

# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term Issue 1

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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back! We hope this message finds you all well, refreshed, and having enjoyed a peaceful Easter break with your families.

The summer term has now arrived, and what a joy it has been to return with some early sunshine - at least at the beginning of the week! One of the highlights of our first days back has been reopening our school field. The excitement and energy from the children as they stepped back onto the grass is wonderful to see. We are incredibly blessed with the grounds we have—our wide-open spaces, space for sport and physical activity, our new orienteering course, and woodland area—which will provide fantastic opportunities for exploration, learning, and play throughout the term.

As always, the coming 13 weeks promise to be full and vibrant. We have a wide range of events planned, and we kindly remind families to regularly check the school website for key dates, as there is much to look forward to. Sports clubs will recommence next week, and letters have been sent out with details of the activities available for each year group.

It has been particularly pleasing to see how positively the children have returned to school life. Classrooms are filled with a purposeful atmosphere, and the children have shown great focus and enthusiasm for their learning. We look forward to seeing them grow and flourish in all areas over the term ahead.

This week has already brought exciting opportunities. On Thursday, our football squad took part in a friendly fixture against Wormley, playing three matches in a mini-tournament. We are very proud of all the children who represented the school—their sportsmanship, teamwork, and enjoyment were clear to see. It was also lovely to welcome parents along to support, making the occasion even more special. Although rain prevented proceedings this week, we look forward to hopefully determining our Year 3 to 6 District Sports squad through run-offs next Wednesday 3:00-4:00pm.

*Dream, Believe and Achieve with God*

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We were also delighted to gather once again for our “Hear Our Prayer” parental prayer group on Thursday. Thank you to all who attended. It remains a special and spiritually nourishing time as we come together in prayer for our school community and beyond.

Our focus value this term is Respect, encouraging us all to take care, show thoughtfulness, and recognise the beauty in the world around us—especially as we move into this bright and hopeful season.

As we begin this new term together, we leave you with these inspiring words from scripture:

*"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence"*

**Psalms 16:11**

May this remind us of the joy, wonder, and positivity that surrounds us and all the possibility and promise the summer term offers.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

**Best wishes Paul Miller**

### OUR FANTASTIC AWAY FOOTBALL TEAM





## **SUMMER FAIR—SATURDAY, 30TH JUNE FROM 1-4PM**

We are busy preparing for the Summer Fair on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. There are lots of ways to support the event even if you can't give your time:

**Summer Fair Brochure Ads** – We are creating our Summer Fair Brochure again this year and would love to showcase local businesses. The brochure is emailed to all school families and will also be available in print on the day, so it gets great visibility. If you are a business owner and would like to advertise for a small cost (half page £10, full page £20) please email us at: [pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk)

**External Stalls** - We are also offering external stall spaces at the summer Fair. If you are interested, please email us at [pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk)

**Arena Acts** - We still have slots available for the Arena at the Summer Fair. If you are part of a club that you would like to showcase its talents, please let us know!  
Email us at: [pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk)

**Rainbow Raffle** – this year we are doing something different for the raffle. Each class will be assigned a colour and children will be asked to bring in something for their classes' raffle hamper in that colour. We will then raffle off the Rainbow hampers at the summer fair. Colours assigned will be sent by class reps on WhatsApp. We are excited to see how the hampers turn out!





## FATHER (OR SPECIAL OTHER) DAY GIFT SALE

We are running a gift sale on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and would appreciate any donations. We are looking for new / unused / good quality items such as:

- Socks
- Men's toiletries
  - Books
  - Biscuits
  - Gloves
  - Scarves
  - Mugs

Please leave them in the cupboard in the Office Reception. Donation guideline attached as a reminder.



### **PTA Donation Rules Checklist**

When donating something to the PTA, please think before you donate and use the checklist below to save our volunteers time sifting through items we cannot use:



#### **Teddies/toys/books**

- Is it clean?
- Are all the pieces/pages there?
- Is the book appropriate for sale in school?
- Would you be happy to receive it in the condition it is in?



