



# Brook House Junior School

## Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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### Harvest

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our Harvest Assembly. We have been overwhelmed with our school community's generosity! We had a wonderful assembly with all our food on display on the stage. I will put some photos on our twitter account to share with parents.

### Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored walk was a great success. We have raised £2245.50p which is the largest amount of money we have ever raised! Thank you so much for your generosity and support with this.

### '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. Lots of children have got amazing scores which we have been celebrating already!

### Photograph Day - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

All children will have an individual photo taken unless we have been advised you do not want any photo taken. Brothers and sisters in Brook House only will have a family photo taken if requested. Any other siblings have the opportunity to come into school from 3:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. to have a family group photo. No appointments necessary

### Rainy days coming into school...

Could I please remind parents that even on rainy days the children come into school via the school yard and not the front entrance. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### 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.

**If your child is in Sparkle and Shine then please visit our website where you will see your child's picture with their certificate! Remember it's also a secret.**

### Riddle of the Week

**What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?**

**Last newsletter riddle:**

**What is harder to catch the faster you run?    Answer: Your breath!**

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.

## Brook House Diary Dates coming up...

Wk 7	13.10.16 Thursday	School Photograph Day Parent Evenings 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Wk 8	18.10.16 Tuesday	Parent Evenings 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Wk 8	20.10.16 Thursday	INSET day - school closed
Wk 8	21.10.16 Friday	INSET day - school closed
<b>Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October</b>		
Autumn Term 2 Wk 1	31.10.16 Monday	First day back after Half Term Holiday
<b>November</b>		
Wk 3	14th - 18th November 2016	Anti-Bullying Week - Power to the good
Wk 3	18.11.16	Year 4 - Roman Day
Wk 4	23.11.16 Wednesday	Disability Awareness Day
<b>December</b>		
Wk 5	02.12.16 Friday	TBC - Christmas Fair
Wk 6	08.12.16 Thursday	Christmas Concert - afternoon performance & evening performance
Wk 7	12th - 16th December 2016	Year group parties to be arranged
Wk 7	16.12.16 Friday	Last day at school before Christmas Holidays
<b>Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January</b>		