



Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to every **2018**
We hope that you enjoyed the festive celebrations and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this year.

After School Clubs

Clubs will begin week commencing **Monday 15th January 2018 for 10 weeks**. If your child would like to take part in any of our clubs please complete the after school clubs permission slip and return to the school office.



Reading Books and Planners



Please ensure your child brings their reading book and planner to school every day and is heard read at home.

Children will be heard read in school at least once a week and will only have their reading book changed once a week. The children are also using the school library on Wednesdays with our volunteer librarians, Claire Bibby and Miriam Kilroy.

Pump bags

PE kits need to be left in school for the whole half term as children will be doing at least three sessions of physical education a week and there may be opportunities for additional sessions. PE kits can be taken home to wash in the half term holidays. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and it is vital that children participate in this lesson. Please note that the school does not hold a stock of kit for children who have not brought their own.

Reminder: Football kits are being worn for PE, would you please ensure that your child has the correct labelled PE kit which is black shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls.

Name Tags on School Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child's name is attached or written into all of their uniform, coat and shoes, as we are having difficulty identifying which items belong to which children.

We are quite aware that uniform etc. cost a lot of money and how annoying it is when you are unable to locate your child's personal belongings.

Change of Details

Please inform the school office immediately if there are any changes to your address, telephone numbers etc. This is to ensure all your details are up to date if we need to contact you concerning your child.

Safeguarding - Absences and Lates

- If your child is absent from school please telephone the School Office before **9.30am**. You will receive a call enquiring where your child is if we have not been informed by this time.
- The school teaching day commences at 9am and children need to arrive for 8.50am prompt.
- Any pupil arriving late will have to be signed in by their parent explaining why they are late for school that day. This follows the Education Welfare Officers regulations for late attendance.
- Pupils who have an unexplained absence will receive a letter from school asking for details.



You can now book to see a GP in Tameside at evenings and weekends.

- Medical appointments must be made after school hours where possible as these can have a significant effect on attendance
- If your child has to attend a pre-arranged medical appointment please send in the appointment card or letter to the School Office.
- The Education Welfare Service has asked schools to remind parents of the level of expected attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 95% we will inform you via a text message in the first instance. If attendance continues to fall, letters will follow and finally you will be invited to come into school to discuss your child's absence before further action is taken.
- **All holidays during term time will not be authorised.**
- **If your child is absent for 5 days this equates to 10 sessions which could result in a fine.**

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance is currently **97.20%**, although this is great news **please ensure that holidays, medical appointments etc. are arranged during the school holidays** as attendance has a direct impact on children's education.

97% - 100%	Excellent
94% - 96.99%	Good
90% - 93.99%	Cause for concern
Below 90%	Serious concern

Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication from their doctor to be taken in school time you must complete the school's medicine forms before it can be administered to your child. Please see the School Office.



Welcome

We would like to say a big welcome to our new Teaching Assistants, Miss Chloe Brewer (Red Class) and Miss Nicola Taylor (Green Class) who joined our team at the beginning of January 2018.



DOLCE Live Kitchen - School Dinners

The new school dinner system on the whole is a great success. However if you are experiencing any problems ordering or paying for dinners please contact Live Kitchen direct. This also applies if you would like to complain about your child's meal.



We would welcome any feedback to enable us to monitor this service.

REMINDER:

You must order your child/ren's school dinners with Live Kitchen as it is no longer the responsibility of the school. Failure to do so will result in your child/ren not having a school meal.

Packed Lunch

Please provide a good range of food for your child's packed lunch and only include one small chocolate bar if absolutely necessary. Do not provide your child with juice, only water or milk.

Scholastic

SCHOLASTIC You can look any time during the year on scholastic's website and order your books. Any money raised will go towards school activities. Please see attached the latest leaflet.

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/broadbottomprimaryschool>

Parent's Evening – Monday 12th February

Please book your preferred time in your child's planner.

