



Brookhurst Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th September



12.09.16-16.09.16	Foundation in half days
14.09.16	Meet the Team : 6:00-6:30 & 6:45-7:15
20.09.16	BSA Meeting 7:30-9:00 at the Fat Pug
03.10.16	Class Photographs
07.10.16	Year 4 hosting Macmillian Coffee Morning
13.10.16	BSA Meeting 7:30-9:00 at the Fat Pug
17.10.16-21.10.16	Year 6 to Marle Hall
20.10.16	BSA AGM 7:00pm
24.10.16-28.10.16	AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY
16.11.16	Parent Consultation Evening —further details on how to book later in the term
16.11.16	BSA Meeting 7:30-9:00 at the Fat Pug
21.11.16-25.11.16	Book Fair
23.11.16	Parent Consultation Evening —further details on how to book later in the term
15.12.16	Year 3 and 4 Merit Assembly
15.12.16	BSA PANTO
16.12.16	Year 5 and 6 Merit Assembly Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Merit Assembly
16.12.16	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
19.12.16—03.01.17	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer holiday.
We are all looking forward to another super year of learning.

A BIG welcome to all of our new families who have joined us over the Summer holiday.

Introducing Letter-join

We have a new handwriting scheme in school called Letter-join.

We will be teaching this new cursive script throughout the school.

At the Meet the Team evening, we will be able to show you the scheme and the new letter shapes.

Meet the Team Evening

A reminder that this Wednesday (September 14th) there is an opportunity to meet the teachers and teaching assistants who will be teaching your children this year.

They will give you some information regarding what they will be learning, year group expectations, home learning ideas, how you can support your children with their learning and how you can help in school.

There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions that you have.

Please come along at 6:00-6:30 or 6:45-7:15—no need to book a time—just come and visit us in your child's classroom.

HELLO!



MEET THE TEAM

Snacks

At school we are always keen to encourage healthy lifestyles. Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with free fruit or vegetables as a morning breaktime snack.

KS2 children are encouraged to have a breaktime snack—we do ask if this can consist of dried fruit, fruit or vegetables.

If they want to bring a drink we ask if this can be fruit juice or water.

PLEASE NO NUTS or products containing nuts.

Uniform

Please can we ask that all items of children's uniforms are labelled with their names—as this makes it much easier to return to your child if anything goes missing.

Many thanks

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning!

Year 4 will once again be supporting the Macmillan charity. They will be holding a coffee morning on **FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER** for Year 4 parents and friends, as well as Foundation parents.

There will also be a raffle open to the whole school, plus an after school cake sale.

We hope that you can support Macmillan, and the hard work that year 4 are putting into these events to make them a huge success, by donating **RAFFLE PRIZES.**

Cakes and biscuits (nearer the coffee morning) will also be gratefully received.

Many thanks in advance for your support,

Miss Pillow and Mrs Snatt

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 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 (2016/2017). 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



Brookhurst are proud to announce that for the second year running our school has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games **Silver** award for our participation in school sports. This award is not easy to achieve and is a real credit to the children in our school and all the various sports they take part in. Here are some of the things we have achieved in order to gain the award:

Brookhurst:

- Provide all children with two hours of physical education and school sport per week
- Engage at least 35% of students in extracurricular sporting activity every week
- Take part in over 6 competitions within school and against other schools in the local area
- Take part in over 4 School Games competitions against Schools in the County
- Provide the opportunity for at least 2 'B' teams to take part in local competitions against other schools - for example the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby at Trinity, the Year 5 Sports Hall Athletics at Campion, the Year 5 athletics at Edmonscote and the Year 4 and Year 5 Chance to Shine cricket festivals at Hunningham! We have more than covered our competition aspect of the criteria. All these events allowed 30 children to participate.
- Promote our school sports to parents through regular newsletter
- Utilise sports coaches to promote school sports
- Have links to at least 3 local sports clubs

Code of Conduct

In school we have a Code of Conduct that we ask all members of our learning community to follow.

Please spend some time with your child reading through the Code of Conduct.

- We are ready to learn
- We listen to each other
- We look after the school and the things in it
- We walk when inside school
- We treat everyone as we would like to be treated

Music Making at Brookhurst



KS2 Choir

Choir will start on Wednesday 14th September @ 1pm in Miss Whipp's classroom. All KS2 children are welcome. The choir members can have an early lunch.

Brookhurst Breakfast Band

Band will start at 8.15 am on Wednesday 14th September in the hall. This is open to children who have music lessons (not necessarily at school) and have been playing for at least a year or have reached Grade 1 standard. If you wish to come to band please complete the form and return it to the office.

Katherine Whipp

Brookhurst School Association

The Parent Teacher Association of Brookhurst Primary School

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20 September

7.30pm – 9pm



Every parent or carer of a child at Brookhurst is automatically a member of the BSA. All our events are organised and run by volunteers like you.

All welcome to come along to a meeting find out more!



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