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Aim: 'A Love of Learning for a Lifetime of Opportunities'

We welcome everyone to our village school where all faiths, cultures and abilities are received with love, care and respect.

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer break; the sun was shining, pools and hot tubs being used, and everyone was having fun!

I welcome all the new children and their families beginning at Broad Hinton Church of England Primary School and hope that you are looking forward to all the exciting activities that will happen in our school this year.

I, as your Headteacher, will be in regular communication with you and will inform you of any events, and notices via this newsletter which you will receive in or close to the first week of each month. Copies will also be available from the school office, on our Facebook page and on the school website. Please use the newsletter to note down any information and diary dates so you and your children do not miss out on anything. Texts, emails on Parentmail and messages on SeeSaw will also be sent, so again please read them and note anything down. I will be sending weekly communication to you at the end of each week with news from the week alongside a celebration montage which is a photo gallery of activities from each class showing the week's learning. Communication is particularly important to us in our partnership working and this is a two-way process, so everyone is part of the school way of life. It is also a way for us and you to show off our school and the provision we provide for each individual learner, so I ask you to share the Facebook book pages to friends and family. Please follow our Facebook page and write any positive comments as part of our feedback.

The staff and governors at Broad Hinton School are dedicated to the broad, balanced and creative curriculum that your child is given.

If you wish to give us positive feedback or raise any concerns, please contact the class teacher as the first point of contact and, of course, not only raise concerns but give praise to the school when we do something good or alert staff to changes of arrangements or circumstances.

We all look forward to working in partnership with you and the wider community this year to develop the school

Collective Worship and celebration assembly

Below is the timetable for worship for the week

Monday: Rev Jonathon Poston, vicar or Mrs Andre, our local pastoral leader or Mrs Floyd

Tuesday: headteacher or teachers

Wednesday: headteacher or teachers

Thursday: headteacher or teachers

Friday: Celebration assembly, to which parents are warmly invited, starts at 2.30pm, with our first assembly starting on Friday 9th October.

The theme of Collective Worship This term is: 'Friendship' and 'Harvest'

Independent learners:

PURPLE LEARNERS

All members of staff strive throughout the year to develop everyone into an independent learner, to prepare them for future life and education. We, as staff, are always learning more about how to encourage our children in school to become even more successful in their learning, confident as individuals and responsible as citizens. We are calling these children our 'purple learners.' You will receive with this newsletter a leaflet which outlines this further and includes ways in which you can support them at home.

For your information

Foundation Stage curriculum is for Reception Year children (EYFS).
Key Stage 1 curriculum is for children in Years 1 and 2.
Key Stage 2 curriculum is for children in Years 3-6.

Medication

Please could you let the school know if your child has a new medical condition or allergy or is now asthmatic and needs an inhaler during the school day? This will then allow us to update our list and inform the teachers accordingly if they do not already know. If your child needs to have any medication administered during the school day, please contact the school office and drop off the medicine as well as completing the appropriate medical form, which is on our website. Thank you.

School Council

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be running elections for our School Council. Pupils in Year 6 will work on their manifestos and then a secret ballot will be held to elect 4 executive councillors. The new School Council will be getting involved in the daily running of the school, being asked their opinions and included in some general decision making. All their views and opinions are gratefully received and valued. We wish them every success and hope that they are fully involved in our school, building on the successes of last year.

Ways to help your children

Below are just some ways in which you, as parents, can continue to help and support your child throughout their school life.

- Reading regularly with them; daily in Team 1 and 2 or at least 3x weekly in Team 3 and 4
- Supporting homework and encourage them to be 'purple learners'
- Helping to encourage a positive attitude to learning and home learning
- Signing the Home School Agreement in Reception and Year 3 or as a new family to school
- Giving support and practical help to the Friends of Broad Hinton School Charity
- Working with your child at Family Learning events

Thank you to everyone supporting the school

Healthy Eating

With the work being conducted in the past few years by the staff and governors to gain Healthy Schools status, we would like to continue to encourage the eating of healthy snacks at break time: no chocolate, crisps or sweets please. It has been lovely to see the children being given healthy contents in their lunchboxes and choosing fruit and vegetables as part of their school meal. Please do not include nuts or seeds of any kind in your child's snack or lunch, as we do have children in school with allergies.

We would also endorse the drinking of water on a regular basis using the children's individual water bottles, and not squash or flavoured drinks. WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL, SO NO NUTS OF ANY SORT INCLUDING PEANUT BUTTER IN SANDWICHES.

Thank you for your continued support on this important part of the children's education and to support those with allergies..

Planning, Preparation and Assessment time for teachers from September 2026	
Team 1 and 2 Friday afternoon	Enrichment; outside learning Computing
Team 3 and 4 Thursday afternoon	Mrs Cope - RE Swindon Music Service – Ukulele/music tuition

Family Learning session on 'Child Protection'

Safeguarding and child protection is a high priority in all schools and therefore all school staff and governors have had the appropriate training.

It is important that all school volunteers with DBS checks are now given the information appropriate to their work in school. School volunteers need to be trained at least every 3 years but if you are new to the role in our school we will organise a time for you to complete the training with Mrs Wickens when it is convenient for everyone.

