part in 'Baby Face' and a dance routine. The next show she is performing in is The Wizard of Oz.
- **Hollie Stringer**, 1N, who achieved a merit for her **tap performance** at the Jane Marie Dancing School in Woodhall Farm.
- **Tayla Taylor**, 4F, who **gave the idea for a school assembly** recently based on a letter written by 12 year old Suffolk boy Charlie Williams who has recovered from cancer. Charlie's inspiring letter can be found on the internet.

Has your child achieved something special? Do let me know.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY. School will be closed from **Monday 13 to Friday 17 February** for the half term holiday. The second half of the Spring Term starts at 8.55am on Monday 20 February (8.30am for morning Nursery)

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2012

10-Feb	Friday	Y6 visit to RAF Museum
11-Feb	Saturday	
13-17 Feb	Monday - Friday	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
18-Feb	Saturday	
20-Feb	Monday	School resumes Readathon launch Y1-6
25-Feb	Saturday	
27-Feb	Monday	Readathon
28-Feb	Tuesday	Readathon
29-Feb	Wednesday	Readathon Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) RS and RF (3.30-6.00pm)
01-Mar	Thursday	Readathon World Book Day Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) RS and RF (3.30-6.00pm)
02-Mar	Friday	Readathon
03-Mar	Saturday	

05-Mar	Monday	Olympic Week 2
06-Mar	Tuesday	Olympic Week 2
07-Mar	Wednesday	Olympic Week 2 World Maths Day Y6 Swimming Gala at Cavendish School (1.00-3.00pm)
08-Mar	Thursday	Olympic Week 2
09-Mar	Friday	Olympic Week 2
10-Mar	Saturday	
14-Mar	Wednesday	YR visit Boxmoor Trust - 'lambing' Broadfield's Got Talent (6.45 - 8.00pm)
17-Mar	Saturday	
20-Mar	Tuesday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
21-Mar	Wednesday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
22-Mar	Thursday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
23-Mar	Friday	Y6 School Journey to Rock UK Frontier Centre
24-Mar	Saturday	
28-Mar	Wednesday	Y2 visit St Albans Cathedral
29-Mar	Thursday	Last Y5 swimming this term Nursery Ends Last day for After School Club
30-Mar	Friday	Last day of Spring Term (School closes at 2.15pm)
31-Mar	Saturday	
02-Apr	Monday	EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2012

16-Apr	Monday	Staff Training Day (School closed)
17-Apr	Tuesday	First day of Summer Term (incl Nursery)
21-Apr	Saturday	
25-Apr	Wednesday	FS Sponsored Circuits
26-Apr	Thursday	FS Sponsored Circuits BSA Bag to School collection (2.00pm)
27-Apr	Friday	Y1 – Y6 Fun Run (1.30pm)
28-Apr	Saturday	
01-May	Tuesday	Y1 visit to Discovery Centre, Bracknell
02-May	Wednesday	KS2 Parents' Maths Workshop (3.15 - 4.00pm)
04-May	Friday	BSA FS/KS1 Disco (5.00-6.30pm)
05-May	Saturday	
07-May	Monday	Bank Holiday: School closed
12-May	Saturday	
14-May	Monday	KS2 SATS
15-May	Tuesday	KS2 SATS
16-May	Wednesday	KS2 SATS FS/KS1 Parents' Maths Workshop (3.30 - 4.15pm)
17-May	Thursday	KS2 SATS
18-May	Friday	School Photographer – Classes/Teams
19-May	Saturday	
21-May	Monday	
26-May	Saturday	
29-May	Tuesday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
30-May	Wednesday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
31-May	Thursday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only)
01-Jun	Friday	Y6 top up swimming (for non-swimmers only) <i>Whole school Diamond Jubilee picnic and party</i>
02-Jun	Saturday	
04-08 Jun	Monday - Friday	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
09-Jun	Saturday	
11-Jun	Monday	Staff Training Day (School closed)
12-Jun	Tuesday	School resumes Olympic Week 3
13-Jun	Wednesday	Olympic Week 3
14-Jun	Thursday	Olympic Week 3
15-Jun	Friday	Olympic Week 3 Broadfield Olympics at Jarman Park Athletics Track (all day)
16-Jun	Saturday	
18-Jun	Monday	Whole school theatre performance
21-Jun	Thursday	Open Evening and Book Fair (6.00-8.00pm)
23-Jun	Saturday	
28-Jun	Thursday	Parents' meeting – new entrants to Reception (4.30pm)
30-Jun	Saturday	BSA Summer Fete (11.30am-2.00pm)
02-Jul	Monday	Y5/6 Production dress rehearsal (FS, KS1, Y3 + Y4 watching) (1.30pm)

03-Jul	Tuesday	Y5/6 Production (1.45pm)
04-Jul	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations – children leaving Nursery (3.30-5.00pm) Y5/6 Production (7.00pm)
05-Jul	Thursday	Y6 Induction Day at new secondary schools Y2 to Roald Dahl Children's Gallery Parent/Teacher consultations – children leaving Nursery (3.30-5.00pm)
07-Jul	Saturday	
10-Jul	Tuesday	Transition afternoon (all classes N – Y5 with new teacher) (1.30-2.55pm)
11-Jul	Wednesday	Parents' Meeting – New entrants to Nursery (2.00pm) Leavers' Disco (6.00-8.00pm)
12-Jul	Thursday	Y2 Parents' meeting – moving to KS2 (2.15pm)
14-Jul	Saturday	
19-Jul	Thursday	Last day of Summer Term for Nursery Last day for After School Club
20-Jul	Friday	FS/KS1 Closing Assembly (9.45am) Y6 Leavers' Assembly (10.45am) Last Day of Summer Term (School closes at 2.15pm)
21-Jul	Saturday	
23-Jul	Monday	Occasional Day (School closed)
24-Jul	Tuesday	Summer Holiday

New entries are in italics.

FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE.

1. The seven coins in my purse total 23p
What could they be?



2. True or False?

When you double a number you get an even answer

A triangle has at least one line of symmetry

A number that is a multiple of 3 is also a multiple of 6