



Brook Primary School

Newsletter 7 September 2022

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break.

I have had a wonderful start at Brook and I am very pleased to be here. It has been great to meet lots of you over the past few days and I hope to get to know you all a little better over the coming weeks and months. Do come and say hello and introduce yourself.

Below you will find lots of information. Some of it may be new and other items are just reminders but please do read it all. You will also find attached the Termly Plan for each class so you have an overview of learning in Term 1.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to make contact with your child's class teacher or a member of the teaching team first and foremost.

I am looking forward to a great year and working with you all.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

Vision, Values and School Improvement

Our School Values are: Care, Creativity and Courage. We continue to strive to achieve our vision:

Our children will be part of an adventurous, caring family. They will have the courage to meet challenges and to learn creatively, making full use of our outstanding natural environment.

We have a plan in place for continuous school improvement. Our current focus is developing the school's outside environment and continuing to embed our unique and exciting curriculum.

Timings of the day

Mornings:

- The side pedestrian gate opens at 8.35am.
- Stop and Drop is in operation from 8.45am. Both gates can be used from this point.
- Both gates will close at 8.55am. Registers close at 9.00am and children should be in class and ready to learn at this time. Arrival after this time will require entrance through the school office and could result in a late mark.

Afternoons:

- The school day ends at 3.15pm.
- The side pedestrian gate opens at 3.15pm.
- The large gate will be opened after the side gate and closed at 3.25pm.

Social Media

We are now on Twitter @BrookAshford. Please follow us! We will continue to use Facebook too so follow us on there as well. Social Media will be used to share learning as well as send reminders and messages between newsletters.

P.E.

Please continue to wear PE Uniform (not own clothes) on PE days.

PE days are as follows for Term 1:

- Mighty Oaks: Monday and Friday
- Young Oaks: Thursday
- Saplings: Friday
- Little Acorns: TBC once settled in

Forest School

Over the coming year we will continue to build opportunities for Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT) as well as Forest School. Every class will attend Forest School once a term (6x over the year) as well as use the outside environment we have on our school site to enhance learning.

Spaces and Places

We have spaces available for new pupils. Please do point friends or relatives in our direction if they are looking for school places. We would love to show them around!

We will be holding Open Events in Term 2 for pupils starting school in September 2023. If you have a child starting school then, or know someone who does, please jot down the Open Event dates (see below) and register your interest with Mr Hill or Mrs Fearon in the School Office.

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 yesterday.

Please complete the online consent form before 27 September to either consent or decline the vaccination at

www.kent.cht.nhs.uk/imms

House Teams

I set the pupils a challenge last week to redesign the House Team names. I have already had lots of excellent ideas so please so keep them coming! Once we have our new names we can start to develop our teams further and choose team captains.

Green Team

Mrs Rickards and Mrs Sharp are going to be starting a Green Team at lunchtimes. The team will help develop the school environment, take the lead on environmental issues in the school and do some gardening.

Uniform

School uniform, including PE uniform, is compulsory unless changes have been agreed with staff. Please note, logo items are no longer compulsory due to the rising cost of living.

Non-PE days:

- Navy blue V-necked sweatshirt/sweat cardigan, ideally with school logo
- White shirts and school tie • Optional: Navy fleece, ideally with embroidered school logo
- Grey/black school trousers, long or short • Grey/black skirts or dresses
- Plain black, flat soled shoes • Plain black, grey, white or navy socks/tights
- Pale blue and white check school summer dress

PE Uniform:

- Navy polo shirt, ideally with the school logo
- Plain navy shorts • Optional: Plain navy joggers or tracksuit
- Plimsolls and trainers

Term Dates 2022/23

Term 1

Thursday 1st September 2022 – Friday 21st October 2022

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

