



BROADLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a very busy but very successful first half term, I am delighted to report that the hard work of the children and the staff is evident in classrooms, books and displays across the school. We have been enthusiastically driving school improvement in a wide range of areas which has been recognised by visitors, shared book moderation with other schools and Local Authority Advisors.

Last week, visitors from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Early Years teams observed Reception and were delighted to find that all staff, both Teachers and Teaching Assistants, were fully engaged in supporting learning at an appropriate level of challenge and all children were fully immersed in their learning. We now look forward to welcoming other schools into our setting to work with Mrs Nilsen-Grahame in her role as one of only two Leading Foundation Stage Practitioners on the Island.

Communication

We no longer use newsletters as a primary means of communication. Instead, please find information and good news from the following sources:

Facebook - We currently have 320 Followers from the Island, all over the UK and even all over the world! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, family and friends who have started to follow us and for all your lovely comments – we are delighted that you are enjoying seeing the super things going on in school. We love sharing our learning with you as it happens!

OurSchoolsApp - We use OurSchoolsApp alongside the school text service to notify you of events and news – both school events and Island activities and news which may be of interest – and pass on general school messages. Please download it to your phone so that you do not miss any important messages.

Friends of Broadlea - The Friends have their own Facebook page and a display board next to the main red gate. please check both to keep up to date with upcoming fundraising and school events – your support is always warmly welcomed!

Face-to-Face! - Finally, sometimes a couple of minutes face-to-face can give you an answer to a question or a bit of extra information. Your child's class teacher is available at the end of the school day for brief conversations or to make an appointment for a longer chat. Mornings are a busy time for us, and teachers like to be ready to welcome all the children into the classroom – at these times, Mrs Bloomfield is on the Year 3/4 door, Mrs Chambers, myself or a member of the office team are on the front gate and Ms Graham can be found at either the Newport Road pedestrian entrance or the Berry Hill/Manor Road entrance. We are all happy to give you our time or pass on any messages to the class teacher.



Parking

Please could I ask that you park with consideration and do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways. In particular, there have been considerable problems with parents parking in Berry Hill. Please park a little further away and walk rather than endangering pedestrians using the footpaths or causing distress to our neighbours. Thank you.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Flower back to the team following her maternity leave. Mrs Flower will be working closely alongside Mr Hopper as part-time Assistant SENCo. Mrs Flower is already enjoying her new role and has undertaken a range of assessments with some of our younger children.

Finally, I would like to inform you that Mrs Parker will be leaving us at the end of the week to take up a new post at Arreton St George's CE Primary School. Mrs Parker has led many new initiatives linked to PE with passion and enthusiasm. We are sure that you will join us in thanking Mrs Parker for all she has done and wishing her all the very best for the future.

Mr Collings is doing a fabulous job of leading PE across the school and has some great successes! He will continue to lead PE and will oversee our current staff who will share the teaching of PE and the running of after school clubs for the remainder of the Autumn term.

Along with other schools across the country, we continually find ourselves stretched to the limit with regards to staffing and budgets. I would like to publicly take this opportunity to thank our fabulous staff for supporting each other, stepping in when needed and always giving that little extra to ensure that our children are safe, supported and cared for during the school day.

Have a lovely Autumn break and please remember we have an Inset day on Monday 30th October.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon Freeley
Headteacher

