



Spring issue 1 - 20/1/2023



A Great Start to 2023!

Well, what a great start to the New Year!

The children have returned to school fully motivated for their learning. It has been lovely to see them all.

As always, our Monday "Picture News" assemblies have been received well and this week's particularly gained a lot of interest from everyone as it focused upon whether we throw things away too easily and it showed details of a Repair Cafe in Wales. This sparked lots of interest. It linked to the British Value of Individual Liberty and remembering our actions can have positive consequences and that if we choose to repair items, we can save money, help the environment and learn new skills.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day.

If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this term so far:

Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	85.7%
Class 3	91.5%
Class 4	97.6%
Class 5	95.4%
Class 6	93.7%
Class 7	97.3%
Class 8	90.8%
Whole school	93.6%

KEY DATES

- *Thursday 26th January: Bag2School Fundraising for the BSA
 - *February 6th-10th: Children's Mental Health Week
 - *Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day
 - *February 13th - 17th: HALF TERM HOLIDAY
 - *Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
 - *Friday 17th March: Comic Relief Day
 - *Tuesday 21st March: Parents' Evening (3.30-7pm)
 - *Thurs 23rd March: Parents' Evening (3.30-5.30pm)
 - * Friday 31st March: Last day of term
 - *April 3rd - 14th: EASTER HOLIDAY
- PLEASE SEE OUR SNOW PLAN ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!**

Wivenhoe Open Gardens

Due to Covid it has not been possible to have the Opens Gardens' weekend for a few years in Wivenhoe, but the organisers are hoping to start up again this year (May 20th and 21st).

They are trying now to recruit gardens and they wonder if any of our families would like to consider being involved.
Please see the details opposite.

Wivenhoe Open Gardens

Is back.

Saturday May 20th and Sunday May 21st

Would you be able to open your garden for either or both days?

Contact

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Or

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Broomgrove School Meals *(by Adele Clark, Catering Manager)*

We average anything between 200-250 school dinners daily (across both the Junior and Infant School.) Our Christmas Dinner in December was cooked for 347 people, including staff! This involved a lot of hard work, but was very rewarding for my catering team. We do love to see the children enjoying their Christmas dinner!



All our fruit and vegetables are fresh and delivered weekly, including 25kg of potatoes which are all peeled and prepared by hand alongside 12kg of carrots. (There's no frozen potatoes or carrots in this kitchen!)

Also, all of our fresh meat is delivered directly from Coleman's Butchers in Boxted and it is high quality and absolutely delicious. On Pizza Day, our dough is made from scratch too.

We ensure the best produce is always served to our pupils!

The Introduction of Character Virtues

As you would have seen on our Class Dojo messages, we are introducing Character Education and we have already asked staff and pupils to choose the Character Virtues that they consider make up a person's "good character," such as kindness, respect, ambition and charity.

On Class Dojo, we have asked for parents and carers to vote for the virtues that you think we should prioritise at our school.

Snow Plan 2022-23
Guidance for Parents of Broomgrove Infant and Junior Schools

In matters related to adverse weather conditions, we will **keep the school open** whenever possible, provided the safety of children and staff can be maintained. However there may be occasions for where, due to the health and safety of children and staff, we have to close the school. The importance of clear communication is essential and this letter outlines our procedure in such circumstances.

Essex County Council (ECC) has created a new online notification system to keep parents up-to-date about unplanned school closures. The system has been introduced by ECC to allow parents and guardians to access information about school closures faster and more effectively via the internet.

All Essex schools will be able to complete a simple reporting process either on the day of the closure or the day before. A notification will then be added to a live feed on the emergency school closures page on the council's website <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

This feed will continue to update as notifications of school closures are received. The page will refresh at 6pm each evening and closure lists for the next day will then go live.

Essex radio stations have always been extremely helpful in not only listing school closures online, but also using their airtime to keep people informed. They will continue to support ECC in getting vital school closure messages out in as many ways as possible, including signposting listeners to the school closures page on the council's website.

