

## Newsletter Term 1—Week 1

#### Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a brilliant first week back to school! KS1 children have settled well into their new classes and have enjoyed seeing the rest of the classes all together in assemblies and playtimes. The new Reception children have been amazing too; coming in to school with growing confidence and having lots of fun while they are here. We are looking forward to getting to know them more over the next few weeks and beyond.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing all the children next week!

Miss Tumelty

### Reading

Now we are back in the swing of things and all children have settled into their new classes I wanted to remind you all about reading at home with your child.

Your child can become a Champion Reader if they have read on at least 5 occasions during the week (not multiple reads on one night). When you have heard your child read please write in their reading record to show that you have heard them read and their reading records will be checked in school.

Reading their school reading book, playing games on Phonics Hero (KS1), reading flashcards and practising common exception words can all be counted as a read so please write these in their reading record.

There are some children that have not read at home at all since the start of the school year. Regular reading practise supports your child's fluency, confidence and therefore enjoyment of reading which is so important during these early years of education and beyond.

# Messages from....

#### **Reception**

Children have got a library book, reading diary and home school diary in their book bags. Please make sure these are in their bookbags every day.

If you have any messages for staff please write it in the home school diary and hand the book to the member of staff on the gate so it is looked at.

#### <u>Y1</u>

The children are going to be learning about capacity next week. If you have any plastic containers you can bring in from home these would be appreciated e.g. margarine tubs, bottles or plastic food trays.

## Reminders

- ⇒ Please could all children bring a pair of **named welly boots** to leave in school.
- ⇒ Please ensure all clothing, including coats, are named.
- ⇒ Children need to bring their book bag (no rucksacks) and water bottle each day.
- ⇒ Children can bring a healthy snack to have at break time each day—please see attached letter regarding this.
- ⇒ Please make sure children have sun hats, sun cream and/or rain coats in school (depending on the weather!)

#### <u>Y2</u>

Playtime Pal letters and applications will be coming out soon—children need to write their own application letter which needs to be handed to Mrs Titley.

## **New Reception Parents Coffee Morning**

We would like to invite Reception parents and carers to a coffee and cake get together at Broadway Infant School on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am.

This will be a great opportunity to meet and chat with other parents who also have children in Reception and start to add to your wider support network of parents and carers. There will also be a short presentation about early reading, and a chance to ask teachers any other questions you may have about school. Our Special Needs Coordinator will also be on hand to answer any of your questions. Younger children are welcome to come along.

This event is free of charge, and we really hope many of you will join us!

## Medication

If your child is in Y1 or Y2 and you have previously filled in a health care plan for any medication that is required to be kept in school please can you ensure the medication is returned ASAP.

If your child is in Reception and requires medication to be kept in school please pop in to the office and ask for a care plan to complete and drop off the medication.

\*\*Please note school staff can only give medication that has been prescribed by a Dr.

#### Open Days

We are currently advertising our open days for parents / carers of children who are starting school in September 2024. Our Open Day flyer is attached to the email along with this newsletter. Please share our flyer with family and friends who might be interested in coming to see our fantastic school!

Each term we invite parents / carers in to school for a session to join in with their child's learning in their class. In KS1 each of the sessions through the year have a theme including Stay and read, write, count, investigate, exercise and compute. This term the focus is reading and you will join in with a reading lesson and other activities linked to reading with your child. In Reception these sessions will start next term and you will be invited for Stay and Play sessions as well as other themed sessions such as Stay and Investigate and Stay and Exercise. Please see the dates section of the newsletter for the Y1 and Y2 dates—the sessions are held twice during the week to help as many parents as possible come along but you do not need to attend twice! Hopefully you will be able to come along and share in your child's learning with them. Please note that younger siblings are unable to come to the sessions.

Stay and...

## School Lunches

As you will have seen on our school lunch menu there is a jacket potato option for the children each day. The jacket potatoes need to be ordered so we are only cooking the amount we need to try and reduce food wastage. If you know your child would prefer a jacket potato because they are not keen on the other options **please come in to the office or call by 9am** (please do not email as this might not get picked up in time). You can also let us

know in advance of the day it is required. Then the cook will make sure she cooks and keeps a jacket potato for your child.



## Birthdays

Special birthday wishes go to...



Reception: Ailsa, Redford

Year 1: Rosina, Flynn, Lucas

#### Year 2: Teddy C, Brody

To celebrate their birthdays children can wear their own clothes on their birthday or on the Friday before if their birthday is at the weekend or in a holiday.

