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## Broadfield Primary School

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### DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

**OFSTED.** You will be aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted last week. It is anticipated that the report will be published before the end of term. We will then send a copy of the report home to every family.

**COFFEE MORNINGS.** Over the past year or so we have gradually expanded our half termly coffee mornings to include parents of children in Reception and Year One. Building on the success of this means of communication with parents we are planning to introduce an **additional half termly Coffee Morning** which will be **open to all parents**. The first event will take place from 9.05 to 9.45am on Monday 23 January. Please arrive via the main entrance of the school. The coffee morning will provide an opportunity to discuss general issues and developments with the school's leadership team and school governors whilst creating an opportunity for parents to get to know each other. Pre-school children and parents with push chairs are welcome. Do come along if you can.

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.** Please note the following information about our Christmas arrangements:

- **BSA Christmas Fair:** 3.15 - 5.00pm tomorrow (Friday 2 December). Please enter the school by the pupil entrances.
- **Christmas post boxes open:** Monday 5 to Wednesday 14 December. Please ensure that cards are in an envelope marked with the recipient's name (including the initial of the surname) and class.
- **KS1 to Christmas event at St Barnabas Church:** morning of Monday 12 December (see separate letter for details).
- **KS2 to Carol Service at Adeyfield Free Church:** afternoon of Monday 12 December (limited number of tickets available from the School Office).
- **Y5 and Y6 to Pantomime at Adeyfield School:** afternoon of Tuesday 13 December (see separate letter for details).
- **Class Christmas parties and BSA dressing up day:** Thursday 15 December (see separate letter with details about parties, children invited to wear 'party' clothes all day - 50p donation to BSA invited).
- **Last day of term:** 2.15pm on Friday 16 December. (Nursery finishes the day before).

**CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS.** A separate letter has been sent home about this year's Christmas Productions. I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy them. Admission is by programme only. Once again, I am very grateful to the staff for their hard work in getting the productions ready. This year's productions are as follows:

<b>Foundation Stage:</b>	<b>It's A Baby</b>
<b>Years 1 &amp; 2:</b>	<b>Born in a Barn</b>
<b>Years 3 &amp; 4:</b>	<b>Stable Manners</b>

Years 5 & 6 will do a production in the second half of the Summer term.

**BICYCLE SAFETY.** Parents are reminded that children can only bring their bicycle on to school grounds if they have signed up to the Broadfield Cycling Policy. This is available from the School Office. If children do not follow the contents of this policy (e.g. by not wearing a cycle helmet) then we may have no alternative but to ban them from cycling to school.

**BROADFIELD STARS.** Congratulations to the following members of the school community who have each achieved something special.

- **Jack Sullivan**, 3D who received a trophy from his rugby club, **Camelot**. Jack told me that the trophy was for 'passing before being tagged', 'tagging' and doing 'some good runs'.
- **Aadityan Sooriyakumar**, 2W who took an **Oriental Fine Arts Academy of London (OFAAL)** International exam in Carnatic Music Grade 1 and passed with distinction.
- **Kate Axford and Kayleigh Inns**, 5B who raised **£231.88** for **Children in Need** by organising the recent pyjama day.

**ENRICHING THE CURRICULUM.** The following events, visit and visitors have been arranged recently to deepen the children's learning and personal development:

Date	Year Group	Venue
9-11 November	Year 4	Woodrow High House (residential)
10 November	Year 2	Victorian Day (History)
17 November	Year 6	Buddhist visit (RE)
21 November	School Council and Mural artists	Tesco store opening
12 December	Year 1&2	St Barnabas Church Christmas Event
12 December	KS2	Adeyfield Free Church Carol Service
13 December	Year 5&6	Adeyfield School Pantomime

**THANK YOU MR AND MRS SHARE!** We are grateful to **Connor's** parents, **Mr and Mrs Share**, for delivering five big boxes of sports kit to Luton. The sports kit has been collected by the **School Council** and will be sent to children in a disadvantaged part of **Uganda**. We are grateful to parent and Vice Chair of Governors, **Mr J Lee**, for donating the kit.