Appointments will be kept to 10mins between:

- 1.30-8pm - Red Class (Miss Hawkins)
- Blue Class (Mrs H Dawson)
- 3.30-7.30pm - Yellow Class (Mrs Marrow)
- Purple Class (Mr Jowett)
- Green Class (Mr Bell)

***To avoid disappointment book early**

Diary Dates

- **Thursday 25th January**
Year 6 only - Robinwood Parent's meeting at 3:30pm in Red Class
- **Friday 26th January**
Parent Pride Assembly – all welcome!
- **Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th February**
Year 6 only – Robinwood Activity Trip
- **Monday 12th February**
Parent's Evening



Newsletters – to save paper and waste as of March 2018 the school's newsletter will be available on our website to view, you will no longer be sent a paper copy of the newsletter. If you would like the monthly newsletter to be emailed to yourself please write your email address in your child's planner.

School Safety Notices

Playground Goal Posts

Parents, please supervise your children so that they **DO NOT** climb on the playground goal posts as they are not climbing frames. They present a health and safety risk and also a cost implication to the school



Parents please note:

- **The Magdalene Centre toilets are not in use once children have been dismissed at the end of the school day.**
- **Please refrain from allowing your child and their siblings to enter the playground on bikes/scooters/trikes etc due to a health and safety risk to other children, parents and staff.**
- **If you would like to speak to any of the teachers please contact the School Office to arrange a suitable time. Thanks**

School Security



The school has now been fitted with locks on the playground gates. During the school day these gates will be locked when the children go into school at 8:50am until 3:15pm. Please use the main office entrance if you need to collect your child during these times.

Book bags

Following a recent freak accident in a Tameside school we are asking parents **NOT** to send any big bags into school i.e: large rucksack. Your child only requires a book bag or equivalent size that will fit into their pouch.

We are required for health and safety purposes to keep classrooms free of clutter and any trip/slip hazards. We hope you can support us in this matter by keeping our children safe.

All these dates and more are on our website www.broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk

If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please write your email address in your child's planner.

Parking

The school has received numerous resident complaints concerning the parking outside on the road and behind school. Can we please remind you that the road behind school is a private road and the sign clearly states this:

**PRIVATE ROAD, NO ENTRY FOR
VEHICLES ON SCHOOL DAYS BETWEEN
8.45AM -9.15AM & 3PM-3.45PM**

Could we also remind you that you **MUST** use the cricket club car park or train station car parks.

Failure to do so will result in further action.

**Our children are at risk of an
accident or worst**

Important Safeguarding Message

! If you have taken a picture of your child in school with other children, you must not put the photograph on any social media site, i.e Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc, as this is a serious safeguarding issue for the other children in the photograph.

If you want to upload a photograph of your child on to the internet you must crop it to ensure that only your child is shown.

Magdalene Centre

Points to consider

Do be considerate when arriving and leaving the centre – especially by being quiet late at night.

Do not park on the main road – especially not across driveways opposite. It can make life difficult and dangerous for other road users, on the sweeping bend in front of the centre.

Do feel free to drop off children or disabled passengers outside the gate.

Thank you for your consideration!

Tony Kershaw.

School Closure Plan

In the event of severe weather, flood or any other emergency I would like to outline how we plan to communicate with you should the need arise.

Our aim is to keep school open whenever it is possible and we will only close in exceptional circumstances.

If the school's conditions deteriorate through the night and this affects school opening in the morning, a message regarding any school closure will be relayed as soon as possible via:

- Text messaging
- The school website
- Local radio

Please refer to the website for updated information as necessary. If the school is to continue to be closed, the website will be updated with plans for the following day, and a text message will be sent by 5pm.



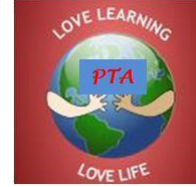
Many Thanks

E.M. Bland

Mrs E M Bland
Executive Headteacher



PTA



The PTA have helped the school over a number of years in raising money with their fantastic events for the children to enjoy extra enrichment activities and a contribution towards a very expensive Tameside Music Service. The PTA join our children and their parents together as a community. The PTA now have a facebook and twitter account on:

<https://twitter.com/BroadbottomPTA;>

www.facebook.com/Broadbottom-Primary-School;

Log on to these to find out all the exciting fundraising ideas and meetings.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend and support the school.

REMINDER: Class Coin Jars - each class has a class coin jar for copper or silver with a prize for the most collected in the half-term.