



# BROAD OAK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy start to Term 1. There is a great atmosphere around the school. The children have all settled into the new term well and it is lovely to see how much the children are enjoying their learning.

There is a lot to share already including the dates sheet, please could I ask that you keep a note of the key dates provided.

I would like to extend a huge welcome to our reception children and families. The children have settled quickly and show great confidence and willingness to try every activity both in the classroom and beyond. The superb role models across the rest of the school have aided this successful start to their school life.



The school is buzzing! There is certainly great positivity and enthusiasm in all of the classes. Here is a brief overview of some of the classroom experiences so far.

## Elm Class

The Elm children have been settling in nicely. The Reception children have been learning about each member of staff, what they look like and the role that they do within the school. The children in year 1 and 2 have been super role models to the reception children and have taken them all under their wings. It has been wonderful to watch them learning and playing together throughout the day. **The class are starting work on a project next week, could anyone help the class by donating some hay bales for Monday morning please?**

## Pine Class

Miss Reed wasn't put off by the awful weather when she took Pine class to the school field as part of their 1066 Topic. The children were set the task of building a Motte & Bailey Castle. This gave them the opportunity to act out life as a Norman and this activity will be followed up with a trip to Battle Abbey in October.





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Pine Class pictures

## Larch Class

The year 5 and 6 pupils have really settled into their roles as leaders in the school. They have been very focused and working hard every time I have popped in to see them. I especially enjoyed seeing their improved computer skills as they researched the artist William Morris – work is now on display in the school hall.

## Responsibilities

I would like to take the opportunity to announce the members of our School Council this year. Representing the three classes Elm, Pine and Larch we have Levent, Damla, William, Flynn, Olivia, James, Lottie, Amber and Sam. These children have been nominated by their class mates to share their views and vision for the school. They have already been working hard to decide on our new 3 house team names. Through class votes the teams will be named after woodland creatures and we hoping 3 names will be chosen soon.

I would also like to introduce our Librarians who are Lottie, Yagmur, Ava, Grace and Mabel. They will be providing story sessions and library time on a Monday/ Wednesday and Friday lunch time.

The Play Leaders have started leading games confidently on a Tuesday and Thursday lunch time. One of their first decisions will be ordering some more resources to support the games they are leading. Well done to Max, Keiran, Patrick, Isha, Fern, Mary, Lilith and Amelia.

I have received some amazing applications from the year 6 pupils to be considered to become a school Ambassador, I will be making my final decisions next week and will share the names in the next newsletter.

## Sport

Mr Tooze led the Year 5 and 6 children to a local Cross Country Event which was attended by all the local schools. It was fabulous to see the effort the children put into their races. I am proud to say Elizabeth and Keiran are through to the next round after qualifying in this first heat. We wish them luck as they proudly represent Broad Oak in the next round.





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Our 'Be The Best' the children in each class this week have been:

Elm- Elouise, Pine-Neve and Larch Amber- Well done.

- Attenders of week 1 were Elm, Pine and Larch.
- Attenders of week 2 are Elm.

The Golden dustpan award was given to:

- Week 1 – Pine
- Week 2- Larch

We would like to share the news that Jeff Wood our long standing Caretaker is off to pastures new.

Jeff will be moving away from then area to be closer to family. We are very sad to see Jeff go but wish him the best of luck going forward.

Jeff's last day will be Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – If you or anyone you know may be interested in this role please contact the office for further information.

## Fundraising

What an amazing way to finish our week with the MacMillan coffee afternoon. Thank you so much for supporting such an amazing charity, it was lovely to see so many faces this afternoon. I will share the total amount raised as soon as I know.

## Campaign group

The Broad Oak support group have been busy handing out the latest Save Broad Oak school leaflet across the community. If you haven't already completed the online document to support the school this can still be done up to the 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please take some time to do this.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to a busy week next week. On Monday, as you know we will be joined by Councillor Standley for a tour of our school and an opportunity for him to





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meet the pupils and staff. Then on Friday Huw Merriman is going to visit taking time to meet the pupils and staff followed by an 'open surgery' from 3.00-3.30pm with parents to listen to their views about the consultation, if you are able to show your support at this time it would be great to see you!

Many thanks as always,

*Claire Kinsella*

Head of School

Please make a note in your diary for the upcoming PTA events being held at the school.

**Film Club** - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.15-5.00pm (All funds raised from this event will go towards the Christmas Pantomime tickets)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm** - PTA AGM

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7.30pm** - Harvest Supper

Forms to register for the Film Club and Harvest supper are held in the office.

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