



Brook House Junior School

Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2016

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A great start to the year!

We have now been back at school for just over two weeks. The children have settled in well and made a wonderful start to the year. It has been fantastic to meet our new Y3 children who have settled in so well. I have visited classrooms and been impressed with the great learning taking place.

Sponsored Walk

All parents should have received a letter and sponsor card for their child for the upcoming sponsored walk taking place next Friday 23rd September from 2 pm. *Whatever our children raise is much appreciated making a difference to the experiences of children at our school when it goes into our school fund.*

The children may bring fancy dress on this day to change into at lunch time for the afternoon walk. Parents are welcome to come and watch with a refreshments stall being run on the school field for parents whilst the event takes place.

COULD I PLEASE REMIND PARENTS NOT TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL FIELD BY WALKING THROUGH THE SCHOOL BUT ENTER VIA SCHOOL ROAD TO THE FIELD.

'Mathletics'

All our children have now got their log ins to access our new online maths site, 'Mathletics'. We are very excited about this new Maths initiative which we are promoting at our school. It is a great opportunity for your child to improve their maths skills. We will be holding parents meetings in the near future to promote 'mathletics' and familiarise parents with how you can support your child in this new home learning opportunity.

School Texting

On occasion our school uses our school texting service, 'Primary Contacts', to text or email parents. Just a reminder to parents: should you receive a message please do not 'reply' to it as the service doesn't allow this facility. All your children's teachers have a school email address you can use if you wish to contact also.

School charity focus

For this next academic year each year group in our school has a chosen charity they will be focusing fundraising on across the year. The children will do enterprise projects to fundraise for their chosen charity. *Charities chosen for this year are Y3: Guide dogs for the blind, Y4: Weston Park Hospital, Y5: The Royal Society for the Protection of birds (RSPB), Y6: Sheffield Children's hospital.*

School Uniform Reminder

I have been very impressed with the standard of school uniform the children have come to school in since September. The main areas where we have trouble with are the following:

Footwear must be black not brightly coloured training shoes or black trainers with different colour logos please.

Girls' tops must be navy and not black. There are a number of girls wearing black tops in school please ensure they are navy.

There are a number of girls wearing grey skirts. This is not the uniform black or navy blue skirts only.

Black leggings are not appropriate for girls. Our uniform clear says 'black trousers'.

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this. Should you require further clarification visit our website where you can find our school uniform policy. This is also available to view in our school reception area.

If your child is in Sparkle and Shine then please visit our website where you will see your child's picture with their certificate!

Riddle of the Week – A difficult one this week!

What is harder to catch the faster you run?

First 6 correct answers on my desk receive a prize! (Put answer with your name and class please).

Dinner Money

Can I remind parents that dinner money is to be brought in advance of school meals on a **Mondays and Fridays** only.

THIS MUST BE IN ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT.

Thank you for your co-operation in regard to this.

Parking sensibly

If parents could please ensure you park sensitively around the school and be respectful to local residents at all times.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is the Pupil Premium and every child registered means that your child's school gets an extra £900. If you are registered then your child is eligible for free drinking milk at school too. Registering for free school meals has never been easier and free meals aren't just available to the unemployed. To find out if you are eligible telephone the School Food Service on 0114 2734767/2053167/2735705

Can I please emphasise that should your child be on free school meals this is confidential information and is not shared with children so no stigma is attached to children who receive free school meals

Parent Volunteer Readers wanted!

We all know that reading is the most important skill our children need to learn. A significant part of this is for children to have the opportunity to read to an adult. If you have any free time you can commit to our school to come in and listen to readers then please pop in to reception for further information.

Dinner Ladies wanted!

Are you interested in working lunch time in our school to oversee lunch times with our children? Do you know of anyone who might be interested in this post? If so please contact Mrs Maddock in our office who will be happy to pass you an application pack.

Some important Dates this half term:

For up to date information about what is going on in our school please visit our website and go to 'Diary Dates'

Friday 23rd September

Friday 7th October

Thursday 13th October

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Tuesday 18th October

Wednesday 19th October

Monday 31st October

Friday 7th October

Thursday 13th October

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Sponsored Walk - fancy dress theme to be decided

Harvest Assembly 11.40 am - focus for donations to be decided.

H Tempest Photographer - a.m. Individuals only at BHJS 3:15 - 5.30 p.m.

Families only in the hall at Brook House after school - no appointment necessary

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Break up for Half term holiday -

Return to school

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