

Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Fellows

Firstly I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and an amazing new year.

There is a lot of pressure at Christmas and in the current climate, I wanted to remind you all that Christmas isn't about the gifts around the tree but the valuable time that we spend with the people who are most important to us.

It has been a busy term with lots going on including residential for years 3 & 6, community events; our Brook Festival of Light, Christmas market and Christmas productions. We also have our Young Voices choir preparing to perform in January and our football team who will be competing in the spring term.

This term also brought our Ofsted inspection- we are hoping that the report will be available to share with you soon.

Our term has been such a success and we would like to thank you all for your continued support!



Thankyou to everybody who bought a ticket and had a go on our raffle! Congratulations to the below winners!!

No.	Prize	Winner
1st	£100 cash!	C. Finch
2nd	Soap and glory hamper	G. Moore
3rd	Chocolate hamper	K. Wolohan
4th	Glass cone hamper	I. Perry
5th	Angel wings	S. Richards
6th	M&S gift bag	C. Hyde
7th	Hairdressing gift voucher	J. Berry
8th	Bottle of wine	A. Grazier
9th	Bottle of gin	I. Bishop
10th	Fuzzyduck gift set	S. Foster
11th	Bottle of prosecco	J. Fletcher
12th	Candles	C. Baker
13th	Bath bombs	S. Wright
14th	Bottle of prosecco	J. Hyde
15th	Big bounce family pass	J. Jones
16th	Sanctuary spa set	P. Greenway
17th	Cupcakes voucher	E. Meese
18th	Little lobsters play pass	P. Hill
19th	Bottle of prosecco	S. Cooper
20th	Laura Ashley gift set	L. Hicks
21st	Bayliss & Harding set	D. Jones
22nd	Champagne	S. Whitehouse
23rd	Bottle of prosecco	L. Campbell
24th	Harry Potter wand	H. Multani
25th	Scalleywags play vouchers	C. Tromans
26th	Bottle of wine	Z. Roberts

PARKING ISSUES

It is with disappointment that I inform you that earlier this week a driveway was blocked preventing an on-call NHS worker getting off their drive. This could have been a very serious, life or death matter - please be mindful and do not block people's drives.

There really is no excuse to park in front of a drive that isn't yours!

Christmas top table!

The following children received an invitation this week to enjoy Christmas lunch with Mrs Fellows as a thank you for all of their hard work this term by sitting at the Top Table! Well done!



Nursery - **Amelia**
RSD - **Avy**
RH/W - **Jaina**
1CR - **Darcey**
1ZH - **Lyla**
2HD - **Kyra-Leigh**
2EB - **Ethan**
3W/H - **Dexter**
3RT - **Finley-Jai**
4AC - **Leon**
4LF - **Talia**
5AC - **Tiffany**
5HI - **Thomas**
6HT - **Phoebe**
6AH - **Brooke**



Mrs Felton's attendance awards!

The names of all children who had 100% attendance and no late marks since September were put into a hat for the chance to win a prize!

The 2 winners chosen at random by Head boy and Head girl were...

Daisy, Year 2 - won a large hamper!

Cameron, Year 1 - won a family pass to Big Bounce!

Please be advised that when we return in January, the gates to the playground will remain open until 9am.

Children are expected to be in school for when the bell goes at 8:50 however we are keeping the gates open longer to try and prevent the high influx of late children going through the front office.

Please try to ensure that your children arrive to school on time.

School admissions

Primary School Admissions

You have until the 15 January 2023 to apply for a Reception class place.

School admissions

You can visit our website via the link below which will explain how to apply and there is also a link to the Dudley MBC admissions page.



Thank you to those who attended the Christmas Market- it was very busy! We raised just over **£2500!!** The school council are busy planning what they would like to spend the money on.



As you aware, here at Brook we have five key school values:

Respect, Pride, Resilience, Challenge and Independence!

Our curriculum intent also states that we encourage our pupils to make positive contributions to our community, society and wider world. This term we are very proud to have raised funds for a range of worthwhile causes including:

- £359.19 for the British Legion
- £238 Save the Children (Christmas jumper Day)
- £347 for Children in Need
- £501 Mary Stevens Hospice (It's not too late you can still donate to the Reindeer Run!)

Thank you for your support with this!



We have now signed up for tax free childcare - please visit the website below for more information and how to apply

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You may not realise you can claim

Check if you're eligible today
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Pupil achievements!
Congratulations to Anora from Year 2 on receiving her street dance award!

School Car Park

Recently, we have noticed several parents parking on the school car park. We only have a small number of car park spaces and these should only be used by parents who have a disability badge AND have had their space agreed with Mrs Fellows. No other parent will be allowed to use the car park from January. We encourage as many parents as possible to walk to school as we are aware of the lack of car parking spaces- thank you!

Reading eggs



Reading Eggs: Reading is so important and we always encourage our children to read at home at least three times a week.

Over the holidays, we are asking children to compete in a readathon using the Reading Eggs programme.

Your child will come home with their new Reading Eggs log-in details- please encourage your children to use this! They will need to choose a book from the library, read it and then complete a quiz.

very quiz that is completed earns points for the school! There will be a school, class and individual winner- currently Year 2 are in the lead! Here's the link to get started: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

School Date reminders

Friday 17th December

Break up for Christmas holidays!

Tuesday 4th January

Children return to school

Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... 6HT

Well done!

1ZH	Hayden
1CR	Patrick
2HD	Lucas
2EB	Marley
3WH	James
3RT	Eli
4AC	Harry
4LF	Carys
5C	Dylan
5HI	Amelia
6HT	Mieszko
6AH	Kyle

Attendance %
w/c 05/12/2022

6AH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1ZH were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	94.29%
Rec H/W	90%
1CR	95%
1ZH	98%
2EB	89.33%
2HD	96%
3RT	90.40%
3W/H	89.58%
4AC	93.33%
4LF	93.33%
5C	94%
5HI	94.67%
6AH	98.67%
6HT	95%
School Total	93.70%
Target	96+%

Reindeer Run - The Mary Stevens Hospice

The children had such good fun on Thursday completing the reindeer run. Despite the icy conditions, they walked around the playground wearing reindeer antlers in search of Father Christmas in order to raise funds for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Mary Stevens Hospice make such a difference supporting the lives of terminally ill patients- I hope you agree that it is such a good cause. We would really appreciate it if you could make a donation by following the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/reindeerrunbrook>

We have almost raised £500 already- this is fantastic! Thank you to those who have donated already!



Brook Buddies

Please ensure you book Buddies by Thursday evening for the following week. If you require childcare for the first week back in January, this needs to be booked by Thursday 29th December.

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00