



# Brook House Junior School

## Newsletter

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### Individual Photos on Wednesday

Next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, we have our individual children photo day so make sure your child is looking their best! There will also be an opportunity for children to have photos with their brother or sister in the school also on this day, please make sure you return your slip for this.

### Healthy Tuck

As I am sure you are aware, our school has a healthy tuck option which is available every day. We sell pears, grapes, bananas, honeydew melon, watermelon, apples and orange all for 20 pence. We also sell quarter oranges for 10 pence. One day each week your child has the option of buying hot, buttered toast on wholemeal bread for 20 pence. Year groups days for this are Y3's Mondays, Y4's Tuesday, Y5 Wednesday and Y6 Thursday.

Recently there has been a spate of children bringing in sweets/chocolate bars or chocolate cereal bars. These are not allowed. Any child seen with chocolate will have it taken away and returned at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

### Dogs at school & School Gates

Along with the Infant school, our school has a No Dogs policy on our school premises. This is for obvious reasons of safety for our children. If you are a dog owner please abide by this in the interests of all our community. Dogs should not be brought into the school grounds and tied to fences whilst adults go to drop their children off. Equally if you walk your dog to school whilst dropping your child into the playground please do not hang around the gate which becomes very busy and crowded in the morning. Some children can be a little frightened having to struggle to get through a crowd of both dogs and adults. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Reading Records

As a parent I know you are aware that the most important skill our children learn in school is to be good readers. Strong reading unlocks all our curriculum. With this in mind we really encourage home reading and it is wonderful to see the comments you, as parents, make in your child's reading. For this system to work effectively it is vital that the children's home reading books comes into school every day. This means when we listen to your child read we can also record in it. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Y6 Homework Club & Y3 – 5 Mathletics Club

If your child is in Year 6 we have an optional homework club every Wednesday after school. If you want your child to be part of this please get a letter from your child's class teacher. Also, for parents who don't have access to Mathletics at home, we have a Mathletics club that is happening every Monday after school in our computer suite. Please ask your child's class teacher if this applies to you and your child has not received a letter.

### Sponsored Walk – Exciting Playground Plans!

Last Tuesday's sponsored walk was a great success! Thank you for all the generous donations that parents have made so far. This money will go to our School Fund and be used to help us towards creating the exciting plans we have for our outside space. Images of our plans are on our school website and were sent out to all our parents in an email this week.

### Parent Open Morning

Our Parent Open Mornings for our Year 3 & 4 children have been a great success! A reminder to parents that we have the Year 5 Open Morning coming up on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and the Y6's have a new date of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Letters will go out as a further reminder closer to the time.

### Lunch Time Supervisor wanted!

Are you interested in working with children? Do you know of someone who potentially is? If so then maybe the post of lunch time supervisor at our school is of interest to you. If you are interested and would like to pick up an application form then please pop into school and see Mrs Maddock who will be happy to see you.

### Parent Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents at the parent's evenings which are coming up on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Letters have gone out. Please ensure you book an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

### Y3 Parents

The new system of our Y3 children coming out onto the Yard at the end of the school day and being collected by a parent/carer is working really well. If you are a parent of a Y3 child then please ensure you are near to your child's class teacher so your child can go to you promptly at the end of the school day.

## Parent Volunteers

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.

We are also looking for any parents who can help us with running our library in the afternoon. This would involve helping children choose books and making a note of what they have borrowed. If you are able to help please pop into reception and ask to see Miss Bielby.

## Half Term Coming Soon...

**Our last day of term is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Children come back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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**

## Upcoming Diary Dates until Christmas...

| Half Term Holiday: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November |   |  |
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| Autumn 2 Term (Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December)   |   |  |
| Wk 1   | 06.11.17<br>Monday                              | First day back after Half Term               |
| Wk 1   | 09.11.17<br>Thursday                            | Parents Evening 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.             |
| Wk 1   | 10.11.17<br>Friday                              | Book Awards Ceremony at Crucible Theatre     |
| Wk 2   | Week beginning<br>13 <sup>th</sup> November     | Anti - Bullying Week                         |
| Wk 2   | 15.11.17<br>Wednesday                           | Y6 Parent Open Morning                       |
| Wk 2   | 16.11.17<br>Thursday                            | Year 3 - Creswell Crags                      |
| Wk 2/3   | 16 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>November | Book Fair                                    |
| Wk 2   | 17.11.17<br>Friday                              | Children in Need Day                         |
| Wk 3   | 20.11.17<br>Monday                              | Year 6 - Macbeth - Young Shakespeare Company |
| Wk 5   | 08.12.17<br>Friday                              | Fobbins Christmas Fayre                      |
| Wk 6   | 13.12.17<br>Wednesday                           | Christmas Concert - pm & evening             |
| Wk 7   | 18.12.17<br>Monday                              | Y6 Christmas Party                           |
| Wk 7   | 19.12.17<br>Tuesday                             | Y5 Christmas Party                           |
| Wk 7   | 20.12.17<br>Wednesday                           | Pantomime - whole school 'Cinderella'        |
| Wk 7   | 21.12.17<br>Thursday                            | Trophy Assembly - 11:00 a.m.                 |
|  |   | Y4 Christmas Party                           |
| Wk 7   | 22.12.17<br>Friday                              | Y3 Christmas Party                           |
|  |   | Last day at school before Christmas Holidays |