



Brookhurst Primary School

Friday 8th January 2016



Whole School attendance last school week was:

95.1%

Parking

Can we please ask all parents and carers to be mindful how they park cars in and around school—please park safely and not blocking paths or driveways.

Parent Pay

Each week payment reminders are sent to parents if they owe more than £10.00 for School lunches or £40.00 for the Out of School Club.

There are a lot of balances less than this, some of which have been outstanding for a long period of time. Therefore at the start of term we will send letters to all parents with more than £1.00 outstanding for anything on Parent Pay.

We are aware that the minimum payment on Parent Pay is £10.00, so if you owe less than this please pay by cash or a cheque made payable to **Brookhurst Primary School** and hand in at the School Office.

Letters will be sent out next week and we appreciate your understanding with this matter.

Many thanks

13.01.16	Year 4 walk around Leamington
19.01.16	IF to St John's Museum
21.01.16	BSA AGM
26.01.16	IC to St John's Museum
26.01.16	Inclusive School Games
26.01.16	Year 6 SATs parent information evening 6:30-7:30
28.01.16	Inclusive Football finals : Solihull
28.01.16	Girls Biathlon finals : Solihull
01.02.16	Year 4 out : Warwick
15.02.16-19.02.16	SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY
02.03.16	KSI Gymnastics competition
11.03.16	BSA Quiz 7:00pm
17.03.16	Year 3 and 4 Merits 9:00am
18.03.16	Year 5 and 6 Merits 9:00am Foundation Year 1 and 2 Merits 10:00
18.03.16	END OF SPRING TERM
21.03.16—01.04.16	EASTER HOLIDAY
04.04.16	INSET DAY
05.04.16	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM FOR CHILDREN
06.04.16	Archery Competition—Years 5 and 6 mixed team
13.04.16	Inclusive Athletics, Tennis and Pan-athlon competition
18.04.16	Year 1 Athletics competition
25.04.16	Year 5 Athletics competition
02.05.16	SCHOOL CLOSED : BANK HOLIDAY
05.05.16	SCHOOL CLOSED : POLLING DAY
09.05.16—13.05.16	Year 6 SATs Week

WANTED

After school club are in desperate need of any scrap paper.

If you have any at home you could spare, please drop it into club.

Many thanks



A quick reminder that children should not be on the playground until 8:45 when there is a member of staff on duty.



The last day for children in the Summer term will be on Thursday 21st July

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please text us on :07860030361.

Please inform us of your child's name, class and a reason why they are absent.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2015-2016

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

In September 2013, the Government introduced some significant changes to attendance regulations for pupils at school. The regulations will continue to apply during this academic year (2015/2016).

The most important of these is in relation to term-time leave of absence.

The amendments set out in Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

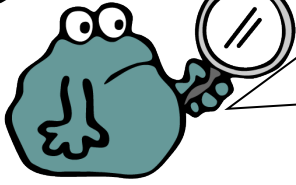
Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded 60,704 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2013/14. This is a decrease of 42,915 on previous years. This is a positive outcome as it means that 21,457 days of education were achieved.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING?



We have a lot of lost property in the school office. If you see anything that is yours please come and claim it as soon as possible.

Many thanks



Did you manage to solve the Christmas Maths Puzzle on our last newsletter?

If **A** and **I** stand for two even numbers, and **L** and **B** stand for two operations (+ - x ÷)

Can you make

$$\mathbf{ALIBABA = 40}$$

$$2 \times 22 - 2 - 2 = 40$$

or

$$(2 + 8) \times 2 \times 2 = 40$$

Well done to Sam Clarkson in 4G for bringing in the correct answer

Community News



Stepping Stones Triple P

For Parents of children with a disability birth – 12 years



Stepping Stones can help you

- Manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities
- Encourage behaviour you like
- Cope with stress
- Develop a close relationship with your child
- Teach your child new skills

Group Stepping Stones is great if you are having significant problems with your child's behaviour or if you would simply like to learn parenting skills to help promote your child's development and potential. You'll meet with a small group of parents who also have a child with a disability.

There will be 5 weekly sessions of around 2 ½ hours each. During the sessions you'll watch DVD excerpts of the parenting strategies being used in real family situations and you'll have a group workbook to take home. Your group leader will then call you at home for the next 2 weeks to answer questions, provide support and help you with any problems before meeting up with the group for a final celebratory session.

Starting Thursday 21st January
9:30am – 12 noon

Kingsway Children's Centre
Kingsway Community Primary School,
Baker Avenue, Leamington Spa,
CV31 3HB,

To book your place, please contact:
Dawn Herlihy 01926 743062
Dawnherlihy@warwickshire.gov.uk



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Further sessions will be:
28th Jan, 4th 11th & 25th Feb, final session 17th March





This is a photograph of a past pupil's latest canvas for his Art GCSE. Aran Shuttlewood's mum sent us this amazing piece of art. Aran is hoping to do his Art GCSE a year early so that he can then go on to do Fine Art in Year 11.

It is always great to hear how our past pupils are progressing in secondary school and we would like to thank Aran for letting us share his superb art work.