



# Junior News

The first half-term of the year has already ended. In some ways, the time has flown by. I am still settling in but I am thoroughly enjoying being a member of the Broomgrove community. As with any new leader, some changes have been introduced and more may come - however, I can assure you that as a school leader, the children are always at the heart of all decisions made.

Our Parents' Evenings ran smoothly and we have received positive feedback. We have lots of events to look forward to next half-term and they are listed below.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the BSA for their time, commitment and work to plan and deliver events that raise money for both schools and ultimately support our pupils.

Happy half-term everyone! I look forward to seeing the children return after their well-earned break.

Mrs K Wright

## Family Film Event



On the afternoon of Friday 25th November, St Mary's Church will be open for a showing of the Christmas family film "Nativity". Doors will open at 1pm and will be finished by 3pm. Children and their parents/carers are welcome, however they do have a team of helpers if parents are unable to attend.

More details to follow after half term.

## School Council

The School Council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve our school.

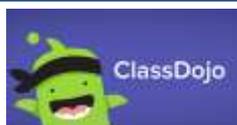
This year Mrs van der Wolf will be supporting the council.

Congratulations to Belle, Ethan, Emily, Jacob, Maisie, James, Ethan, Charlotte, Sophie, Meftah.

Our Voice counts....



COMING SOON ...



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## Allergens

### Natasha's Law – a note for parents:

Natasha's Law came into effect on 1st October 2021 and applies to any food business that produces PPDS food, primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities, and nurseries that provide food. Under new legislation, any pre-packaged food must be labelled with the foods name and an ingredients list that emphasizes the 14 allergens.

Any 'loose' food such as the snack available for the children doesn't require a label but needs to meet the current allergen information requirements for non-prepacked food.

### Birthday/celebration sweets/Class parties

We appreciate that there may be some special times, throughout the year, when children may wish or are asked to bring items into school to share with their friends (e.g. birthdays or class parties). When this is the case, we will ask for pre-packaged food items where the allergens are clearly identifiable and will no longer be able to use 'loose' items or homemade foods, as this will not comply with Natasha's Law or current allergen requirements. If you wish to send something in with your child to celebrate a special event then please choose individual pre-packaged items e.g. Haribo sweets or something similar.

## Secondary School Admissions

The new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September for parents of current year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. Applications can be made online via

[Secondary school places - Essex County Council](#)

This year admissions **will not** be sending letters out to parents as all information required is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex Brochure 2023 to 2024 along with the "Secondary School Admission Policies Directory 2023/2024" which provides all the information on individual schools and how they offer places.

[Secondary Education in Essex Brochure 2023 to 2024](#)

[Secondary Education Policies Directory 2023 to 2024](#)

## Nut Free School

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction.

We **cannot** have nuts in school in any form as we do have children with severe nut allergies (including chocolate spread that has nuts in it, e.g. **Nutella**).

Please can we remind you there should be no nut products in lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks.



## Training for parents of children with SEND

Essex County Council are delighted to be able to offer an online learning event for parents and carers of children with SEND in Essex. They have taken feedback directly from parents/carers about how and when you would like support and the kinds of topics that you feel would be helpful to learn more about.

They have arranged for skilled practitioners from the field of SEND to deliver training sessions live on the evening of **23<sup>rd</sup> November from 6pm- 8.30pm**. You will be able to book up to three sessions over the evening and the sessions are:

### 6.00-7.00pm

Understanding and supporting school attendance difficulties  
 Understanding behaviour  
 Sensory strategies  
 One Planning- what is it and how can it support your child

### 7.00pm-7.30pm

Support for Young Carers In Essex  
 An introduction to visuals  
 Toileting tips and support delivered  
 Essex Family Forum: Who are we and how can you feedback to us?  
 DROP IN: The role of the specialist teaching service for children who are deaf, have a vision impairment, or a physical & neurological impairment (PNI).

### 7.30pm-8.30pm

Strategies to use with your child to develop their early language and communication  
 Preparation and planning for annual reviews  
 Thinking about the future – what you need to consider as your child approaches adulthood  
 School focused anxiety

Please click on the link to book on to any of the sessions : <https://forms.office.com/r/fdNMbfyuCF>

If you are not able to attend the sessions, do not worry as they are planning to record the majority of sessions and upload them after the event to the Essex Local Offer website, so you can access the sessions at a time when suits you most.



Please remember to park responsibly around our school and observe the 20MPH speed limit.

Thank you



### Dates for your diary:

#### 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 Harry Potter Trip	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	4pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu immunisations	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert	TBC