

Snapshots of the Week

Week: 11 October to 15 October 2021



This week...

PTA

Broadstone First School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a registered charity made up of parents, other family members and teachers who volunteer their time to support the school by organising social and fund-raising events. Any parent can join the PTA, which meets about once a month to organise events for pupils and parents. Regular events include the successful summer fete, tuck shop, film night and school discos to name a few. Over the past couple of years, the PTA have worked tirelessly to raise their profile and to find alternative ways of raising money for the school during Lockdown. We are all extremely excited to be able to commence in person events again this year.

Each year our amazing PTA raise several thousand pounds which are then spent on a variety of projects.

The following are some of the things we have supported to fund so far...

- Donation towards the new ICT suite
- New cameras for our University of Broadstone
- Donation towards the new library
- New games and crafts for morning club
- A new book bag for each individual to go with the new school uniform
- Year 4 leavers memory
- Reading Hero bears
- House rewards

This year all funds raised will be going towards the development of an outdoor wellbeing area for all the school to use during the day- more details to follow. The PTA will be working closely with our school council on this project.

The PTA AGM was held on Tuesday night and it was great to see some returning faces but also some new faces. I am delighted to share with you that our committee for this year has been elected and is as follows:

Chair - Holly Alderman
Treasurer - Helen Dear
Secretary - Katja Wilson

We welcome support on every level from parents or extended family members. Everything to simply attending and supporting events to getting more involved in running some or even helping out for half an hour. Please look out for a flyer in your child's book bag about PTA Lite and how you can support.

Open Evening for Reception 2022

What a fantastic evening we had on Wednesday, opening our doors to new prospective parents for Reception 2022. It was great to welcome them into school and share with them our fantastic school. Over the coming weeks we will be carrying out tours with prospective families. Please do share with friends and families who may have a child starting school. If they would like to book a tour please contact the school office on 01202 694376.

Reading

It doesn't take lots to read a lot of words. Remember Read, Read and READ some more!

Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000 words** per year.

Reminders for next week...

Clubs

All after school clubs and music tuition will be running as normal.

If your child attends Recorder Lessons please ensure your child has their instrument on the day of their tuition.

PE Day

Please remember on your child's set PE day to send them in wearing their PE Kit.

Reception – Wednesday and Friday

Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 2 – Monday and Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

PTA Event Y1-4



www.pta-events.co.uk/bfs

Clarendon

2176

Ridgeway

2317

**House
Points**

Tudor

2133

Wentworth

2287

Year 4 Campaign and Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic field trip to the Heath on Wednesday, collecting and identifying plant samples and measuring the human effects of trampling on the plant life. Armed with that evidence and their newly acquired passion for the heathland environment they then launched a successful campaign to parents in the playground. Thank you to all who have supported the trip, campaign and this learning experience!



Attendance

Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

Why is it so important to attend every day?

- Learning is progressive; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).
- Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

Please help us to help your child to attend school regularly and to arrive on time. If there are any problems or you need advice of help please either speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Lisa Thompson Purvis who can be contacted via the school office.

Reminder

Please can we remind parents that the front school gates close promptly at 8.50am. Registers are taken at 8.50am and classroom doors will be closed so please arrive at school before this time to ensure you have enough time to walk your child around to their class. Ideally, we would like all children to be in school as near to 8.40am as possible, so they can partake in their morning activity and socialise with friends all contributing to them feeling ready to learn. We have noted that children who arrive near to 8.50am are not having this opportunity to prepare for the day ahead, which can be unsettling as they are rushed into settling in. We have a window for drop off so all children have time to arrive, organise belongings, chat with friends and prepare for the day ahead ensuring they are in the correct state for learning.

Your Feedback Really Counts!

We are committed to improving our school and the outcomes for each and every child. As part of this commitment it is very important that there is feedback from you on key issues facing the school and we will be gathering this feedback through a questionnaire. We know that this can be time consuming, but in order for us to improve our service to you, we need to know what you are thinking. So please do take the time to fill this out. We will be sharing with you over the coming weeks the findings from these. Of course, we wouldn't expect you to wait to be asked for your opinion about school matters, and welcome any ideas, insights or comments you might wish to make at any time.

PE

Our EYFS learners have had a fantastic week meeting the Burpee Bear Family relations to our very own PE Bear Charlie. We have been practising some of the Burpee bears exercises in our PE lesson and we will be sending home some wake up routine exercises and wind down routines for the learners to try over half term.



Safeguarding

From time to time, we make you aware of incidents that relate to safeguarding of pupils. Recently a staff member experienced a rather worrying event outside of school time in a location local to us. As the staff member drove down a local road, they were frightened to find a small child in the middle of the road. They slowed down to see what they could do and when they had almost come to a stop, an adult appeared and tried to break into the boot of their car.

When the police were called, it became clear that the situation had been set up expressly for the purpose of breaking into the car. Whilst the vast majority of our journeys are event free, we just wanted to alert people to this sort of event taking place and urge you to be cautious about what you keep in your boot and perhaps consider locking your car as you drive.