



BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back - it has been a fabulous first two weeks! Our children in Reception have done a super job of settling into their new school. They are already developing independence: sorting out their bags and coats in the morning and diving straight into the fabulous learning experiences on offer. Reception and Year 3 have been lucky enough to be introduced to our new Forest School area. The children have chosen their own Forest School name and had a chance to explore the area. They had fun building dens, collecting leaves, searching for bugs and even spotted a dragonfly. Reception had an extra special treat of popping popcorn on the fire.

Homework

We are changing the way we deliver homework this year to ensure that we are specifically targeting the areas which will have the most impact on our children's learning and progress. There will therefore be no written homework for Year 2 to Year 5 but all children are expected to complete the following:

- Reading should be for 20 minutes at least five times a week and a comment should be written in their diary (by the child in upper Key Stage 2) and parents sign the record.
- Spellings should be practised using the SpellingShed app. The spellings for the week will also be given to your child on a slip of paper. The login details are in your child's reading record.
- Times tables practise is through Timestable Rockstars – the same as last year. The login details are in your child's reading record.
- Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Chambers will send reminder details for both apps next week. Please let us know if you have any issues.

Year 1 will practice using the apps in school over the Autumn term and will then be set tasks for homework in the Spring. Year 1 should read daily, as above.

In addition to the above, Year 6 will also be issued with additional homework in order to prepare them for the SATs. This will be through the use of Maths, Reading and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling revision booklets, which we are purchasing for each child. We will also give you the opportunity to purchase study guides at a reduced bulk order price.

Holiday homework in the form of multi activity grids, linked to their Topic, will be provided for all children who wish to complete a holiday challenge. This will not be compulsory but will provide those children who enjoy this type of activity with an additional challenge.



Lunches

Our lunchtime catering is provided by Caterlink, who are passionate about providing our children with award winning freshly prepared school lunches. Each day there are three choices: main meal, vegetarian option and jacket potato. Please look at the menu on OurSchoolsApp and encourage your child to try a variety of the hot food options. Our new Friday yoghurt station, with fresh fruit, is going down a treat!

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 **£2.05 per day**, £10.25 per week. These meals will need to be paid in advance on the School Gateway Website or Mobile app on Smart Phones and Tablets.

Parking

Please could I ask that you not obstruct our neighbours' driveways. Morrisons and Merrie Garden public house 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 8.25am and 8.55am and 2.35pm to 2.55pm. 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.

Facebook, OurSchoolsApp and Communication

We have had some super feedback regarding our use of Facebook to share the fabulous things going on in school and will continue to use it this year. 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.

Important dates can be found on our Teamup calendar - this can be located through the link on the home page of our school website or by downloading the Teamup app and using the code: ks7761998dc88917db

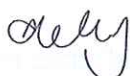
We have added dates for all the Christmas events, Parent/Carer evenings in the Autumn and Spring term, Autumn open afternoons and much more.

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 contact the school office and we will put you in touch.

The Friends have set dates for their well-loved events, such as the Christmas and Summer fairs, discos and family events. You can find these on Teamup.

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