#### **Food/drink/toiletries**

- Is it in date?
- Is it unopened/unused?
- Would you be happy to receive it in the condition it is in?



#### **Uniform**

- Would you buy it?
- Is it stained?
- Does it have holes in?
- Is it off colour?



**CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

Tuesday, 21st April

**YEAR 5 RIVERS TRIP**

Thursday, 24th April

Please arrive at school at the usual time.

**EY1 TRIP**

Friday, 25th April

Please meet us at St Augustine's Church at 8.50am promptly.

**CLUBS THIS TERM**

DAY	CLUB	TIME	DAY	CLUB	TIME
<b>Monday</b>	Y3 & Y4 Flag Football	Lunchtime	<b>Wednesday</b>	Y1-Y6 Warren Club*	Lunchtime
	KS2 Golf Club	3.00-4.00pm		Y5&6 Flag Football	Lunchtime
	Dance Club	3.00-6.00pm		Y1&2 Summer Sports Club	3.00-4.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y1&2 Athletics Club	Lunchtime	<b>Thursday</b>	Y2-Y4 Mini Tennis	3.00-3.45pm
	Y3-Y6 Athletics Club*	3.00-4.00pm		KS2 Craft Club**	3.00-4.30pm
	KS2 Choir Club	3.00-4.30pm			

\* invitation only.

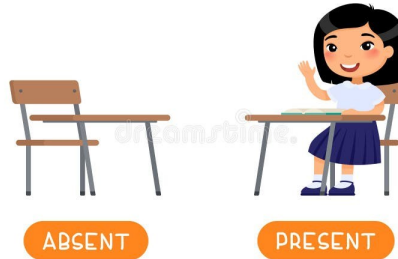
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## **REMINDER FOR REPORTING ABSENCES**

Please remember to email [absence@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk) (**not office@ or admin@**) if your child will be absent from school. This will ensure the message is received in time for morning registration.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## **VERBAL MESSAGES**

We kindly ask that **important messages (like changes to pick-up arrangements, absences, or other notes about your child)** are not given **verbally** at drop-off or pick-up.

Verbal messages, while convenient in the moment, can easily be forgotten during a busy school day, especially in the EY Unit. To make sure nothing is missed and your message reaches the right person, please:

- *Email the school office on [office@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk](mailto:office@broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk) or*
- *Send a written note*

This helps us keep everything running smoothly and ensures we're always in the loop when it comes to your child's needs.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!



## **BBC LATITUDE POETRY COMPETITION**

We are excited to share a fantastic opportunity for our children! The BBC, in partnership with Latitude Festival, is once again inviting children aged 7–11 to take part in their annual poetry competition.

Children are challenged to write an original poem on the theme of 'generations' (up to 200 words). Six winners—one from each BBC Local Radio station in the East of England—will be selected to perform their poem live as the opening act on the Waterfront Stage at Latitude Festival on Thursday 23rd July. The performance will also be broadcast live on the radio!

As an added bonus, each finalist will receive a weekend family ticket to the festival.

### **Key information:**

- Closing date: Midday on Friday 24th April
- Open to children aged 7–11 who live or attend school in our region
  - Poems must be original and no longer than 200 words

For full details on how to enter, please visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/latitudepoetry](http://www.bbc.co.uk/latitudepoetry)

We would love to see some of our talented young writers take part—good luck!



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

### PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

### LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

### HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or trends, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

### BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

### SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

### CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

### REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

### PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

### Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



See full reference list on our website



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## HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

*Green Hedgehogs*



**REMINDER:** The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!

## REMINDER: SCHOOL LUNCHES

If your child is going to be away—whether on holiday, at an appointment or a school trip—**please remember to remove their meal choice for that day.**

This helps us reduce food waste and keep everything running smoothly. It will also avoid unnecessary costs to you.

Thank you.



## BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Asher—Year 2—Honey the Sweet Fairy

Jake—Year 3—The Magic Faraway Tree

**REMINDER:** Birthday books should be new and age appropriate for the year your child is currently in.

We hope you both had a lovely day!

If you wish to donate a birthday book, please send in via your child and we will put in the library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.