



## BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at Broadlea Primary! Staff and children are working hard and we are already seeing some fantastic work in classes.

We welcome four new teachers to the school: Miss Tina Micklewright (Y6), Mr Edward Clear (Y5), Miss Gemma Waters (Y4) and Mrs Sam Stevens (Y2). We are very excited to be working with them all.

It has been a fabulous first five days. On Monday, father and son authors Peter J Murray and Simon Murray entertained Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils. Simon introduced Years 1 and 2 to Icky Doo Dah, a monster with large eyes who likes to eat spiders. Peter entertained Years 3 to 6 with stories of his family and his latest book, Kruschmeister. The children thoroughly enjoyed the super workshops and were very keen to get the books they had purchased personally signed. Both authors were blown away by the generosity of our pupils and the uptake for their books – so thank you very much for your support!

Fitter Future, who are on a mission to help improve fitness levels of children across the country, also visited on Monday to launch their fitness programme with our staff and children.

Fitter Future is completely free to use from home, with children encouraged to complete one workout a day. The workouts last just 8 minutes (KS1) or 10 minutes (KS2) and can be completed in even the smallest of spaces with no equipment needed. Every time your child completes a workout their class teacher is notified and has the option to print out a personalised certificate as a record of achievement. There are also monthly 'Fitter Family' challenges that encourage adult participation!

For access visit [www.fitterfuture.com](http://www.fitterfuture.com) and click on 'Student'. I have asked class teachers to give children their username and password over the next week. On the site there is no social networking or interaction with any other child.

We hope the children have fun accessing this additional resource!

### Lunches

We have a new caterer providing the school meals. Caterlink are passionate about providing your children with award winning Food for Life freshly prepared school lunches that are true to their fresh food heritage. Each day there are three choices: main meal, vegetarian option and jacket potato. Please look at the menu that has already been sent home and encourage your child to try a variety of the hot food options.



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal each day. The cost of a Caterlink meal for children in Years 3 to 6 is **£1.95 per day**, £9.75 per week. These meals will need to be paid in advance on the School Gateway Website or Mobile App on Smart Phones and Tablets.

## Harvest

Next Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September is our Harvest Assembly. We are delighted that Father David Lawrence-March, Priest in charge at the Parishes of the Good Shepherd, Lake and St Saviour-on-the-Cliff, Shanklin, is joining us for the celebration.



We had a wonderful response to our appeal last year and will once again be collecting for Isle of Wight Food Bank. Children may bring items into school from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Dried and tinned produce is most easy to donate as it has a long shelf life. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Uniform

At Broadlea we wear our uniform with pride. Our uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan (with logo optional)
- White polo shirt (with logo optional)
- Grey trousers or skirts or shorts, of an appropriate length, in summer
- Red/white gingham dresses (summer only - leggings should not be worn under dresses and skirts)
- Red fleece jacket/coat with logo (optional)
- Sensible black school shoes (No backless shoes or open toe sandals. Trainers should only be worn for games)
- Plain black, white or grey socks
- Plain black, white, grey or red tights
- Plain black, white, grey or red hair bands without adornments
- No jewellery should be worn in school (plain studs can be worn in pierced ears but they must be removed or taped during PE lessons)
- Make up or nail varnish should not be worn in school

We are also offering, for **Reception only**, the option to wear a **plain red or plain black polo shirt** instead of the white polo shirt. All other items of the uniform remain the same.

Over the next few weeks, we will be consulting with you on whether you would like to take this uniform change through into the other year groups and looking at any other ideas you may have for updating our uniform policy. We are not making any changes yet and I will seek the views of all parents, children, staff and Governors before taking things any further.

## Parking

Please could I ask that you not obstruct our neighbours' driveways or park in the corner shop car park. Morrisons and Merrie Garden are kind enough to allow us to continue to use their car parks before and after school, please use these safe places. If you are parking in side streets, please park with consideration for our neighbours and those using the footpaths.



For parents and carers with a parking permit, please could I remind you that we have a lockdown to vehicles moving on the school site between 8.30am and 8.50am and 2.35pm to 2.55pm. **The first disabled parking space on the bend and the disabled space next to the building are reserved for vehicles requiring wheelchair access.** If you arrive at school late, you will not be able to park on the premises. **Please do not park in the taxi places, on the staff field, any grassed areas or in front of the SCIP unit** or your parking permit may be revoked.

### Facebook, OurSchoolsApp and Communication

The launch of our Facebook page last year was a great success! We will continue to use it to share the fabulous things going on in school. When we launched our Facebook, we said that it would be a 'Like' only page. I have now begun to share some of your general comments and messages of thanks to staff.

We will also continue to use OurSchoolsApp alongside the school text service to notify you of events and pass on general school messages. Please ensure you have it downloaded to your smart phone or tablet.

### Friends of Broadlea

The Friends of Broadlea work very hard to bring together parents, teachers and our local community to raise additional funds and to support the school. To be successful, they need a willing group of parents to be involved in school life. If you are interesting in joining the Friends, please come along to their Annual General Meeting on 20th September 2017 at 7pm in school.

We look forward to sharing a very exciting year ahead!

Kind regards

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