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Broadwaters Bunch For parents/carers

Thursday 14 January 2016

Dear Families

Welcome to the first edition of Broadwaters Bunch for the new calendar year of 2016.

Tuesday 2nd February 2016 – Governors welcome parents/carers

All Governors will be visiting classes and meeting pupils/parents/staff on Tuesday 2nd February. Their morning will start with a meet and greet for parents/carers so please do say hello when you see them - they may even ask you questions! Our Governors all voluntarily do a valuable job helping ensure the school fulfils its legal and educational responsibilities in areas such as finance, personnel, premises and teaching/learning.

Friday 5th February 2016 – NON –UNIFORM fundraiser – Teachers vs Children Football

A fundraising day (for a school in Nigeria), will be held on Friday 5th February. As part of the activities, a Teachers versus Children football tournament will be held at the local Broadwater Farm Community Centre.

Monday 8th February 2016 – 1.30-7pm – Parent/Carer Afternoon



Every term, parents/carers are expected to meet with their child's class teacher during an afternoon especially set aside for this. These 10minute meetings (maximum) help you to further understand of how your child is progressing in school. You can also discuss your child's friendships, behaviour and other topics. Please book your ten minute slot on Tuesday 2nd February. If you are unable to come to school in person, book directly with the teacher or contact the office who can make a booking on your behalf.

Thursday 11th February 2016 – Broadwaters Got Talent Show – ** 3.30-5pm**



Please put this date in your diary! We are planning a special evening where the children will showcase their amazing talents from dance and vocal song to spoken word. Details will be sent nearer the time.

Care Plans/Medication – Reminder



We cannot administer any medication to your child without a doctor prescription AND a care plan. This ensures we have the correct information for our welfare team to administer the medication. Please note that this applies to any length of time for medication to be prescribed including one day.

Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance is continuing to do really well with the vast majority of families able to send their children to school every day. Recently we have noticed that some children are not getting to school on time and as a result punctuality and early bird awards are lower throughout the school. Some families are walking in at 8.45! **It is very important to be on time to school as we start lessons during registration.** We have **free** breakfast provision (WakeUP! Club) to help ensure you are on time starting from 8.20am, as well as childcare breakfast starting at 7.45am - £1 per child.

Danger - No pedestrian access via the car park gates



When the school car park gates are open (after a car has passed through), **do not walk through** to access school. In the mornings (the busiest time), cars, vans and lorries use the gates to deliver/access the car park. *This increases the danger to pedestrians, especially children who walk to school by themselves.*

Reminder: No scooters or bikes to be ridden anywhere on the school premises



Do you want to give us feedback? Please use the process below

If you have a query/update about your child, please see the child's teacher AFTER school and not before as this delays registration which must be done promptly. Thank you. **The morning is for emergency updates only.** We will soon introduce a "parent" email for you to feedback to the school. This will go direct to Umarani Nathan.

Feedback process

1

Speak to your child's class teacher or speak to our Parental Engagement Lead/Headteacher's PA Umarani Nathan.

Umarani is available most mornings to speak to any parents/carers who wish to see her. She will usually be outside in the playground or inside school. Do ask for her at the office.

2

Arrange to speak to a Senior Management Team member; Miss Smith, Mrs Harris, Ms Ballantyne or Ms Beckles.

One of the Senior Leaders is available each and every day to speak to parents/carers.

3

Speak to the Headteacher, Ms Ferdinand.

Ms Ferdinand will always try to be in her office during the start and end of school but it is best to book an appointment with Umarani Nathan if you wish to speak with her.

4

A letter to the Chair of Governors but only after following all the steps outlined above.

5

Further representation.

If you remain dissatisfied you may make further representations. You may approach the Secretary of State for Education or the *Ombudsman if you are unhappy with the process or outcome. This would normally only be appropriate if you believe that the school, the Governing body and the LEA have acted illegally or arbitrarily. * Please note the Ombudsman does not investigate internal school management.



BESS – Clubs and After school care – Ending week of Monday 14th March 2016

Reminder: ALL clubs (including Homework) will finish the week beginning *Monday 14th March 2016*. Childcare will be available *Monday 21st March until Wednesday 23rd March 2016*. The timings/costs are 4.30pm (£4)/6pm (£9). ****From 1.30pm on Thursday 24th March 2016 the school will be closed. There will be NO CHILDCARE PROVISION ****

School closes for the half term break on Friday 12th February 2016 at 3.15pm
School starts on Monday 22nd February 2016 at 8.45am

**** Friday 24th June 2016 is a staff training day – school will be closed ****

We aim to issue the new school year dates (September 2016 to August 2017) *by the half-term break*.

Enjoy a lovely weekend of cold sunshine ahead.

Best wishes Umarani Nathan- Parent Engagement Lead

