



A message from Mrs Fellows

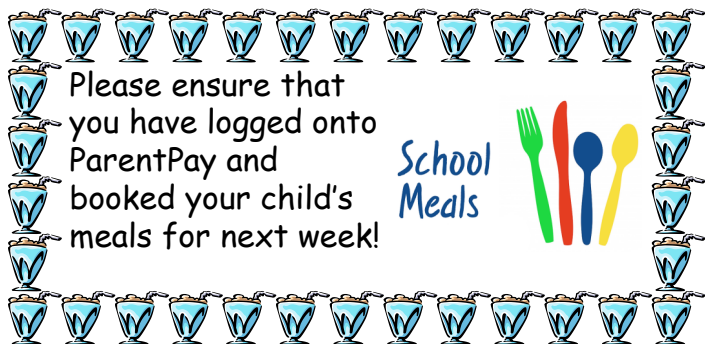


A huge welcome back to our Brook family, we hope you have had a lovely summer! It was lovely to see our children return on Tuesday with smiles, looking very smart in their new uniform. We are very proud of our school uniform; it gives our children a sense of belonging and ensures that they all look smart- please ensure that your children wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. It is also essential that clothing is named, we already have some children who have lost clothing, but it is hard to find when they aren't labelled. We have lots of spare clothing in school so please just ask if you need anything.

We are very mindful that as the cost-of-living rises, some families may be struggling and we will be looking at a number of different ways to help our community. Just like at home, bills are rising in school and our budgets have not increased so we have been talking to children about looking after our equipment and resources, not wasting paper or food at lunchtime. This year we will attempting to reduce the amount of paperwork sent out to families and the majority of our letters (where possible) will be sent electronically so please make sure you are signed up to School Life.

Some parents have already asked about taking their children out of school on holiday. The Government are changing the process of managing low attendance and they are insisting that fines are issued for families taking children out of school with very few exceptional circumstances. I want you to understand that schools do not receive the fine money. Please be aware that if you take your child out of school for a prolonged period of time, there is a very high chance that you will be fined. We are here to help parents who are having difficulty getting children into school and we encourage you to ask for help if you need it.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, celebrating our amazing pupils and watching them develop from strength to strength.



Please ensure that you have logged onto ParentPay and booked your child's meals for next week!

Thank you to parents and carers for the cards, gifts and thanks that were received at the end of term! They were much appreciated!



Update & collection forms

Please ensure that you have returned any contact update forms and collection forms to school ASAP.

Please also let us know if any permissions have changed.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



We are holding a Macmillan coffee morning in the school hall on Friday 30th September. Any donations and your company would be greatly received!

DIARY DATES: 2022 - 2023

Tuesday 6th September 2022	Children return to school
Friday 21st October 2022	End of term
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 31st October 2022	Children return to school
Friday 16th December 2022	End of Term
Monday 19th December - Friday 30th December 2022	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Wednesday 4th January 2023	Children return to school
Friday 17th February 2023	End of Half Term
Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 27th February 2023	Children return to school
Friday 31st March 2023	End of half term
Monday 3rd April 2023—Friday 14th April 2023	EASTER BREAK
Monday 17th April 2023	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Tuesday 18th April 2023	Children return to school
Monday 1st May 2023	MAY DAY - School closed to children
Friday 26th May 2023	End of Half Term
Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 5th June 2023	Children return to school
Friday 21st July 2023	Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day
Monday 24th July 2023	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Tuesday 25th July 2023	INSET DAY - School closed to children

Pupil achievements



Wow!! Just look at that sunflower!

Thankyou very much Ruby-Mai for sending us a photo of your every growing sunflower— what an achievement!

You should be very proud :)

Year 4 Swimming

Swimming will start on Friday 16th September for class 4AC. This class will be swimming each Friday morning for 6 weeks.

Swimming caps are compulsory and these can purchased via Parent Pay for £1.

Please complete the form sent home if your child would like to wear goggles.



New staff welcome!

You may have noticed a few new faces around school—please say hello and give them a big Brook welcome!



Miss Taylor is our new Year 6 teacher!



Mrs Grigg is our new Year 2 Teaching Assistant!



Miss Hughes is also our new Year 6 teacher!



