

# Broadfield East Junior News

## A message from the Headteacher:

Well here we all are, arriving safely at the Easter Holidays and may I say it has been a very eventful and exciting first term for us all here at Broadfield East Junior School. So many positive changes have taken place and the quality of learning for all of our children continues to rise.

We have introduced our new Reading scheme in school and this has been met with such enthusiasm by all pupils who are now able to take home reading books matched to their levels and next step needs. The new system is designed to encourage children to read, to understand what they have read and to make the maximum amount of progress possible; we have even given over another 20 minutes of our learning time to the development of reading in school and this is having a massive impact on progress.

As parents, one of the most important responsibilities you have is to read with your child each day – it is well documented that children who do this go on to make better progress, achieve well and secure the very best jobs in the future. A huge well done to everyone who is taking this responsibility seriously and completing the reading diary each day the children have read with you at home; give yourselves a very big pat on the back from me.

Progress in classes for Reading, Writing and Mathematics has increased again for so many children and this is testament to the hard work and dedication of all the Teachers and TAs. The children are now receiving much more focussed learning and a skills based curriculum that will better prepare them for the next stages in their learning. Those of you who know me will recognise that, while we have made great strides forward, I will not rest until we have the very best education for all of our children. The school is cleaner and better organised, the children's behaviour is conducive to good learning and the quality of teaching is rising every day.

You will know that, following the visit from the DfE at the end of January, we set ourselves 12 specific targets to achieve before the next visit. I am thrilled to let you know that we have succeeded in achieving all of those targets – and more besides. I am really proud of the staff team, the parents, the governors and of course the children for this accomplishment. Well done to us all and...go on then...have another pat on the back from me!

Dave Tow  
Headteacher

## School Ducks:

We are pleased to announce that the migratory ducks have, once again, returned to our school and are providing us with much amusement. We believe they may have laid eggs in the bushes and so I would ask you all to move sensitively around the school entrance to ensure we do not frighten them away.



## Punctuality and Attendance:

Thank you to everyone who gets their children to school on time every day. Our attendance is rising! Keep going! Please remember, we are no longer able to authorise holiday during school time.

## Year 6 Champions:

To make sure our current Year 6 children get the very best support and make the most progress in their remaining time in school we have introduced our 'Year 6 Champions' scheme.

Every single adult in our school has been assigned two Year 6 children with whom they meet every day at 12 o'clock. These children bring their writing and mathematics books with them and discuss their work. The adults discuss the targets the teachers have set them and give them support, praise and encouragement to ensure they fulfil their full potential in each lesson.

*Everyone taking responsibility  
so that  
Every child succeeds!*

## Important Dates:

Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Last day of the Spring Term ( <i>normal school day</i> )
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Easter Break Begins
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Good Friday ( <i>Bank Holiday</i> )
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Easter Sunday
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2014	Easter Monday ( <i>Bank Holiday</i> )
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Parents' Coffee Morning ( <i>9.00am</i> )
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2014	Last day of Half term ( <i>normal school day</i> )

### Parents' Coffee Morning

I would encourage you all to come to the parents' coffee morning as this is an excellent time to meet some of the key staff and outside agencies that work closely with our school. It really is a simple get together where we offer you a cup of tea or coffee and – if you are really lucky! – some cake! We hope to see you there.

## School Rules:

Just a reminder of our new school rules for you all to discuss with your children at home.



## School Uniform:

With such great changes taking place in the way we work, I am keen to make a change to the way we look too. To achieve this I am looking at changing the school jumper and logo so everyone can **see** the differences we are making for the children in our school as well as hear about them - a fresh start with us all looking really smart!

My 'Parent Ambassador' group are working closely with me on this important change to make sure we give you plenty of notice, that the price is competitive and that the quality of the jumpers is good. Any changes will come into effect from September as I know the summer holiday is when most new jumpers are bought, after the children have raced around in the sun and grown lots!

### Some initial key facts:

- The school jumper/ cardigan will change and it will have a new logo and writing on it – the jumper will be blue
- The school trousers and skirts will be dark grey or black
- Polo shirts will be white (no logo so you can buy them from Asda, Tesco as cheaply as you can – feel free to start wearing white ones with no logo from now if you would like)
- Shoes will be black with no major pattern
- For PE children will need a pair of blue or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt
- Trainers or plimsolls will be acceptable for PE and a pair of blue or black jogging bottoms will be useful for the winter – children can wear their new Sweatshirts for PE if the weather is cold.
- In the summer children may of course wear blue or black tailored shorts and blue summer gingham dresses

### So why am I telling you this now?

Well, put simply, I know that many of you may be thinking of buying new uniform for your children over the Easter Break and therefore I felt it prudent to give you as much notice as possible so you can start buying the right trousers, skirts, dresses as you replace them. The main change that will need to be timed will be the new jumper/ cardigan which will only be worn from September. Please rest assured I will write to you all, in plenty of time, to show you the new logo and jumpers so we are all on board and know where we are heading.

This is an important change for the school and will really help us make a statement to the local community that Broadfield East Junior School is changing and that we are really proud of our school. As always, I thank you for your continued support and I know we will all be really proud of our children: reading lots, behaving really well, making great progress, looking fantastic and wearing their smart, new uniform with pride.

Many thanks

Dave Tow  
Headteacher