The decision to stay open or close the school is made by **7.00a.m.** This will be based on;

- the ability of staff to get into school
- the safety /conditions in the building, given the weather
- the likelihood of weather becoming even worse during the day.

As well as the council's new notification system, schools have been asked to provide information to parents about other ways they will communicate closures. We will communicate with you as parents / staff through;

<p>Infant School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Website – scrolling on the homepage ● Tapestry ● Microsoft Teams 	<p>Junior School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Website – We will endeavour to update the school website as soon as a decision has been made. ● School Twitter Feed. ● Class Dojo ● Parentmail
<p>BOTH SCHOOLS</p> <p>Essex website as above</p> <p>Approved radio stations – Heart FM & BBC Radio Essex</p> <p>Parent Mail</p>	

Once this decision has been made to close the school it will not be reversed, even if weather conditions improve. Please accept our apologies in advance if the decision turns out to be the wrong one but we have to decide on the basis of the information we have at the time and with enough notice to allow parents to make childcare arrangements.

Breakfast Club and Out of School Club:

On any snowy day, there is a strong possibility that we may be unable to open Breakfast Club on time or at all. If we announce a late opening, or complete closure, then it should be assumed that on that day Breakfast Club will not open at all. You should therefore always bring your child to the door to check that there is someone there. Similarly, we cannot guarantee that Out of Hours Club will open on snowy days and if there has been a heavy snowfall during the day, you should expect that Out of Hours Club will not open. **All other clubs will be cancelled in the event of snow.**

Advice to Parents and Carers for extreme weather conditions

- **IF IT HAS SNOWED PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL BY THEMSELVES AS YOU MAY NEED TO TAKE THEM HOME IF MESSAGES HAVE NOT GOT THROUGH TO YOU IF SCHOOL HAS HAD TO CLOSE.**
- The decision to close the school will be a joint one between the Infant and Juniors Schools.
- If the school has to close because of extreme conditions during school hours, the school will text/call you to collect your child.
- Parents will have been notified of this closure by way of a text message, plus a message posted on the school website.
- If conditions are bad the following morning and our school remains closed, please check our website for updates and a ParentMail message from us.
- The school will provide work for the children at home through our remote learning platforms on every day that the school is closed due to snow. The Infants will upload work to Microsoft Teams and the Junior School through Google Classroom
- No snowballing on the school site. This is in the best interests of health and safety for all pupils, staff and visitors. The children **will** get the chance, if they wish to, to throw snowballs at playtime, if they appropriate outside clothing and footwear for the conditions, subject to school's discretion.



Broomgrove Schools' Association

The BSA are currently a team of three parents, fulfilling the roles of five committee positions; Chair, Vice Chair of the Infant's, Vice Chair of the Juniors, Treasurer and Secretary.

We are all working parents who simply want to help make a difference and raise some money to enhance our children's time in school.

If you are a parent who would like to help make a difference and would like to join our committee as either a Secretary or Chair, please do get in touch. We are more than happy to spend time with you to explain the roles and how we operate as a team.

Please email chairbroomgrovebsa@gmail.com



Warm Spaces

Where you will receive a
Warm Welcome!

As the cost-of-living crisis takes hold, Wivenhoe now has Warm Spaces – these are spaces where everyone is welcome to come along, socialise and get warm rather than heat your own homes

They are-

Congregational Church, High Street -

Monday 1.30pm to 6pm

Thursday 1.30pm to 5pm

Friday 3pm to 6pm

Refreshments available, including soup on Monday & Friday

Royal British Legion, The Quay

Wednesday 1pm to 5.30pm Refreshments available

Wivenhoe Library, High Street

Tuesday 2pm to 7pm

Thursday 2pm to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 5pm

There are also a wealth of clubs and organisations in Wivenhoe that would welcome new members- if you would like further information, please contact enquiries@wivenhoe.gov.uk

Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				



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