

Newsletter

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We have had a few incidents involving WhatsApp this week. We feel its very important that parents understand the safety implications of allowing their children to use WhatsApp.



What is the minimum age to legally use WhatsApp in the UK?

In the UK you need to be **16** to legally use WhatsApp.

How can parents monitor their child's WhatsApp?

WhatsApp is secure and encrypted so it cannot be intercepted. You can, however, set up a second device allowing you to participate in their chats and conversations. You can access the information and guide on the parentshield.co.uk website [here](#)

What precautions can Parents take?

- * Use a child-safe mobile network
- * Check a child's phone regularly to see what Apps are installed
- * Use Parental Controls to restrict app installation to chosen apps
- * Set privacy settings on any chat applications to restrict sharing with known contacts only

Why is WhatsApp dangerous?

By default WhatsApp allows unrestricted sharing of voice, text images and videos with any other user anywhere in the world.

Personal information, profile picture, and even location can easily be shared with hundreds of strangers.

Why is ParentShield different?

ParentShield intercepts and BLOCKS any WhatsApp (And Snapchat, Signal and Telegram!) setup verification SMS messages and informs parents instantly.

<https://parentshield.co.uk>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

School Prefects

Here at Brook, we offer our pupils a range of roles and responsibilities to develop their personal growth, preparing them for life as citizens in society. Our year 6 pupils applied for the role of prefect and we would like to congratulate...



- * Joseph *
- * Tommy *
- * Riley *
- * Kaileigh *
- * Olivia *
- * Skyla *
- * Mollie *
- * Keira *
- * Millie *
- * Jared *
- * Connor *
- * Isaac *
- * Daniel *
- * Ava *
- * Molly *
- * Sophie *
- * Amelia *
- * Lola *
- * Sumaya *
- * Lexi *
- * Iba *
- * Larna *
- * Amelia *
- * Charlie *
- * Ethan *

Tickets on sale now via Parent Pay!

Brook Primary School Presents

Brook Fireworks

Celebrating

100 Years of Disney

Thursday 9th November 2023

6.30pm – 8pm

Firework Display, Outdoor Disco &

Disney Fancy Dress Parade

Hot food and refreshments

Tickets available in advance from Brook Primary School

Family £17 (2 Adult; & 2 Children)

Adult £6.00 Child £4.00 (under 3's; free)

Payment on the night will be £7.00 per person

(adult or child)

No unaccompanied under 18's, ID may be asked for

This is a walk to event

There will be NO parking available

NB: Please note that we will not be having a bonfire this year due to Health and Safety restrictions. Please do not let this dampen the spirit - it is still set to be an amazing night!

Brook Primary School, George Street, Wordsley, DY8 5YN Telephone

01384 389888

The closing date for applications for High School places for September 2024 is rapidly approaching.

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE IS 31ST OCTOBER 2023.

Parents/Carers can make an online application by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions.

Please see below for your information:

- Online application available - 1st September 2023
- Information to parents & school open evenings - Autumn Term 2023
- Return date for paper application forms - 31 October 2023 by 5pm*
- Return date for online applications - 31 October 2023 by midnight*
 - Decision emails to parents - 1 March 2024
 - Appeals to be heard - May/June 2024

*Failure to return your form/apply by this date may affect the outcome of your application.



Message from Vaccination UK:



Vaccination UK will be in your school on **Monday 23rd October** to administer your children's flu vaccinations.

It is really important that all parents complete the E-Consent form, even if the parents decline the vaccine, we still need the consent form completed. This will ensure that the child does NOT get vaccinated, and we do not have to chase for consent forms.

If you have not already done so, please click on the link below to give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/dudley>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

If you have any issues with the E-consent link, please telephone the Vaccination UK office on 01922 902035 please do not contact your child's school.



Congratulations to Mrs Willis who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Eloise on Monday 9th October! We wish the Willis family all the best with their new arrival.



New Menus:

You will receive an email today and a questionnaire to complete about our new kitchen menus!

