



## Brook Primary School

Newsletter 12 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a restful weekend.

I would like to update you with news from the Department for Education:

'Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign.'

The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. This includes schools.'

Therefore, we will be closed on Monday 19th September.

During this period school will remain open and teaching and learning will continue as normal. We will, however, be aware that some pupils may need reassurance at this difficult time. Please do make contact if you feel your child needs support.

Wishing you all a good week.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

### Forest School

This week Mighty Oaks are off to the forest! Next week it will be Young Oaks. Please look out for a letter with the finer details.

Also, please be aware that the Forest School is privately owned and is not part of a public footpath.

### Uniform and Footwear

Footwear - Following a suggestion from a parent, I am happy to allow sensible, smart ankle boots as part of the uniform in the wetter months as I am aware school shoes, particularly for girls, are not always adequate for keeping feet dry.

Ties - Please can I confirm that ties are compulsory at present. We make allowances on a case-by-case basis.

Wellies – We are lucky to have welly sheds and a spacious field. Please ensure your child has a pair of labelled wellies in the shed so they can enjoy playing on the field at lunchtime and playtime as the seasons change.

## Green Gang

Our Green Gang have already been so busy tidying up around the school. If you have any equipment/resources you no longer need that you think might help the Green Gang, please do donate it to us! We would love compost, seeds/bulbs, brooms, rakes, dustpans/brushes, plant pots, high vis jackets, etc. Thank you!

## House Teams Competition

I am pleased to announce the new House Team names. Congratulations to Bobby for the winning entry! Our new names are very much in keeping with our rural setting and focus on learning outside:

Yellow House: Bumblebees

Green House: Grasshoppers

Red House: Ladybirds

Blue House: Dragonflies

Now we have re-established our teams, house points will be collated, and the winning house will be celebrated each week and at the end of each term.

## Premises

I am pleased to share that our very own Mr Hill will be our new Premises Manager in addition to his Business Manager role. This means you may see Mr Hill more often as he will now be in school most Tuesdays. He is working hard on tidying up the school grounds and will soon be painting external woodwork.

## Flu Vaccination

The Kent and Medway School Immunisation Service will be visiting Brook Primary school on 5 October 2022. Letters from the Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust were sent out to all parents by email last week. Please complete the online consent form before 27 September to either consent or decline the vaccination at [www.kent.cht.nhs.uk/imms](http://www.kent.cht.nhs.uk/imms)

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Is it possible you could be eligible for free school meals but haven't registered? This is a vital source of income for the school.

One of the criteria is if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit and your income is below £16,190 per annum you could make a claim. Check out <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals> to see if you should apply.

Regardless of whether your child eats a meal or not, the funding is paid to the school. As part of this scheme, children will receive food vouchers in the school holidays which equates to £15.00 per week.

## **Our Young Leadership Team!**

I am pleased to share with you our new Young Leadership Team and their roles. Every Year 6 pupil has a role (or two!) and each role holds a similar importance.

School Captains: Evan and Katie

House Captains: Tyler (Grasshoppers), Layla (Dragonflies), Danny (Bumblebees), Hermione (Ladybirds)

Green Gang Captains: Katie and Hermione

Sports Leader Captains: Danny, Tyler, Keyenna

School Council Chair: Drew

Librarians: Keyenna, Klara, Layla

Assembly Captains: Klara, Evan, Drew

## **Little Acorns – Marvellous Me**

As part of the Marvellous Me topic, Little Acorns will be talking about their pets next week. Would anyone like to bring their pet in next week and talk to the children about how they look after them?

If anyone can bring their pet in, please could you come and speak to Mrs Thompson, Miss Sharp or Mrs Brown after school this week to arrange a date and time.

### **Medicines**

Schools are authorised to administer prescribed medication to children, but it is a legal requirement for us to have a completed consent form from parents before doing so if you need us to administer medication during the school day please download the Medicine administration form from the website and hand it in to the school office: Alternatively, the forms are available from the school office to be completed when the medicine is brought to school. Please note that medicine will not be administered without the completed form.

### **Asthma**

If your child suffers with asthma, you need to inform the school and complete the necessary paperwork.

### **Attendance and Medical Appointments**

Attendance at school is compulsory. The Department for Education School Attendance Guidance (available at: <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>) states:

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in
- you've got advance permission from the school

If unauthorised absences reach or exceed 10 sessions (one day is two sessions) over the course of a school year a penalty notice will be issued.

If your child has a medical appointment which cannot be attended outside of the school day, please ensure Mrs Fearon or Mr Hill in the office has seen evidence of the appointment so the absence can be authorised.

### **Open Events**

We are holding a series of Open Events for prospective parents of children due to start school next September. There will be a short presentation, a tour and a chance to talk with teachers. Please book with the office if you have a child due to start next year or share these dates if you know someone who does!

Open Afternoons (including time in the Year R classroom): 8th and 29th November, 2pm.

Open Evenings: 9th and 30th November, 5pm.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club prices will be increasing slightly next term (Term 2). Our new prices continue to be very competitive, particularly with the quality breakfast on offer. The new price structure will be:

Option 1: Arrive between 7.45am and 8.10am for Breakfast: £3.00 per day (or £12 for the whole week)

Option 2: Arrive between 8:10am and 8.35am, no food will be available, at a cost of £1.20 per day (or £5 for the whole week)

### School Ties

We now have a supply of school ties to purchase from the school office:--

Ties on elastic are £5.00 each

Non elastic ties are £6.50 each

### Secondary School Transfer – Year 6

Schools are starting to release dates for Open Evenings and Days. If you are visiting a school, please let us know ahead of time.

School Admissions Guidelines are attached. If you require any help or support, please come and see Mr Stanley or Mrs Ranson-McCabe and we will be happy to assist you.

### Photo Consent and Permissions

As you know we use social media as well as our school website to share learning as well as reminders (our new Twitter site will not share photographs of children). We also may display photographs of children within the school. Please update the school office if you would like to make changes to any of the consents or permissions around photographs.

### Reading and Phonics Parent Workshops

We will be holding a parent workshop on these vital areas of the curriculum. Please try to attend one of the sessions so you know how to best support your child with reading and phonics. The sessions are for parents of children in all year groups.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am

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### Celebrations

This week we celebrated:

Attendance award:

Little Acorns and Young Oaks - both 100%

House team winners:

Ladybirds! (Red)

School Value awards:  
and Gianna

Katie, Cameron, Zoe, Bonnie, Meradith, Harry, Isabella, Robin

Well done to you all.

