

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are at the end of another busy week at school! Reception are very tired after their first full week, they have all worked hard and are settling so well into their classes. Year 1 and 2 loved their sports taster sessions run by Performance Coaching.

Next week Y2 have their Stay and Read sessions and we have the Federation Celebration tea party event.

I have also attached an important letter to the newsletter email regarding the Federation leadership structure from January.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Tumelty

## School Council

The class elections for school council officers have taken place this week. Children put their names forward and then the class took part in a secret ballot. School Councillors will come along to meetings to share the ideas from their classes and be asked to take on other jobs through the year.

**Congratulations to our new school councillors:**

Red	Jack & Rosie P	Yellow	Toby & Phoebe
Green	Clio & Isaac	Orange	Ziggy & Molly
Purple	Jacob M & Gracie	Blue	Lucy & Teddy

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Our first Parent Consultation Evenings of the year are taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October. These meetings give you an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and find out how your child has settled in to their new class and ask any questions you may have.

**Appointments are available between 3.30pm and 6.30pm and can be booked via Arbor. Bookings will open at 8pm on Friday 22nd September.**

## Job Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Lunch Break Supervisor who would work Monday- Friday 12-1.15pm. For more information please see the [job advert](#). The closing date for applications is the 2nd October and interviews will be held on the 4th October. If you have any queries please contact the school.

## Messages from...

### Reception

Please can all children have named wellies in school on Monday as we are going to forest school on Tuesday afternoon.

Sound folders must remain in book bags as children will receive a new sound sheet each day.

### Y1

Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day—we go out in all weathers!

### Y2

Earrings must be covered or removed during PE lessons—please send in tape for your child's ears if they have earrings.

# Parent Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in your child's class please discuss this with their class teacher and agree a time for you to come in. We do ask that if you are going to be volunteering that you commit to a regular session as we do a DBS check for all our volunteers (unless you have one already). Once you have agreed a time with the teacher you should come to the office to collect a volunteer handbook for you to read and sign the agreements before you begin volunteering.



We are also keen to see if any parents / carers would be willing to volunteer some time to help us keep the library organised on a regular basis— Mrs. Titley will be forever grateful of any help offered!

# Nut Free School

As you know we are a nut free school— this is due to having some children and staff who are seriously allergic to nuts.

Please check all of your children's snacks and lunch products carefully before sending them in.

Chocolate spreads can often catch you out as many of these contain hazelnuts.



# Funding our school - Census Day

On **Thursday 5th October** it is the first Census day of the year. Census day is very important for our school funding because information about the school is taken as a snapshot and Government funding is then based on this data. For example if all 180 pupils were in school on census day we would receive funding for all of the pupils however if only 170 pupils were in school then our pupil funding would drop based on the attendance for that day.

The same is true for school dinners, the Government grant towards your children's free school meals is based on the number of children having school dinner on 5th October. If more children have school dinners over the year than on these census days, there is a shortfall in the amount of money that the school receives. In the past, this has meant our school has had to make up the shortfall from the main school budget costing us thousands of pounds.

Therefore all children will be offered a school lunch on **THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER** so that we can receive the maximum funding possible, which will benefit the school and your children. The dinner menu has been changed so that **fish fingers and chips will now be served**. If you would like to order a jacket potato for your child instead you can do so at the office. If you would like to send a packed lunch for your child then of course you are able to do so.

# Parking



Parking and traffic has begun to be a problem again at the beginning and at the end of the school day. Local residents are feeling the strain of the additional traffic that the start of the academic year brings. Please do be considerate to local residents by not parking in front of driveways and turning your ignition off when waiting in your car. **Our recommendation is to park in the cinema carpark for drop off and collection times and walk the short distance to school.** This considerably reduces that amount of traffic on the Ridge Estate which therefore improves the quality of life for local residents; makes the roads and footpaths safer for the children and also reduces your journey time as you will not be queuing to get onto and off the Ridge Estate during peak travel times. Thank you for your support with this.

# Birthdays

**Special birthday wishes go to...**



**Reception Iris**

**Year 1 Bradley, Hudson, Savannah B**

**Year 2 Bobbie, Katie**

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.

# 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.



## Parent Phonic Information Sheets

Each week there will be a phonics information sheet available for parents / carers which details the sounds and spelling patterns that have been taught during the week. You will find these on the Reading and Phonics page of the school website. The first few weeks of sheets are available now and will be added to each week. Please click on the following link <https://www.broadwayinfants.org.uk/reading-and-phonics> then scroll to the bottom of the page to see the section titled 'Parent Information Sheets', where you will find the sheets for each year group.

## Friends of Broadway

Friends of Broadway is our fantastic parents association who work hard to put on events for the children throughout the year. Joining the Friends of Broadway is a great way to get involved in school life and helps raise money which positively impacts upon your children's education.

The Friends of Broadway are holding their AGM at school on **Thursday 5th October, you can arrive from 7pm**. There will be some snacks and drinks provided during the meeting. This meeting is open to all parents who would like to find out more about how to get involved.



## 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 Macmillan 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 27th or Thursday 28th September.**



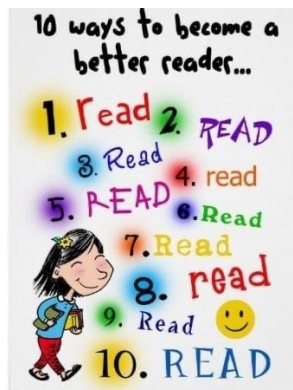
During the event children will be sitting in their classes and parents and carers can go and join them. There will be cake and drinks—tea or coffee for the parents and juice for the children.

# Champion Readers

Well done to **Orange Class** for being the winning class this week!

Red	17	Yellow	17
Green	21	Orange	25
Purple	18	Blue	24

\* Reception have been counted out of 4 reads as they only received their books on Monday\*



Your child will have a 'Great Reading' stamp in their reading record if they have been counted as a Champion Reader.

# Attendance

Our target is 97%

95.6% of children came to school everyday this week.

Red	95%	Yellow	92.6%
Green	97.9%	Orange	99.3%
Purple	90.3%	Blue	98.6%

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

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

# Important Dates

Monday 25th September	Choir begins
Tuesday 26th September	Y2 Stay and Read 2.15 - 3.15
Thursday 28th September	Y2 Stay and Read 9.00 - 10.00
Friday 29th September	Bridgeway Federation and Macmillian afternoon tea 2.30pm—see info in this newsletter
Monday 2nd October	Y1 Stay and Read 2.15 - 3.15
Thursday 5th October	Y1 Stay and Read 9.00 - 10.00
Thursday 5th October	Census day—Fish fingers and chips
Friday 6th October	Open Morning, New Reception intake 2024—see flyer attached
Tuesday 10th October	Speech and Language Therapy drop in sessions for parents—please book at slot in the office if you would like to
Tuesday 10th October	Parents Consultation Evening—see today's newsletter for more info
Thursday 12th October	Parents Consultation Evening—see today's newsletter for more info
Friday 13th October	Individual photographs of all children—more information coming soon
Tuesday 17th October	Blue Class Assembly 2.45 - 3.15—parents / carers invited
Thursday 19th October	Purple Class Assembly 2.45 - 3.15—parents / carers invited
Friday 20th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30th October	First Day of Term 2