

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a week... the last of our Christmas shows, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day, Christmas parties and a visit from Santa and finally our Carol Concert at the church today! Thank you for all your support the children have had a wonderful festive week and have been amazing throughout!

Thank you to all the donations of toys for the Children's Hospital, you have been very generous again this year!

The children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers on Wednesday this week—if you have not yet donated please do so by visiting: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230027404>

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Boulton all the best for his future retirement as he officially leaves the Ridge today, after 14 years as Headteacher. From January I will continue leading both schools as the Federation Headteacher.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024!

Miss Tumelty

Special birthday wishes go to...



Reception:

Lola–Grace, Theo B

Year 1: Oliver M, Luna,

Lorenzo

Year 2: Daisy U, Jannah, Ella

School Applications

Reminder... applications for your child's Reception school place close on 15th January 2024. Year 2 parents / carers—Please note you **do not** have to apply for your child's Y3 place at The Ridge.

Elf Trail

Ridge Friends of School are running an Elf Hunt over the Christmas holidays—please see the attached letter to give more info on how to purchase a map of the trail.



Discos!

Friends of Broadway school disco letter and information is attached to the newsletter email today!

Food Bank Donations



This is an announcement from all of the School Council about a charity that we need you to help with. We would like to support our local food bank who provide food for those that are in need. Christmas is expensive and some families find January a very difficult month. We are asking for any spare or extra food that you have after the Christmas holidays which you would be willing to donate. Please make sure it is in date and food that would last a long time. Please bring any donations into the Broadway school office. Please remember this will be the first week back after Christmas. On Friday 5th January, it will be taken to the local food bank. So if you want to give and help charity, please bring it in for that Friday. Thank you, The Ridge School Council

Flu Vaccinations

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are still available for Reception – Year 11 students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book> If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

Lunch Menu

On Wednesday 3rd January lunch will be sausage, mash and vegetables and on Thursday 4th January lunch will be roast gammon.

These changes are due to delivery dates in the new year.

Breakfast Club bookings for next term go live on 18th December at 9am.

World Book Day

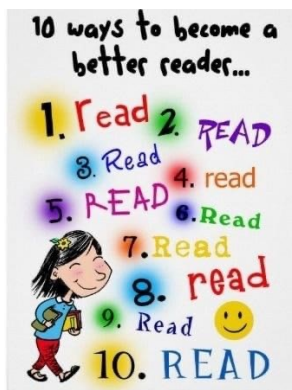
World Book Day is coming up on 7th March. At Broadway our activities are centred around the enjoyment of books and reading during this day. **We do not ask the children to dress up as a book character**—we wanted to give you advance notice of this so you don't buy a costume unnecessarily in the new year for World Book Day. More information will follow regarding the events that will be taking place on the day.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 2nd January** INSET Day—school closed to all pupils
- Wednesday 3rd January** First day of Term 3 for pupils
- Thursday 11th January New Year Discos—more information coming soon from Friends of Broadway
- Tuesday 16th January Stay and Investigate (whole school) - 1.45-3.15pm—parents and carers invited
- Tuesday 30th January Orange Class assembly—parents / carers invited—2.45pm
- Thursday 1st February Green Class assembly—parents / carers invited—2.45pm
- Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February Parent Consultation meetings -more information coming soon
- Thursday 8th February Kids Fit workshops—all children to wear PE kit
- Tuesday 20th February South Glos Parents and Carers SEN coffee morning. Joint with The Ridge. At Broadway.
- Friday 9th February Last day of Term 3

Champion Readers

Please keep reading with your children over the Christmas holidays. Practising little and often will help the children embed their reading skills.



If your child reads 5 or more times at home they will be a Champion Reader.

Reading in school with an adult does not count towards this total.

Attendance

Our target is 97%

The whole school attendance for this week is 91%

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

Red	81%	Yellow	92.6%
Green	85.4%	Orange	93%
Purple	97.6%	Blue	93%

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