



Brookhurst Primary School

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Grandparents Afternoon Tea

If your child is having tea with their grandparents and you are happy to let them be signed out slightly early / collected at the end of the day, please contact the school office to confirm this.

We appreciate you doing this again, even if you have done this previously.

Many thanks.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately Miss Stanton is still recovering from her accident and has been signed off until Friday 31st October.

My teaching commitment in Year 2 will still be covered by Mrs Uddin to give 2AH continuity.

I will, of course, update you of any further information, and I am sure that you will all send her your best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thank you

Mark Hughes

Diary Dates

06.10.14, 13.10.14 & 20.10.14	Grandparent's Afternoon Tea
10.10.14	Year 4 to Ashmoleum Museum
13.10.14	Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church
20.10.14— 24.10.14	Year 6 to Marle Hall
22.10.14	3L Class Assembly 3:00pm
23.10.14	3R Class Assembly 3:00pm
27.10.14— 31.10.14	Half Term Holiday
03.11.14	Back to School
05.11.14	2W Class Assembly 3:00pm
06.11.14	2AH Class Assembly 3:00pm
12.11.14	Parent's Consultation Evening
12.11.14	4G Class Assembly 3:00pm
13.11.14	4S Class Assembly 3:00pm
19.11.14	Parent's Consultation Evening
19.11.14	5B Class Assembly 3:00pm
20.11.14	5W Class Assembly 3:00pm
26.11.14.	6T Class Assembly 3:00pm
27.11.14	6A Class Assembly 3:00pm
29.11.14	BSA Christmas Fair
19.12.14	End of Autumn Term
05.01.15	INSET DAY—school closed to pupils
06.01.15	First day of Spring Term

Absence—Text Line

If your child is absent from school please text with name, class and reason.

07860 030361

Friday 3rd October

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We have a number of children within school who have been off school ill due to sickness and diarrhoea.

In line with Health Protection Agency guidelines, if your child is off school with sickness and/or diarrhoea, **please make sure that they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.**

If all parents take responsibility in acting upon this it helps prevent the spread of infections through the school

Celebrating Achievements

Has your son or daughter achieved something out of school?
We have a new display board in the entrance area to celebrate any achievements out of school—sport, dance, charity fundraising etc

Please email to the school office or Mr Hughes

Thank you

Parents' Forum

The minutes of our last meeting are attached to this newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 26th January 2015

9:00-9:50am
and
7:00-7:50pm

Football Boots

We have 3 pairs of 'small' football boots in the lost property bin in the school office.

They have been there for a while, so if anyone needs a pair of boots - please see the School Office.

Thanks

Harvest Festival

Children from Year 1 to 6 will be attending our Harvest Festival at St Mark's Church on **Monday 13th October.**

We will be collecting tins and packets to support the Church's designated charity. If you would like to contribute any donations please can they come into school on the Monday morning.

Thank you



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Curriculum Update

From September 2014 the government have issued a new National Curriculum which states the skills and knowledge we are obliged to teach in school for each subject. As a result, the Maths curriculum has also changed; however, Year 2 and Year 6 children are still working from the previous curriculum as this is what they will be tested on in the summer term. They will then follow the new curriculum from September 2015.

The new Maths curriculum is based on three key principles:

Fluency – to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately

Mathematical reasoning – explanation of mathematical thinking using mathematical language

Solve problems – application of mathematics to find the solutions to problems

These principles are what the teachers include when planning effective and exciting learning experiences for the children.

Maths is broken down into specific areas which are as follows:

Number

- Place value
- Addition & subtraction
- Multiplication & division
- Fractions inc. decimals & percentages
- Ratio & proportion
- Algebra
- Measurement
- Time
- Money

Geometry

- Properties of 2-D & 3-D shapes
- Position & direction
- Angles
- Symmetry

Statistics

- Collecting and interpreting data
- Drawing & interpreting graphs/charts/tables

Whilst much of the Maths teaching is done in school, it is really important that children regularly practise their skills when at home. With your help, the children can make even better progress in Maths and I have written two booklets with lots of ideas for games and activities that you can do with your children. Although I have tried to split them up into Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) there are ideas in both of them for all children. These booklets are attached to this newsletter and will also be available on the school website. At the end of each booklet is a more detailed list of the key learning for each year group.

Thanks

Carl Upton (Maths Subject Leader)

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Macmillan Coffee Morning!



On Friday 26th September Year 4 hosted a coffee morning for Macmillan. The children provided entertainment, stalls, tea, coffee and of course lots and lots of cakes!



Waitresses taking the orders!

Residents of Ullswater Avenue, Foundation parents, governors, parents and grandparents of Year 4 were all invited.



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The cake servers await!



Everybody had fun and enjoyed the event. Here are some comments:

It was a great morning!
Entertainment was great and the ducks were a hit! We raised lots of money!

Isabella P

It was an experience of a lifetime!

Mary



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Macmillan Coffee Morning!



The classrooms looked great with the tables so beautifully decorated and so many gorgeous cakes to choose from! The waiter/waitress service was second to none!

Ben Cole's mum

I really enjoyed the coffee morning—it was so fun! I hope we raised a lot of money for MacMillan—it was lovely seeing everyone's parents.

Tilly

I have had a wonderful time, helping and thank you to all of the adults for coming.

Anouska



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Coffee, cake and entertainment galore! I came away feeling energised and proud my daughter was part of such a great team effort.

Thank you.

Joss Rowe's mum

Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes, gave their time, donated raffle prizes, attended the event and donated money.

You all helped to make this year's Macmillan event a great success!

The event was a great success, and raised approximately

£1124.82

for this worthwhile cause.



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