**STAFF CHANGES.** Long serving Teaching Assistant **Mrs S Williams** will be stepping down from her post at the end of this term. We are grateful to her for her devoted care and support of many children over the years. Mealtime Supervisor **Mrs K Davis** will also be leaving her post at the end of this term. However we are delighted that Mrs Davis will continue as a cleaner and librarian.

**YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS.** Parents are reminded that it is **essential** that the School Office is informed immediately of any changes in contact details. This will ensure that we can contact you in an emergency if required.

**SEVERE WEATHER.** After the third warmest November on record it hardly seems appropriate to be talking about heavy snowfall but, as we all know, the weather has an uncanny habit of balancing itself out. If we do have to close the school due to severe weather we will inform parents via the **Groupcall** system. Information will also be posted on the homepage of the **school website**, on **Three Counties Radio** and on **www.hertsdirect.org**.

**ELLA CHAMPION OPENS TESCO STORE.** Five year old **Ella Champion** in RS had the privilege and responsibility of opening the refurbished **Tesco store** in **Jarman Park** last week. She was joined by members of the School Council and the children who had painted the mural on the hoardings at the store last term. We were presented with a cheque for **£500** by Tesco. The School Council will discuss with their classmates how this money will be used for the benefit of the children. The following children attended the event:

**Mollie Hoare - 5B, Becky Sullivan - 5B, Sophie Feander - 5B, Melody Abderrakib - 3D, Amy Copp - 4P, Aiden Earle - 4F, Matilda Sangster - 6T, Jacob Roberts - RF, Ella Champion - RS, Lee Prestedge - 1C, Ellie Proctor - 1N, Ryan Earle - 2B, Ellie Waldron - 2W, Holly Simpson - 3B, Kai James - 3D, Charlie Payne - 4F, Harvey Bloor - 4P, Taylor Twardochleb - 5B, Ales Buss - 5S, Ashwin Nesarajah - 6L and Leah Shotton - 6T.**

**ABSENCE NOTIFICATION.** Parents are reminded that they can now text or email the School Office with information about a child's absence. Please give the child's name and class and as much information as possible about the nature of the absence. The email address is [absence@broadfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@broadfieldprimary.herts.sch.uk) and the number to text is 07860 004876 .

**THE BOAT.** Parents are reminded that they are responsible for their children on the boat in the Infant playground outside of school hours. The children know how to use the boat safely and should apply these rules when using the equipment before school. In the event of sustained heavy usage of the boat we may have to limit use to certain year groups on certain days.

**LAST DAY OF TERM.** School closes at the earlier time of **2.15pm** on Friday 16 December (Nursery finishes the day before). The Spring term starts at 8.55am on Wednesday 4 January.

## Broadfield Primary School Parents' Calendar 2011 – 2012

### AUTUMN TERM 2011

Please note that letters may be sent out later in year which amend this calendar

Date	Day	School Event
01-Dec	Thursday	KS1 Christmas Production dress rehearsal (10.00-11.00am) FS Christmas Production (2.00-2.45pm)
02-Dec	Friday	FS Christmas Production (10.15-11.00am)