If there are any safeguarding issues you need to notify us of then do not hesitate to contact the team using the following email: safeguarding@broadhinton.wilts.sch.uk

This email will appear on each newsletter at the top of the first page for your reference.

School safety and security

The safety of our staff and children is always a top priority and therefore please be advised of the following arrangements.

Door entry measures are designed so that everyone visiting the school during school hours reports to the main reception. This not only enables visitors to be identified but also ensures they are accounted for in the event of an emergency. Should you contact or visit the school during the school day, and cannot contact via email of phone, please report to the school office in the first instance.

Late arrivals to school in the mornings will need to sign themselves in at the school office so that doors in and out of school can be shut for the safety of our children. Signing in "Late" protects late arrivals not marked present in the register in the event of an emergency but is also a requirement of our Education Welfare Officer, who may visit school to check and review attendance/absence levels. A member of staff will then escort your child to the appropriate team.

Collection arrangements: Parents must advise the relevant class teacher of any changes to the usual collection arrangements for their child(ren). It is imperative that teachers are also informed of any temporary changes to these usual arrangements. Please also collect your child at the end of the day from the exits used in the mornings.

Any child who is not collected straight away should stay with their class teacher and Mrs Floyd. Whilst it may seem a kind gesture to take an un-collected child home, it often causes more anxiety for the un-collected child's parents and school staff. Please also refer to the separated/divorced parents' policy if appropriate which is on the website.

Leave of absence during the school day: If your child has an appointment during the school day, please notify the school in advance (preferably in writing) and indicate who is going to collect your child. Also, we ask for written confirmation of this appointment, usually an appointment card or copy of letter. If the school has not received parental notification of a child being collected for any reason, the child will not be allowed to leave the premises unless consent can be gained from the parents/guardians. If your child is absent from school and no notification has been given by you as parents, then the school office will text you and if necessary, send out a letter asking for the reason for the absence.

The following will happen in September:

PE

With the introduction of our 'Active Wear' uniform the children will come into school in appropriate PE uniform on the days designated for physical activity, so there is no need to be notified of PE days or changes to this timetabling. Any information of PE teaching will be outlined and clarified on the termly overviews from the teachers

Please also ensure that all children with long hair (below shoulder length) have their hair tied up daily with an appropriate tie.

Bags

KS1 can bring their book bags in with them daily with their reading books in. The reading books will be changed on a Monday.

KS2 staff and I would like no big ruck sack type bags in school - we have seen a decrease in accidents and trips in the corridors, as well as children taking more responsibility for their equipment. Reading records should be brought in every day which the children can use a book bag for. Children can bring in a book from home to read in school, and this will stay in school until they have finished it. Alternatively, they can read a book from school. Those children who are given a book from the school reading scheme should bring their books into school on a Monday to be changed as appropriate.

Wet day weather kit needs to be brought in in the first week in September and will stay in school for those wet and rainy days.

Stationery

The children will not need any stationery in school; this will be provided.

Beginning and end of the day

All children will line up in the playground at the beginning of the day and be collected at

Dates for the diary – also found on our website on the 'Home' page. Please be aware that all dates could be reviewed or cancelled.

September:	
1st/2nd	TD days; no children in school
3rd	Term 1 begins for Year 1- Year 6
7th	New Reception children begin full time in school
	Dance coach in for PE lessons for Team 3 and 4
11th	Friends event organised by the school staff; Family Band night; poster attached and tickets from the office or on the night.
18th	Friends AGM; 9am in the school hall, EVERYONE WELCOME, coffee and bacon rolls available
23rd-25th	Team 4 on Braeside Adventure Residential
30th	Potential Year 3-4 rugby festival at RWBRFC?
October:	
2nd	McMillan Coffee Morning organised by the school council and school ambassadors; details to follow
5th	Harvest festival at St Peter's Church; 1.30pm, ALL WELCOME
6th	Rubicon skateboarding and scootering workshop; Friends purchased for the school
9th	Individual photos; details to follow
14th	Potential Netball festival for Year 5/6 at Braden Forest?
21st	Term 1 ends
November:	
2nd	Term 2 begins
	Yoga coach in for Team 3 and 4
4th	Parent appointment day; details to follow via Parentmail booking form
11th	Potential Year 4-6 girls football festival at Braden Forest?
16th-20th	Anti-bullying week
19th	KS2 singing performance at The Wyvern Theatre; details to follow

FRIENDS OF BROAD HINTON SCHOOL PRESENTS

CLEMENTINE SUNRAYS

LIVE

Friday 11th September

Join us for a festival on the field!

Live music, drinks and food.

covering your favourite songs from:

BLINK 182 • ARCTIC MONKEYS • MUSE • TAYLOR SWIFT • CHAKA KHAN • LINKIN PARK • BUSTED • SUM 41 • IMAGINE DRAGONS • GUNS N' ROSES • AVRIL LAVIGNE • PARAMORE • DON HENLEY • FALL OUT BOY • BRITNEY SPEARS • THE BEATLES • OLIVIA RODRIGO • CHAPPELL ROAN • MUMFORD & SONS•

Doors: 6:30pm Bar 6:30-9:45pm

Hot food: 6:30-8pm (hot dogs and chips)

Set times: 7:30-8:15pm then 8:45-9:30pm

Adults: £5 U18s: £2 U11s: FREE

Tickets available at school or on the door.