

# **BROADMEAD LOWER SCHOOL**

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## Our March Value is Patience

Dear Parents,

We want to make Monday a celebration, and to revel in the fact that all of the children are back with us at Broadmead. Therefore, we are going to have a breakfast party when the children arrive in their classrooms. The children can enjoy a continental breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolats and juice whilst they chat and catch up with their friends.

We know that some children will be very anxious about returning and that some children who have been in school are nervous about the changes that this will bring.

All teachers will spend time every day next week talking with the children and addressing their worries and anxieties.

Yesterday, we sent out details about a free workshop from our friends at Making Me, about supporting an anxious child. This workshop is taking place at 7pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please let the Office know if you would like to attend and leave your email address and I will send you a link to the meeting. It will be held virtually via Google Meets.

The children can still order a hot school dinner next week, there is an up-to-date menu for the rest of this term on the school website.

On Monday our staggered start and pick up times will continue, please stick to your time slot to help ensure a smooth drop off and pick up at the school. A reminder of these times are below.

- Key Worker children 8:45am 3:30pm
- Bear Class Y4 8:50am 3:25pm
- Elephant Class Y3 8:55am 3:20pm
- Tiger Class Y2 9:00am 3:15pm
- Badger Class Y1 9:05am 3.10pm
- Panda and Puffin Class YR 9:10am 2:45pm

#### After School Club

Our After School Club will reopen on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the booking system is open for bookings. If you require any further details, please contact the School Office.

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## Rapid testing for households and support bubbles of school pupils and staff

The Government has announced that the households and support bubbles of school pupils and staff are now eligible for twice-weekly rapid testing. The full guidance is available here Rapid test kits for home use can be collected from some local testing sites. Households can find out where they can collect test kits by using this search tool

For those who are unable to collect the rapid test kits, a limited number are available to order online through this link

### Parents' Evenings SchoolCloud Video Appointments in March

You will be able to book an appointment to have a virtual video call with your child's class teacher online from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8am. The online booking system will close at 4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. I will send out details of how to book an appointment in a separate Parentmail. This is a new system for us so if you do have any difficulties please contact the School Office straight away and together, we will resolve it. I am confident that it will be very easy to use, but little gremlins do like to pop up, and you made need this month's value of patience with us.

As we are unable to move staff into different bubbles to cover teachers our appointments are on different days for different classes. Please try to leave the later appointments for parents who may be out at work and would find the earlier appointments difficult to attend. The appointment times are;

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March Miss Longand is available 2.45 – 5.30pm (Year 4)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March Mrs LeNette is available 2 – 5.30pm (Year 2)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March Miss Seddon is available 2-5.30pm for Panda Class.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Cosbie-Ross is available 2-5.45pm (Year 3)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March Miss Jannat is available 1.30-5.30pm (Year 1)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March Miss Longland is available 3.45 – 4.30 for any parents unable to attend on Monday.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Miss Coladangelo is available 2 – 5.30pm for Puffin Class. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Smith is available 2.30 -3pm for any parents unable to book on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Year 2).

## Red Nose Day 19th March

I like to give you lots of advance warning before an event so that you can start to plan your child's outfit already – on Red Nose Day the children may come to school wearing something red or spotty. I will give you the link next week to make any donations to this very worthy cause.

### Thank-you to our Parish Council

John Symonds delivered a large amount of cleaning supplies to our school this week as a donation from the Parish Council. These supplies were very much appreciated as you would not believe how many paper towels we go through in a week!

### World Book Day Thursday 4th March

Thank-you for the wonderful costumes that you provided for your children yesterday, they all looked amazing. I will upload some of the photographs from the day onto the school website later for everyone to see.



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Please see table below for diary dates for this term. Any changes or additions will be in red type.

Spring Term 2021	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All children return to Broadmead
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations Week:
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 26 <sup>h</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Summer Term 2021	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children Back to school

Governing Board Meetings	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	

Keep safe and best wishes. Mrs Debbie Cosbie-Ross Assistant Headteacher

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