



Newsletter

Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is whizzing by and before we know it, it will be the final week. Learning continues across the school, despite some festive singing!

Soon, we will have our **Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (Wednesday 7th December)**. It matters not whether your child will have packed lunch or school dinner, we will ensure all children enjoy lunch together with their class on this day. Also, if Christmas jumpers are not your child's cup of tea, any own clothes will be fine.

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

Our Curriculum

Last week I led presentations on our curriculum. I have attached the slides for those of you who were unable to attend.

Our full curriculum can be found on our website. You will be able to view details of each subject. Under the class pages, you will be able to see yearly and termly plans too.



Diary Date: Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9th Dec

Advance notice that next Friday there will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation for our Christmas Raffle: Chocolate or Sweets please.

REMINDER: Safeguarding update



As a school we have strict and tight safeguarding procedures in place to ensure all children (and adults) are kept safe at all times. As part of my own monitoring of this, I am strengthening areas of the school. One of the areas is the toilet area between the lobby and the playground. To ensure our children are safe, please observe the following rules:

- 1) Parents/Carers must not enter through the 'buzzer' door in to the toilet area unless accompanied by a member of staff. If your child is entering school late or you are dropping them off at a different time, please allow your child to go through the door without you. There is a sign on the door as a reminder.
- 2) Parents/Carers must not enter the toilet area from the playground side either to enter the lobby area/office or to use the toilet. This door cannot have a buzzer as it is a children's area but we must ensure unaccompanied adults are not in this area. This is a hard rule to manage as at the start of the day, parents may still be on site when the gates have closed. Please can you aim to be off site as quickly as possible at the start of the day. If you are still on site, please ask an adult to accompany you through to the lobby. If you need to use the toilet, please ask an adult first who can accompany you to the area.

I appreciate these rules may seem excessive but we cannot have any adult on site unaccompanied, however well-know, unless they have a valid enhanced DBS issued by Brook School.

REMINDER: Attendance – Advice from our policy

The Governors, Headteacher and Staff in partnership with parents have a duty to promote full attendance at Brook Community Primary School. I monitor attendance each week and follow this timeline:



- 95 - 100% attendance – the class teacher to investigate and notify Mrs Ranson-McCabe, Headteacher, of concerns. Parent is contacted if appropriate.
- 90 - 95% attendance - Initially discuss with parents (through end of term report or at parents evening).
- If attendance does not improve, send a School intervention letter.
- Where the level of absence has not improved and there are unauthorised absences, the school will make a referral to the KCC Inclusion and Attendance Service using the Digital Front Door. If it is not clear a referral to the Service is appropriate, the school will consult with the Local Authority School Liaison Officer for advice.
- For the cases that require intensive family support, the school may make an Early Help Notification

As a guide, above 96% is considered reasonable attendance. 90-95% attendance may lead to a letter. Below 90% is considered *persistent*, especially if there are unauthorised absences.

I will always take in to account varying factors when monitoring attendance, including attendance figures from previous years. In the end of term reports, I will be including attendance figures and raising any concerns with you.



Forest Adventures

Mighty Oaks are off to the forest on Wednesday!

Diary Dates for the Year ahead – Updates/changes are highlighted.

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware they could change in unforeseen circumstances.

TERM 2		
Wed 30 th Nov	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 2 nd Dec	Friends of Brook School - Christmas Disco	5.00pm -6.30pm
Wed 7 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day AND Christmas Jumper Day	
Tues 13 th Dec	Brook Christmas Nativity/Show – all classes	2.00pm – Village Hall
Wed 14 th Dec	Brook Christmas Nativity/Show – all classes	4.00pm – Village Hall
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term Reports	
Fri 16th Dec	TBC: FOBS Christmas Event with Father Christmas	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Term 2	
TERM 3		
Tues 3 rd Jan	Term 3 begins	
Wed 11 th Jan	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 18 th Jan	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 25 th Jan	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 1 st Feb	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
30 th Jan – 2 nd Feb	Book Fair	
30 th Jan – 2 nd Feb	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	
Tues 7 th Feb	Parents’ Evening – Year 1-6	2.30-4.30pm
Wed 8 th Feb	Parents’ Evening – Year R-6	3.20-6.00pm
Fri 10 th Feb	End of Term 3	
TERM 4		
Mon 20 th Feb	Term 4 begins	
Wed 1 st March	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day	
Wed 8 th March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Wed 15 th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 22 nd March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Fri 31 st March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31 st March	End of Spring Term Reports	
Fri 31 st March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17 th April	Term 5 begins	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	

Wed 26 th April	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wed 3 rd May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
8 th -11 th May	Year 6 SATs	
Wed 17 th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 24 th May	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 26 th May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12 th June	Term 6 begins	
12 th -16 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16 th June	School Walk	
12 th -23 rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21 st June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 28 th June	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day	Morning
3 rd – 7 th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5 th July	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Wed 12 th July	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 13 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm
Fri 14 th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14 th July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19 th July	Parents’ Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service	2.00pm
Fri 21 st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	