If you are having a birthday party for your child and are inviting the whole class we are happy to give the invites out in school. However if you are having a small group party please organise the invites for these outside of the classroom—this is to avoid any children getting upset because they have not been invited to the party.

# Facebook

As you will know we have a school Facebook profile which we use to share photos and updates from the classes; including photos of the children who are awarded the good work and star awards each week. Other important school messages and reminders are also shared. Our security settings are set so that you cannot see any information if you are not our 'friend'. We only have current parents of children at Broadway as friends and will only post recognisable photos of children if parents / carers have given permission on the photos and images permission form. If you are not currently a friend of Broadway Infants on Facebook then please do request to be our friend.

# Our learning this term

This term our main priority is to get the children settled into their new classes and routines and for their teachers to get to know them. Each term all the year groups have a quality text which is used as a focus for their learning. Reception's topic is 'All about me' and they will be using the books 'Owl Babies' and 'Our Class is a Family' to support their learning in this topic. Year 1 are enjoying retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and Year 2 are using the story 'Little Red' within their learning.

Our website has lots of information about our curriculum and the specific subjects. If you would like to know more about what the children are learning in school then this is a good place to start! <u>https://www.broadwayinfants.org.uk/</u>

# Bridgeway Federation Celebration Event



We are inviting all the parents and carers of Broadway Infant School and The Ridge Junior School to a celebratory afternoon tea on Friday 29th September at 2.30pm.



Our schools are now officially part of the Bridgeway Federation. This means we have formed an official partnership to secure our future of working more closely together, and we now share one governing body.

A special cake will be cut, banners unveiled and commemorative pencils and logo stickers will be given out to the children.

As part of this event we are also going to be raising money for Macmillian Cancer Research and so would appreciate donations of cakes for the event. We will have some fundraising buckets for parents and carers to make a donation should they wish. **If you and your children would like to donate cakes for our celebration event, please bring them in to The Ridge Junior School on Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th September.** 



During the event children will be sitting in their classes and parents and carers can go and join them. There will be cake and drinks—tea or coffee for the parents and juice for the children.

#### Speech and Language

On the morning of Tuesday 10th October our NHS link speech and language therapist is coming in to school to run a drop in session with our SENCO. This is for parents and carers to attend if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's speech and language development. If you would like to book a 15 minute appointment please contact the office .

Important

## Attendance

#### Our target is 97%

98.8% of children came to school everyday this week.

There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.

Dates

Green	100%	Orange	96.6%
Purple	99.1%	Blue	100%

<u>Please note that holidays in term time are very unlikely to be</u> <u>authorised and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.</u>

Iniportant Dates			
Monday 11th September	All Reception children in 8.40—12.30 including lunch		
Tuesday 12th September	All Reception children in 8.40—12.30 including lunch		
Wednesday 13th—Friday 15 September	All Reception children in 8.40—1.15 including lunch and lunchtime play		
Friday 15th September	Information regarding Reception classes out to parents		
Monday 18th September	Reception FULL TIME 8.40 - 3.20		
Monday 18th September	Coffee Morning for New Reception Parents 9.00 - 10.30		
Thursday 21st September	Y1 and Y2 Performance Coaching football taster sessions— <b>PE kits</b> <b>needed</b>		
Tuesday 26th September	Y2 Stay and Read 2.00 - 3.00		
Thursday 28th September	Y2 Stay and Read 9.00 - 10.00		
Friday 29th September	Bridgeway Federation and Macmillian afternoon tea 2pm—see info in this newsletter		
Monday 2nd October	Y1 Stay and Read 2.00 - 3.00		
Thursday 5th October	Y1 Stay and Read 9.00 - 10.00		
Friday 6th October	Open Morning New Reception intake 2024—see flyer attached		
Tuesday 10th October	Speech and Language Therapy drop in sessions for parents		
Tuesday 10th October	Parents Consultation Evening—more information coming soon		
Thursday 12th October	Parents Consultation Evening—more information coming soon		
Friday 13th October	Individual photographs of all children— more information coming soon		
Tuesday 17th October	Blue Class Assembly 2.45 - 3.15		
Thursday 19th October	Purple Class Assembly 2.45 - 3.15		
Friday 20th October	Last Day of Term 1		
Monday 30th October	First Day of Term 2		