



Brook House Junior School

Newsletter

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Happy New Year & Welcome back!

Children have come back to school and settled in really well for the start of our Spring term. Highlights for us before the Christmas break were the wonderful concert provided by the Y6 children. Lots of amazing performances from the children. Also the incredible generosity of our parents for the Food Bank collection for vulnerable families in our local area. The Fobbins led Christmas fayre was a wonderful event and also the generous donation to our school from fobbins of £1000 which will go into our school fund to make a difference to the lives of children at Brook House. All our latest events are in evidence on our school website so please take the time to visit it! www.brookhousejunior.uk

Parking sensibly to keep our children safe!

A child from our school got clipped by a wing mirror from a parent's car close to our school this week. This happened when the car parked up on the kirb and reversed. I cannot emphasise enough the message to parents: *please ensure you park sensitively around the school, be aware of children when you park and be respectful to local residents at all times*

Litter around the school

Could I also remind parents not to drop litter around the school. This is a very busy area at the start and end of the school day and there seems to be a lot of litter dropped. As you can imagine this is very unpleasant for our local residents who have litter that accumulates in their gardens. Please support our local community by ensuring we are all vigilant with our children so they don't drop wrappings etc. around the school.

'Mathletics'

Thank you to all our parents who attended the 'Mathletics' Parents meeting on Tuesday. We really hope this gave you a strong knowledge of how you can support your child with using this online tool to improve your child's maths. If you couldn't make it then we are repeating it for parents on Tuesday 31st January between 9 am and 10 am in the morning.

Electronic Payment System

Towards the end of the spring term our school is intending to move towards an electronic payment system which many schools now have. This will make payments to our school and information much more efficient. It will also ensure children do no longer have to bring money into school. We are currently evaluating which company to go with on moving forward with this.

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...

How can a trouser pocket be empty but still have something in it?

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.

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.

Diary Dates till the end of March

For up to date information about what is going on in our school please visit our website and go to 'Diary Dates'. This will keep you up to speed with up coming events at Brook House this term.

| January | | |
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| Spring Term 1 Wk 1 | 03.01.17 Monday | INSET day - school closed |
| Wk 1 | 04.01.17 Wednesday | First day back at school after Christmas Holidays |
| Wk 2 | 09.01.17 Monday | Year 5 & 6 NSPCC Assembly |
| Wk 2 | 10.01.17 Tuesday | Mathsletic Parents Workshop 5.30-6.30pm |
| Wk 3 | 18.01.17 Wednesday | Gym Competition at Westfield School 3.30-5.30pm |
| Wk 5 | 31.01.17 Tuesday | Mathsletic Parents Workshop 9-10am |
| | | Year 5 Swimming Festival 12.30-2.30pm |
| February | | |
| Wk 7 | 13.02.17 Monday | Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip |
| Wk 7 | 17.02.17 Friday | Last day at school before Half Term Holiday |
| Half Term Holiday: Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February | | |
| Spring Term 2 Wk 1 | 27.02.17 Monday | First day back after Half Term Holiday |
| March | | |
| Wk 1 | 02.03.17 Thursday | World Book Day - fancy dress |
| Wk 2 | 7th - 9th March Tues-Thurs | Year 3 Weston Park Trip |
| Wk 4 | 24.03.17 Friday | Red Nose Day |
| | | Year 5 Greek Day |
| Wk 4 | 26.03.17 Sunday | Year 5 Music Concert - City Hall |
| Wk 5 | 28.03.17 Tuesday | Year 5 Singing Competition at Westfield School 1.30-4.30pm |
| Wk 5 | 30.03.17 Thursday | Parents Evening 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. |