



Brook Primary School

Newsletter 3 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today's newsletter contains some important updates and reminders about pupil health and safety. Please do take the time to have a read.

Today an advert for a TA vacancy will be published on Kent Teach. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please apply via the Kent Teach site or pass the message on.

Have a great week.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

#### PTFA

Thank you to those of you who came forward about starting a PTFA. I have set a date for an initial meeting for: TUESDAY 11th OCT at 9.00am. I am aware that there may be some of you who would like to help but cannot make meetings during the school day. If this is the case, please do let me know and I will share with you minutes of the meeting and you can share ideas you may have. No-one will be excluded for not attending.



Healthy Schools

**Playtime:** Please can playtime snacks be restricted to fruit or vegetables only. Children in KS1 and EYFS are provided with free fruit or veg every day.

**Lunchtime:** Packed lunches should also be healthy. No sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. Chocolate covered biscuits bars are fine (such as penguins, clubs etc.)

## Harvest Service

I am pleased to share that we will be holding a Harvest Service at 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Brook, on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (the last day of term). Please do come along if you can.

In addition to this, we will be collecting donations to a local food bank for Harvest. Please share what you can, if you can, in the final week of term (from 17<sup>th</sup> Oct). I will set up a collection point in the hall. Thank you.

### Food Donations

If you are looking to donate food, below is a list of food which we are currently short of:

- Cereal
- Tinned Meat (Curry, Chilli, Meat Balls, Hot Dogs, Pies, etc.)
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Potatoes
- Dried Rice/Pasta
- Tea/Coffee
- Tinned Veg (Peas, Carrots, Potatoes, etc.)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Desserts (Fruit, Custard, Rice Pudding, etc.)
- Soups (Tinned & Packets)
- Biscuits
- Preservatives
- Pasta Sauces
- Hygiene & Baby Products



### Forest School

Little Acorns had a lovely walk last week and collected lots of inspiration for their autumn work back at school. Saplings are off to the Forest on Wednesday! Look out for a letter with the finer details.

### Reminders for events happening over the next couple of weeks

Individual School Photos -Tuesday 11 October

**Parents Evenings Monday 17 October (Year R), Tuesday 18 October (Years 1-6) and Wednesday 19 October (Years R-6)**

Further information regarding booking an appointment will be sent out shortly.

### New and/or updated Policies

We have updated our behaviour policy and our RSE (relationship and sex education) policies. If you would like to read them, they are now on the website. We have also updated the attendance policy which is also on the website.

### Stop and Drop

In the interests of child safety, we are now operating a system of two drop off points in the morning. The first is at the left side of the drive, near the large gate, and the second is the right side, near the pedestrian gate. A member of staff will be at each drop off point. The one-way system is still in place. This should ensure children are not walking alongside moving cars. There have been some close calls in pupil safety recently.

If you need to speak to a member of staff in the morning, please park up on the street rather than chat from the car as it may cause a traffic jam!

### Parking

Please **do not** park on the front drive. This is not so staff can park, but for the *safety of pupils* who may be walking across the drive at the end of the day.



**Please do not  
park here**



Our school council chairperson held the first panel meeting. All children were invited to attend over lunchtime and many choose to come. An impressive array of ideas were shared and discussed, including: Nature areas, gardens, YLT assemblies, Christmas and Forest school plans, a suggestion box, clubs and use of wellies when the field is muddy.

One idea was for parents to donate wellies that no longer fit to our wellie shed so please do send in any wellies you have!

## Celebrations



## Young Leadership Team updates

**Sports Leaders and House Captains** have been coming up with a host of ideas to fundraise and improve our sports at Brook. They have been tasked with presenting these ideas and a wish list to me at our next YLT meeting.

**The Librarians** have been busy planning a big move! As we now have a spare classroom, we are going to move the little library in to the classroom and create a new library area. It will be used for learning groups and computers as well as books and reading. Our Treehouse lunch club will relocate there too.

**Green Gang Captains** led assembly today to recruit new members!

**School Captains** will soon be leading a project called 'Thousand Hours' which is a Kindness project throughout October.

Our **School Council Chair** led her first meeting (see below)

**Assembly Captains** have been excellent helping out during assemblies.

## Term Dates 2022/23

### Term 1

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Term 2

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Term 3

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Term 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Term 5

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Term 6

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

### INSET days

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