		BSA Christmas Fair (3.15-5.00pm)
03-Dec	Saturday	
05-Dec	Monday	KS1 Christmas Production (1.45pm) Christmas post box opens
06-Dec	Tuesday	KS1 Christmas Production (10.00am) Y3/4 Christmas Production dress rehearsal (FS, KS1 and Y5/6 watching (1.45pm) Parent/Teacher Consultations (children moving to YR) (3.30-5.00pm)
07-Dec	Wednesday	Year 3/4 Christmas Production (2.00pm)
08-Dec	Thursday	Last Y5 swimming this term Year 3/4 Christmas Production (7.00pm)
10-Dec	Saturday	
12-Dec	Monday	** KS1 Christmas event at St Barnabas Church **** (new entry) KS2 Carol Service at Adeyfield Free Church (1.30pm)
13-Dec	Tuesday	Year 5/6 to pantomime at Adeyfield School (1.00pm)
14-Dec	Wednesday	Last day for Christmas post box
15-Dec 15-Dec	Thursday Thursday	Nursery parties am and pm Class Christmas parties (1.30pm) BSA Christmas dressing up day Last day of Autumn Term for Nursery Last day for After School Club
16-Dec	Friday	<b>Last day of Autumn Term (School closes at 2.15pm)</b>
17-Dec	Saturday	
19-Dec	Monday	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

## SPRING TERM 2012

03-Jan	Tuesday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
04-Jan	Wednesday	<b>First day of Spring Term (except Nursery)</b> Nursery staff home visits
05-Jan	Thursday	Nursery staff home visits
06-Jan	Friday	Nursery staff home visits
07-Jan	Saturday	
09-Jan	Monday	Nursery starts for older (existing) children. Parents of new starters (Jan intake) should refer to the letter with their specific start date
12-Jan	Thursday	Y5 swimming resumes
14-Jan	Saturday	
21-Jan	Saturday	
23-Jan	Monday	Whole school Coffee Morning (9.05-9.45am)
28-Jan	Saturday	
03-Feb	Friday	KS2 BSA Valentine Disco (6.00-8.00pm)
04-Feb	Saturday	
08-Feb	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations (Yrs 1 – 6) (3.30-6.30pm)
09-Feb	Thursday	Parent/Teacher consultations (Yrs 1 – 6) (3.30-6.30pm)
11-Feb	Saturday	
13-17 Feb	Monday - Friday	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
18-Feb	Saturday	
20-Feb	Monday	<b>School resumes</b>
25-Feb	Saturday	
29-Feb	Wednesday	Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) (3.30-5.00pm)
01-Mar	Thursday	Parent/Teacher consultations – Nursery (Jan intake) (3.30-5.00pm)
03-Mar	Saturday	
05-Mar	Monday	Olympic Week 2
06-Mar	Tuesday	Olympic Week 2
07-Mar	Wednesday	Olympic Week 2 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	
12-Mar	Monday	
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	<b>Last day of Spring Term (School closes at 2.15pm)</b>

31-Mar	Saturday	
02-Apr	Monday	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>

## SUMMER TERM 2012

16-Apr	Monday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
17-Apr	Tuesday	First day of Summer Term (incl Nursery)
21-Apr	Saturday	
25-Apr	Wednesday	FS Sponsored Circuits (to be confirmed)
26-Apr	Thursday	FS Sponsored Circuits (to be confirmed) BSA Bag to School collection (2.00pm)
27-Apr	Friday	Y1 – Y6 Fun Run (1.30pm)
28-Apr	Saturday	
01-May	Monday	Y1 visit to Discovery Centre, Bracknell
04-May	Friday	BSA FS/KS1 Disco (5.00-6.30pm)
05-May	Saturday	
07-May	Monday	<b>Bank Holiday: School closed</b>
12-May	Saturday	
14-May	Monday	KS2 SATS
15-May	Tuesday	KS2 SATS
16-May	Wednesday	KS2 SATS
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)
02-Jun	Saturday	
04-08 Jun	Monday - Friday	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
09-Jun	Saturday	
11-Jun	Monday	<b>Staff Training Day (School closed)</b>
12-Jun	Tuesday	<b>School resumes</b> 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 - Salt Mine Theatre Company
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) <b>Last Day of Summer Term (School closes at 2.15pm)</b>
21-Jul	Saturday	
23-Jul	Monday	<b>Occasional Day (School closed)</b>
24-Jul	Tuesday	<b>Summer Holiday</b>