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# Newsletter Friday 9th September

This week's attendance was: 98.90%

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service. This morning in our worship, we shared the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and her outstanding achievements to Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

#### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our new school year. I hope you all had a great summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine while it lasted. It is so lovely to have all the children back at school and looking smart in their school uniform.

In assembly this week, we talked about our achievements from last year and things the children were proud of and knew they had been successful in. We also discussed our goals for this year and the types of things, both inside and outside the classroom, that we would like to



improve and get better at. Over the next couple of weeks, staff will be carrying out a range of baseline assessments with the children and setting targets for the autumn term. These targets will help to support your child to focus on particular aspects of the curriculum and enable them to continue to make progress in all areas of their learning.



We have a wide range of after school clubs on offer this term. If your child would like to participate in an after-school club, please sign them up using our school gateway system. If for any reason your child is unable to attend a session, please do let us know so we

can amend our weekly registers for the staff running the clubs.

#### Clubs Running this term are:

Monday	OCRA Dance club KS1 & KS2
Tuesday	Netball after school club Y2 & KS2 (up to half term)
Wednesday	Kodaly Music & Movement KS1
	OCRA Martial Arts club KS2
Thursday	OCRA Tag Rugby club KS2

We have spoken to the children about the roles and responsibilities within our school leadership team. The roles are School Council, Sports Leader, Librarians and Woodland Champion. The children have been asked to write a letter of application for the role they would be interested in leading this year. We are asking for children to only apply for one role and



the closing date for applications will be next **THURSDAY**, with the new leadership team being announced on Friday afternoon in our celebration assembly.



Our celebration assemblies will begin next week, and parents are invited to join us from 2:40pm in the school hall. Our first Book and Biscuit Afternoon will take place the week after (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 2:20pm followed by celebration assembly. Our book and biscuit sessions are an opportunity for the children to share the learning

they have been focusing on over the fortnight and celebrate their fantastic achievements.

### Dates for your Calendars:

Friday 16th	Celebration Assembly @ 2:40pm
Friday 23rd	Book & Biscuit @ 2:20pm followed by Celebration Assembly
Friday 30th	Celebration Assembly @ 2:40pm
Friday 7th	Book & Biscuit @ 2:20pm followed by Celebration Assembly
Friday 14th	Celebration Assembly @ 2:40pm
Friday 21st	Book & Biscuit @ 2:20pm followed by Celebration Assembly

Your child/ren will come home today with the curriculum overview for the Autumn term. This will highlight the topics being covered in each area of the curriculum. If you have any artefacts (books, objects or knowledge) please do speak to your child's class teacher. The children in year 1-6 will receive their knowledge organisers next week to take home. The knowledge organisers will highlight language, facts and information to support them with the topic they will be exploring. Please do take time to read this and discuss the vocabulary with your child/ren. This will help to support them with their learning in school.

Looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming you to our celebration assembly next Friday afternoon.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook

## Notice Board

School Diary		
September 2022		
Monday 12th	OCRA Dance after school club 3-4pm	
Tuesday 13th	Netball after school club 3-4pm	
Wednesday 14th	Kodaly Music & Movement after school club 3-4pm OCRA Martial Arts after school club 3-4pm	
Thursday 15th	OCRA Tag Rugby after school club 3-4pm	
Friday 16th	Celebration Assembly 2.40pm – all welcome	

#### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

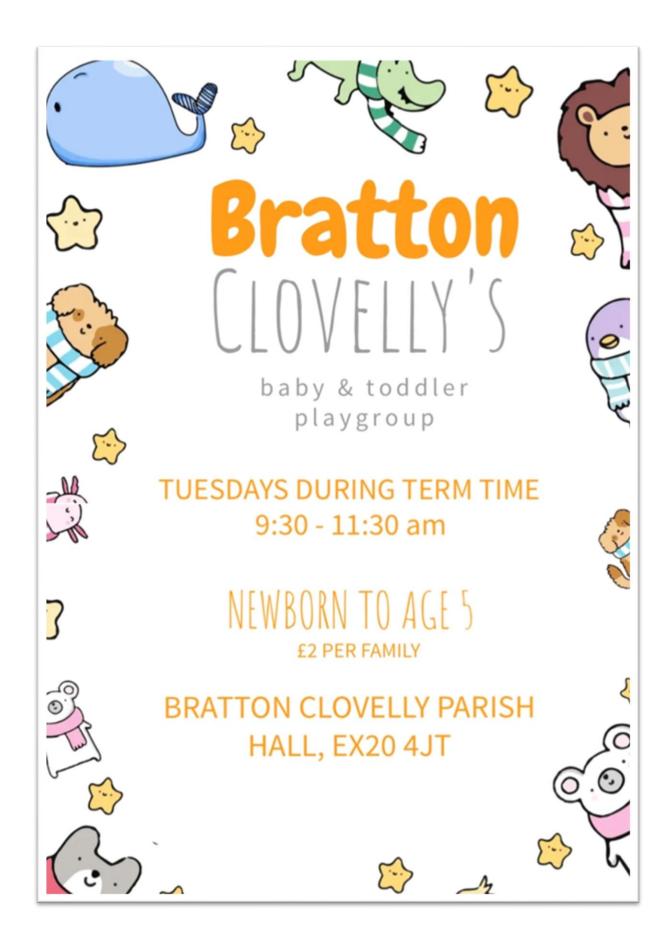
Monday/Wednesday/Friday:
8.30am to 3pm
Tuesday/Thursday:
8.30am to 12pm
Please advise the office by 12pm if your child's 'going home' arrangements are to change for the day so that this can be logged for safeguarding purposes.
Thank you.

Remember to book your child's school meals. Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September: Autumn Menu Week 2



FURTHER TO RECENT EMAIL, ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS START NEXT WEEK. THESE WILL

RUN FOR THE WHOLE TERM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NETBALL CLUB WHICH WILL NOW RUN FOR 6 WEEKS AND END AT HALF TERM. PLEASE BOOK CHILDREN ONTO CLUBS BY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IN READINESS FOR MONDAY! THANK YOU.







Saturday 17th September 2022 10.30am – 2.00pm

Okehampton College Field

& Pavilion in the Park

- Local charities and organisations: free to participate
- See the wares of talented local Okehampton artisans
- Buy local and support the Okehampton community
- Discover more about local recreational, support and voluntary groups in the Okehampton area
- Musical entertainment and free activity 'taster' sessions for all ages
- Sellers: £15 donation to local community development

For further information and to participate on the day please contact: community@dmatschools.org.uk







