

BROADMEADOW INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL (16)

January

We were extremely relieved to be able to open both schools on Tuesday following the power failure. The repair works were extremely complex and required the specialist work of 3 companies including the National Grid. The electricians confirmed that we could open late on Monday afternoon, once all their checks were complete. We know an emergency closure presents many challenges, especially for working parents, and would like to thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Everything is almost back to normal, but please bear with us if anything is slower or later than usual.

Many thanks Miss Horton.

CHANGE IN COMMUNICATION

MyChildAtSchool

In the next few weeks we will be changing the communication app for the Nursery and Infant school from **XPRESSIONS** to **MyChildAtSchool**

What is MyChildAtSchool?

MyChildAtSchool is an online portal that enables the school and parents to communicate with each other easily through a **FREE** online app available on Google or the APP store or to use a modern web browser.

In the future we will be using **MyChildAtSchool** to share a range of information with you, especially for attendance. We are setting up the system and will be doing some test runs before rolling out the app to everyone. Details will be sent in the newsletter and put on the website.

UPDATE ON STREP A

[Back to school - 5 things to do to help manage winter illness - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to follow all the advice provided by the UKHSA. An important part of this is to wash hands regularly and use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes.

Updates and advice will be sent via the app and put on to the website.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



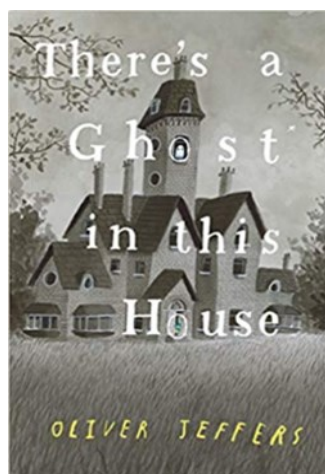
Our children have been finding out about the celebration of Chinese New Year, 2023. This starts on Sunday. It will be the year of the Rabbit.

新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year

READING TOGETHER

We have been sharing some exciting new books in school. These are all featured in the longlist for the 2023 UKLA awards. The children are really enjoying the range of Incredible texts we are reading in class every day.

2 of their new favourites are "There's a Ghost in this House," by Oliver Jeffers, and "Octopus Shocktopus," by Peter Bentley and Steven Lenton. Here are some things the children said about them.



"The ghost on the toilet is so funny!"

"I like it when the ghost is looking in the mirror."

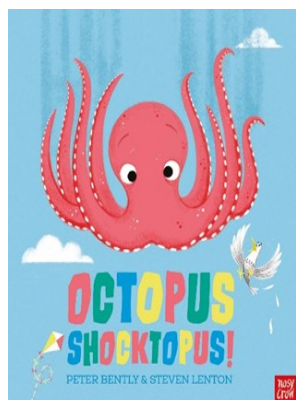
"The ghosts were all hiding from the little girl."

"The best part was when the octopus did lots of jobs!"

"I liked all of the different colour octopuses!"

"It had a happy ending because the people loved the octopus in the end!"

We hope your child has told you about the books they've particularly enjoyed.



BE SMART ON THE INTERNET

It is important to put parental controls on devices children use, including tablets, laptops and phones and to regularly check their browsing history. Many social media Apps, including TikTok, have inappropriate material and users are required to be at least 13. We have had reports of some children playing Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty. This is most concerning as these games have an age restriction of 18 and contain highly inappropriate material

It is really important to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed by children. The 4 big internet providers - UKBT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce helpful video guides to help you to download and set up the controls offered by the your provider.

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to announce the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Broadmeadow Infant and Nursery School on Tuesday 21st March 2023! Keep checking the newsletter for more details.

CRIME PREVENTION, SAFEGUARDING,

BEHAVIOUR AND SECURITY - CCTV

We would like to remind all parents that we have CCTV cameras operating across the whole site and focused on all the entrance gates and playgrounds. There is a camera in the foyer. The information is shown on screens in both offices and records on to DVD recorders.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day:

Book at bedtime, wear your pyjamas!

Tuesday 21st March-27th March
Scholastic Book Fair