



Broadfield East Junior School News

A message from the Headteacher:

Gosh, what a year we have had so far. We continue to make good progress and build even more momentum in our learning in all year groups and the children have been absolutely wonderful. The change we have witnessed over the past year has been delightful and I hope you will join with me in saying a huge well done to the children, staff and parents in our joint successes.

Accelerated reader (AR) is still working really well and I would urge you all to read the update from Mrs Markham – our AR leader over leaf. We have plenty of evidence to show that where parents read with their children daily and converse about the texts and books, children make accelerated progress. Progress is so good for so many of our children that they have caught up to where they should be and in many cases have even surpassed their age expected level. In short, lots of our children are now ahead of other children of a similar age in the country. Wow, how proud we are to say that!

We continue to improve the school environment for our children and our classrooms, cloakrooms, corridors and displays are looking really good. Children surrounded by work and resources they can be proud of, makes such a difference to their behaviour and happiness in school and we continue to work hard to improve this every term.

We have been keen to look carefully at the curriculum and how we teach our children and the new topics are being well received by our classes. We have continued to buy lots of books, increase the access to computers and improve the facilities for teachers in classrooms to make sure every lesson is of at least good quality. I am pleased to say that this term, the quality of learning has increased again and the teachers and support staff are working really hard, every day, to make sure your child receives the best possible learning in each lesson.

It is with a great sense of pride that I tell you we are currently on track to gain even better results than last year and – as long as the way we assess the children remains the same – we are looking forward to celebrating this success with you. It is never beyond my understanding just how important each and every parent and carer is in achieving this increased quality of education for our school. Change, as we all know, is a process and we are so pleased to be able to state that we all work together at Broadfield East Junior School to give the very best education – and therefore life choices – to the children in our charge. There is only one thing I have left to say – for whatever part you play in delivering better lives for our children, have a great big thank you from me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Tow'.

Dave Tow - Headteacher

Coffee Morning and PTA:

We are still recruiting volunteers for our Infant and Junior School PTA and we are keen to welcome people who are able to support as much or as little as they feel they can.

Our next coffee morning is being held on Thursday 12th March 2015 in the Junior School at 9.00am and we would love to see you there. If you feel you may be able to help our PTA, please chat to Mandy Owen over a cup of tea or coffee and a cake.

Times tables:

The Times Tables Challenge is working very well across the school. The children are busy learning the times tables and heading towards achieving the Expert Times Tabler Badge. Don't forget to keep learning your tables during half term!

Games Library:

The new 'Games Library' is up and ready to run and will begin on the 27th February 2015. It is open to members of the Junior and Infant School

For those of you new to the games library, it is a simple way of borrowing games to play with your children at home. It is based on a trust system where people take and look after games throughout the year. We only ask for a small £2 donation to the scheme and this grants you access to the games for a whole year.

If you would like to use these resources, please see a member of the school office who will help you with the registration process. Happy Gaming!



Date	Event
Friday 13 th February 2015	INSET DAY <i>(Infant and Junior school)</i>
Monday 23 rd February 2015	Children Back to School <i>(normal school day)</i>
Thursday 5 th March 2015	World Book Day <i>(Costumes at the ready!)</i>
Thursday 12 th March 2015	Coffee Morning in Junior School
Thursday 19 th March 2015	No Hot Meals Today <i>(usual arrangements apply)</i>
Friday 27 th March 2015	Last day of Term <i>(normal school day)</i>
Monday 13 th April 2015	Back to school <i>(normal school day)</i>

Parents' Consultations

As you will be aware, we have tried to make the dates and times of parents' evenings more flexible to fit in with your busy lives. Teachers will be contacting parents directly via the telephone to arrange an appointment in school at a time convenient to you both. Please take the time to attend these appointments so we can continue to work together to make the very best progress with your children.

Reading update:

As a result of continued hard work from parents, staff and the children themselves, we can confidently say that we are now a reading school!! In the last year, our children have read 18, 000 books and 70 million words. They are amazing and we are very proud of them all!

Please keep talking to your children about their books, encourage them to read in the holidays and please, please, please return to school any books that they have borrowed – we are missing a few.

Attendance and Punctuality:



We need your help. For the first time in a long time, our overall attendance has dropped by 0.3% and this is not good news for us to sell to OFSETD, to the Department for Education (DfE) or even ourselves. As a school we take pride in the attendance of our pupils and this figure is really important if we want to attain a 'Good' grading from our next official visits.

The overall attendance of individual pupils has increased and the attendance treats are working very well. We wish to say a huge thank you to those children and parents who attend regularly with no lates. We know you are working hard and taking the education of your children very seriously.

There are however a few families who have taken rather long absences from school to travel abroad and this is undoing the good work of the many. Poor attendance is simply not acceptable for any child and it can affect the stability of the pupils who are not attending regularly or accruing long periods of absence from school. Similarly, children attending late are missing key teaching and learning and this will impact on their choices in life as well as their behaviour and overall attitudes.

As the leader of the school I am called to take decisive action to challenge parents where their child is not being brought to school daily and on time and while I am willing to implement such proceedings, I would much rather work with parents to encourage children to attend.

Thank you for all your hard work keeping healthy and attending well. We look forward to celebrating your child's excellent attendance with them from September 2014.

Breakfast – The most important meal of the day!

*Tired of the morning rush??
Preparing breakfast then going home to face the washing up??
Not always got time for breakfast??
Quick cereal bars on the way out of the door??
Well not anymore!*

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a breakfast club to the pupils of BFEJ. The club is open Monday to Friday 08:20 until 08:40. The cost of this is just 50p, for which the children are able to choose TWO items from the food on offer that day. The menu varies weekly, typical items include toast, cereal, crumpets, waffles, pancakes, yoghurts and tea cakes, all washed down with some lovely fresh fruit juice.

(Please note that children who are eligible for free school meals are also eligible for the breakfast club free of charge. Please contact a member of the school office team if you would like your child to attend.)