



Brook Primary School

Newsletter 31 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! A busy term as always with Christmas and Open Events.

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely break.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

Celebrations and Rewards!

At the end of Term 1, we announced the winning House Team for the term. The winners were... **Grasshoppers!**
The House Team Leader and Deputy enjoyed lifting the cup and placing the green ribbons



Ladybirds and Bees drew for the weekly award.

Saplings were the best attending class of the week but **Young Oaks** won the award for the term!



As a reward for attendance and House points, the following days will be own clothes days for the winning children:

GRASSHOPPERS (Green) HOUSE TEAM: Friday 4th November (for being the best attending class of Term 1)

YOUNG OAKS CLASS: Friday 11th November (for the most house points in Term 1)

Let's make Brook Brilliant Day

Over the half term an amazing team of staff, families and villagers came to lend a hand in developing the outside environment. It was a big job but we now have tidy gardens, a cleared pond and a new area for planting with a mural. The library was moved to the old Big Acorns classroom so we now have a lovely large library! The Treehouse room has moved and has been decorated too.

It is all a work in progress and will continue to develop.

I will keep you updated.



Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection sheets will be sent home this week for parents to check and amend as necessary. Please return these to the School Office as soon as possible please.

Forest Adventures

Every class will visit the forest again this term. Starting next Wednesday (8th November) with Little Acorns.



Xmas4 Schools Cards

Card designs were sent home or are being sent home before the end of term. Just a reminder that the last day for ordering Christmas cards through Xmas4Schools is 3 November.

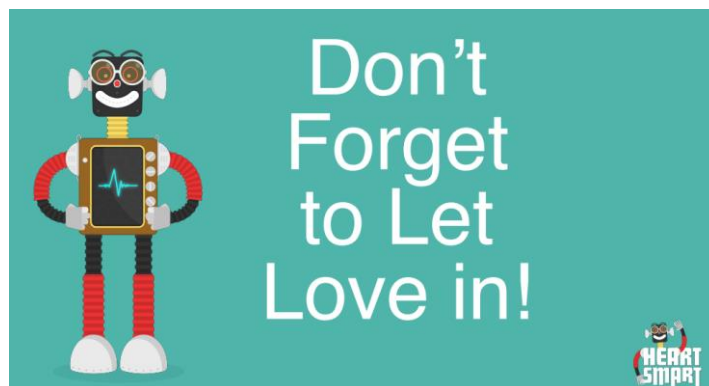
Assemblies

Assembly will now take place every day at 9.00am. Mondays are generally led by myself with a focus on a 'Thought for the Week' and P4C (Philosophy for children). Tuesdays are singing and led by Mr Stanley.

Wednesdays and Thursdays will be Key Stage assemblies and assemblies within the classroom. Within the classroom, the focus will be returning to the 'thought for the week' and reflecting deeply. Key Stage Assemblies will be delivered by Class Teachers and focus on a current festival or celebration, or event either national or worldwide.

Heartsmart – PSHE

This term our Heartsmart focus is:



VERY IMPORTANT

REMINDER: Timings of the School Day – Important changes

The school day now officially starts at 8.45am

- Gates will open at 8.35am
- Stop and Drop will take place 8.35am – 8.45am with a member of SLT
- Gates will close at 8.45am
- Arrival after 8.45am will require children to enter via the school office
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Until Christmas, late marks will ***not*** be given for pupils arriving between 8.45 and 9.00 although the above will be in place. **From January**, the day will be officially changed and therefore children will be marked as late if they arrive after 8.45am.

Harvest – UPDATE

Thank you all for the wonderful donations!

If anyone lives nearby one of the Ashford food banks and would be willing to deliver the donations, please let me know.



Term Dates 2022/23

Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6

Monday 12th June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

INSET days

Monday 5th June – Friday 9th June 2023 - Days where children are not at school

