



Brook Primary School

Newsletter 7 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great first week back with lots of learning being celebrated.

I am pleased to share with you the **new Termly Plans** for each class. These map the learning over Term 2 and are attached to the email as well as available on the website. I hope you find them useful and informative.

With best wishes,

Ellen Ranson-McCabe

### Celebrations and Rewards!



Bees won the House Team Points on Friday. Saplings won the award for best attending class of the week!



Well done everyone!

### **Brilliant Brook – THANK YOU PALMSTEAD NURSERIES!**

As part of our continuous improvements, we have been incredibly lucky to receive a very generous donation of herbs for our new area by the side gate. This area was developed on Brilliant Brook day but has been awaiting the final touches and now we have them! Green Gang will get these planted in ASAP and hopefully get the tyres painted soon as well.

**Huge thanks to Palmstead Nurseries** for the new plants and also, thank you to Mr and Mrs Pope for organising this for us!

**Thank you** also to Mrs Brunger for your seed donation last week.

### **Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**



This year the theme is Spots!

We will be raising money for this worthy cause next Friday and children can come to school as spotty as they like for a donation to Children in Need.

#### **Homewood School Dance Dash**

Once again, dance students from Homewood School will be visiting Brook, performing a dance and collecting money for Children in Need. The dance students visit a number of primary schools in the local area, performing their dance a number of times in one day. Please support this event by sending the children in with some change.

Many thanks for your support.



### Open Events

Our event for prospective parents are running this week. We have bookings on both Tuesday and Wednesday. We still have spaces on Wednesday evening at 5pm as well as on the dates in two weeks' time. Please do spread the word if you know of anyone looking at schools for Year R next September

### Reading Success



As you may know, we use Accelerated Reader in KS2. Miss Rivers and Mr Stanley have been assessing progress in reading in their classes and I am pleased to share that progress really is accelerating!

### Healthy Schools – Playtime Snacks



I have attached a separate letter about this. Please have a read.

### Sensory Circuits

As part of our continuous improvement, we have introduced a programme called 'sensory circuits.' The programme runs with a group of children every morning at 8.45 for around 10 minutes and combines a selection of short circuit activities. The programme is useful for all children in different ways. Every class will have a group completing this activity every morning, starting today. One of the main benefits of the programme is that it "prepares children to engage effectively with the day ahead." There is lots of information about Sensory Circuits online. If you would like more information, follow this link or search 'sensory circuits': <https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/docs/default-source/leaflets---sensory-strategy-leaflets---april-2015/0218---sensory-circuits---info-for-teachers---april-2018.pdf?sfvrsn=8>

### Attendance and holiday requests



Due to DfE legislation I am **unable** to authorise any holiday request during term time. This includes holidays with extended family members, one-off opportunities and one-day requests.

**Please do not ask me to authorise a holiday for your child as sadly I will not be able to say yes.**

I am only able to authorise very few, extenuating circumstances but this does not extend to holidays. Ten sessions of unauthorised absences over a school year (equivalent to 5 days) will lead to a penalty notice.

I hope you all understand that I am governed by the DfE and these regulations are out of my control.

## Forest Adventures



Little Acorns are off to the forest on Wednesday!



## FOBS Christmas Disco! Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 5.00-6.30pm

Friends of Brook School have been organising a Christmas Disco for all the children at Brook.

Tickets will go on sale from this coming Friday – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. An email with more information about this exciting event will come out soon and posters will go up around school.

## Poppy Appeal



Poppies will be on sale throughout the week if children would like to bring in any donations. As well as poppies, there are a number of other items available to purchase, and the Poppy Appeal have given a suggested donation:-

Zip Pull	50p
Silicon Wristband	£1.00
Reflector	50p

Many thanks for your support.

## **Term Dates 2022/23**

### **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