Miss Cotterill is our new Year 4 teacher!



Miss Ford is our new Year 4 teacher!



Mr Chambers is now our Year 1 Teaching Assistant!



Mrs Rabone is our new Year 6 Teaching Assistant!



Mr Cooper is our new Assistant Caretaker!



Attendance Bulletin:

Firstly, we would like to thank all parents who have supported their child/ren for making sure they attended regularly throughout difficult times and changes over the last two years.

The Department for Education published new guidance for attendance in May 2022 stressing the importance of school attendance and that "improving attendance is everyone's business" (DFE 2022). School will continue to assess procedures, work with external support, statutory services, continue to monitor children's attendance who fall below schools target of 96% and work with those who are at risk of becoming persistently absent or are persistently absent (90% and below).

Good attendance is learnt behaviour. It is proven that children with highest attendance achieve highest attainment and have wider life chances. School will be reviewing all policies and procedures however to improve overall and individual attendance we need parents' support as well. For this to happen to we request the following:

- Schools target is 96% attendance which equates to your child having no more than 10 days absence in an academic year.
- It is a legal responsibility where a parent "has registered a child in school that they attend school every day the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances. Failing to attend school on a regular basis will be considered a safeguarding matter. If your child is absent, you are expected to contact school each morning. If school cannot get hold of a parent or emergency contact, a home visit may be undertaken.
- Please book medical appointments outside of school. If your child has ongoing medical needs, also speak to school so we can support your child.
- Only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. There have been several occasions where parents have taken holiday without notifying school or said their child is off due to illness. We politely request parents are honest with school as this causes a large amount of time wasted, undertaking calls, home visits and even referrals to children missing education.
- Any child who has 10% absence (90% and below) is classified as persistently absent. School and other support services or statutory services will become involved. This could be a home visit, invitation into a meeting, engaging with a parenting contract or Early Help if classified as severely absent.
- School will not continue to authorise absence if attendance is unsatisfactory and may ask for further medical evidence to support having time off. If this is not provided, school are not obliged to authorise the absence and may consult with the Local Authority regarding further statutory action.
- We understand that there may be other barriers to attendance. If you have any concerns or issues that are having an impact on your child/ren's attendance, please contact school immediately so we can support you. School would rather work through issues together than go down a statutory route.
- May we take this opportunity to remind parents to update emergency contact details and also update medical information or requirements (which might affect attendance).

Thank you in advance for your support



Over the year we run a number of fundraising events for school and using some of the money raised last year, we have purchased a new sign for our school garden.

Mr Bowater runs a gardening club with key stage 2 children during lunchtimes and they asked for a new sign. I hope you agree that it is a great addition to the Brook garden area.

Glass design competition



We would love our children to be involved in a local competition.

Children have been asked to draw a design for a piece of glass with a science theme.

There are some great prizes!

If your child would like to get involved, please encourage them to prepare their design and hand it to Mrs Fellows by Monday 3rd October so that she can then post the entries in time.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

children ages 4-11

Glass Design Competition

PSTT is celebrating the United Nations International Year of Glass 2022 by 'bringing back glass' into the primary classroom. Celebrate with us!

What GLASS CREATION can your pupils design that is both **BEAUTIFUL & USEFUL** for the primary science classroom?

SUBMIT YOUR A4 DESIGNS BY MIDNIGHT 7 OCT 2022



The winning design will be created in glass for the student to keep! The winning child (and an accompanying adult) will be invited to the factory where their design will be made. Plus, £1000 will be rewarded to the student's school for science resources!

2nd place student will be rewarded a microscope, science books and £500 towards science resources for their school!	3rd place student will receive a microscope, science books and £350 towards science resources for their school!
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PE days

Please ensure children come to school in their PE kit on the days listed below – Black or navy shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, navy/black hoody and black pumps. This is our PE uniform, where children are still smart. We should not be treating these days as mufti days. Thank you for your support.

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday*
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday
Butterflies	Thursday



* Please ensure pupils have costume/trunks, swimming cap and towel

4AC will be swimming the first half term ~ 16th September - 21st October

4LF will be swimming the second part of the Autumn Term ~ 4th November – 9th December



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please. These are available from Buddies or the main school office



Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

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

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.