



## Newsletter 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers

The end of the term and half way through the year and we have done so much already.

### NSPCC Number Day- sponsor money

Thank you to all of the parents and friends who sponsored children on the NSPCC number day. Please ensure that all money is in by Friday so that it can be banked before the holidays. So far we have raised £857.70 which is a wonderful amount.

### Stay and Investigate Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018

As part of the school's bid to attain the Science Mark we need to encourage our parents to take part in scientific activities with your children. Wonderfully, many of you have already sent in evidence of science you have been doing at home. Clare Chick (our science lead) feels that we should have a science 'stay' session just as we do with Reading, Writing and Maths. Accordingly, you are invited to come to school and enjoy supporting your children in carrying out an investigation on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1.10pm to 2.40pm. Coffee and tea will be served in the School Hall afterwards.

### Inconsiderate Driving and Parking

Details of vehicles parked on the zigzag markings outside the school as well as those blocking dropped kerbs have been sent to our community police officer. Due to the high number of complaints, the police are now monitoring driving and parking around our school.

### Chinese New Year Lunch- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

To celebrate the Chinese New Year (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February) the kitchen will putting on a special menu:

Chinese Chicken Noodles

Chicken & Pineapple

Vegetable Chow Mein

Oriental Fried Rice

Cucumber and Carrot Sticks

Fruit Fritters

### Safer Internet Day

Yesterday we celebrated safer internet day. Mrs Hibbert led an assembly on keeping safe on line and this has been followed up with lessons in class. Children are reminded about how to keep safe every term; their responsibilities to keep their personal information safe; to be courteous when online and what to do if they see something that upsets them.

## Lost Property

Hopefully you all saw the photograph of our lost property mountain taken by the School Secretary and emailed to all our parents yesterday. A very large number of the school cardigans and sweatshirts were unnamed- which considering the cost involved is quite surprising. We have even had the explanation given of 'My daughter's cardigan is the new one with no name.' Never assume that everyone else will name their clothing so it doesn't matter if you don't.

## World Book Day Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

It's that time of the year again - on 1<sup>st</sup> March your child can come to school dressed as a book character. Half term is good time to start thinking about this before the date sneaks up on you. In school your children will be taking parts in lots of interesting activities designed to inspire a love of reading and enjoyment of books.

Follow the link below for additional events being run during half term.

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>

The Friends of Broadway are running a fundraising children's activity event straight after school on World book day. If you should like your child to attend you will need to complete an application form.

## Skip2Bfit

Don't forget to work on your skip2Bfit two minute challenge over the break. Your children are already improving their PB's in school.

Watch this video if you want to be inspired

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGOVC6ZC8Ak>

Enjoy your holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Juliet Lambert

Working Together...

## **Absence and lateness matters**

Broadway school recognises the importance of children regularly attending school. Research shows that absenteeism and particularly broken weeks have a detrimental effect on school performance and children's long term life chances.

As an infant school we have a target attendance rate of 96.4%. This is slightly lower than the Ridge's minimum target of 96.8% as we understand that children when they first attend school are more prone to illness.

## **Attendance ready reckoner (why we all should be vigilant with attendance)**

A child's entitlement to education is **380 sessions** a year which is 190 days. A session is a morning or an afternoon. This equates to **190** days of learning opportunity for each school year

Broadway Infant School do not endorse any leaflets /information that is sent to parents & carers from other companies via our school.

One session as a percentage is  $1/380 \times 100 = 0.26$  rounded to 0.25% (THE SCHOOL TARGET IS FOR 96.4%)

### Missing school means missing out

- \* There are 190 days in a school year!
- \* 190 days = 100%
- \* 180 days = 95% (2 weeks)
- \* 169 days = 89%
- \* 161 days = 85% (6 weeks)
- \* 150 days = 79%
- \* 143 days = 75% (9+ weeks)

### Did you know?



A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

This can have considerable impact on learning and so life chances.

For example, if your child has an attendance of **90%** during a school year they will have missed 20 days of learning which is 4 school weeks. Over the course of three years this would result in 60 days or 12 weeks or two terms or a third of a year of missed learning. **So instead of having 3 years of learning entitlement they would have 2  $\frac{2}{3}$  years.**

**Over their entire primary school career (assuming absenteeism has become a habit) this would equate to 140 days or 28 weeks. They would in effect have only attended school for 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  years instead of 7 years as their peers have.**

A recent government research paper stated that Primary school staff thought that on returning to school, poor attenders suffered a loss of confidence due to the fact that they are unable to understand the work. Most LEAs and teachers thought that absence led to underachievement.

After losing the 'security of a routine', their performance dropped and with it, their confidence and self-esteem. Not surprisingly, they disliked school more and more, and wanted to be there less and less:

'When they come back they feel out of sorts, and that ends up reinforcing their not liking school because their friends have been playing other games and the teacher's teaching a lesson they don't understand because it relates to the day before. And I think it's very self-perpetuating.'  
Head teacher, LEA 1.

## Lateness

Lateness has a similar effect on children's wellbeing. A late child gets to school after their peers have already had their morning social chat. They might be rushed into assembly or worse join a lesson that has already started. More and more often teachers use registration time to learn/reinforce knowledge from the day before. All this is lost to the late child. Walking into class that has already settled is similarly daunting. Parents then tell us that their child dislikes coming to school and worries about it. So the situation becomes self-perpetuating.

Broadway Infant School do not endorse any leaflets /information that is sent to parents & carers from other companies via our school.

Over a year this can have a dramatic effect.



**Since the start of September the children at Broadway Infant school have lost a total of 71 hours and 55 minutes (3 days) to lateness. This not acceptable.**

#### Broadway Infant School - Diary Dates

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Last day for NSPCC sponsor money to be handed into the office
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Last day of Term 3
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	First day of Term 4
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	Chinese New Year Menu – (see details in newsletter)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm-2.45pm	YR Stay and Play
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Mini Me Yoga workshops
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 9.00am -9.45am	YR Stay and Play
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parent evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Parent evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 – Science Day at University of West of England
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	Last day of Term 4
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	INSET Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018	INSET Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	First day of Term 5
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Pro kick challenge
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	SATS Testing Period commences
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018 - 5.30pm	Full Board of Governors Meeting
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	First day of Term 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	PHONICS Screening Checks (all week)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 5.30pm	Full Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00am to 4.00pm	Craft at Broadway
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last day of Term 6

Broadway Infant School do not endorse any leaflets /information that is sent to parents & carers from other companies via our school.