We will be changing the menus after half term and would love you to share your feedback- please look out for this!

#ScienceSelfies

Calling all scientists!

To encourage you all to think like scientists during the holidays, Ms. Tsang would love to see some selfies of you doing something scientific at home.

It could be anything at all: a visit somewhere, related to science, carrying out some research, experimenting and investigating an idea, carrying out a mini beast hunt, planting bulbs, making slime. The ideas are endless... just use your imagination!

All you have to do is take a photo and then, in one sentence, explain what science it is you're learning. Send your selfies and captions to info@brook.dudley.sch.uk. Photos will be printed off to create a science display.

This whole school challenge aims to show that science is all around us and is a part of everybody's lives. Have fun!



ACE COACHING PRESENTS

THE OCTOBER HALF TERM SPOOKTACULAR

WHEN
(Open to boys & girls aged Reception to Year 6)
MONDAY 30th - OCTOBER
FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
(Focusing primarily on the sports Football, Dodgeball, netball and Handball)

WHERE
CRESTWOOD SCHOOL & 6th Form, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, DY6 8QG

COST
ONLY £100 FOR ALL WEEK OR £25 PER DAY

TIME
Each day 9.00am - 3.00pm

PLEASE ENQUIRE IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD AS SESSION TIMES MAY DIFFER

ACE OFFER 1
Bookings & payments received by Friday 20th October will receive a **£20 DISCOUNT!**
Offer only applies when booking a full week on an Ace Coaching football & invasion games course.

ACE OFFER 2
Family & friends - Enrol two children for the week. Enrol two children for the week, bookings received by Friday 20th October **FOR ONLY £130**
Offer only applies when booking a full week on an Ace Coaching football & invasion games course. Please note that the £20 discount in conjunction with Ace offer 2.

ACE OFFER 3
£5 OFF
Our Thursday night Football development centre course.
Please call Ryan for more information. Offer only applies when booking a full Football and Invasion Games Course.



Parent open days

Do you know anyone who has a child who is due to start school next September?

Please tell them about our wonderful school and encourage them to come and have a look round.

We have several open days:

Thursday 19th October
9:30am

Thursday 19th October 2pm

Friday 17th November
9:30am

Wednesday 6th December
9:30am & 2pm

Pupil shout out



Well done to Mia & Jasmine for completing a 1k run in Alcester! They were awarded with a medal for their achievement—well done girls!



Well done to Doniro for coming second in his most recent kickboxing competition! This is a great achievement!



Well done to Alexa for gaining her Octopus 3 swimming certificate! This is a brilliant achievement!

Harvest donations

Each year we ask our school community to contribute to our traditional harvest celebration by donating food items to the Black Country Food bank.

We are planning on doing so again this term. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our school family and hope you will support this worth-while cause again. Please send donations into school by Friday 20th October. If you're unsure what to donate please see:

<https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/> (non perishable items only please)

Thank you in advance in supporting our community!



PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ANY OF THE ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST:



- 1L CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE
- 1L CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- TINNED READY MEALS
- TINNED HAM/CORNER BEEF
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- TINNED FISH
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED MACARONI CHEESE
- PACKETS OF SAVOURY RICE/NOODLES
- DEODORANTS
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL



Spelling Shed

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

The top class of the week is... 5P

Well done!

1R	-
1W	Cerys
2C	Erin
2T	Darcey
3B	Lily
3MH	Dylan
4D	Eli
4F	Ebonie
5I	Leon
5P	Lexi
6HT	-
6AH	Sumaya

School Photos

School photos- Monday 16th October—this will be class/group photos only! (Not individuals) Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform. If it's PE day - please send the PE kit in separately.



National Trust are offering a single use ticket (2 adults & up to 3 children) free on any date up to 20th October for a selection of their properties! This is a great opportunity for our families and children to get out and explore nature in some really beautiful settings.

You can claim a ticket via this link

https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn?campid=Social_Central_Visit_Facebook_Autumn_260922



National Trust



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.



Advanced notice of closure:



Thursday 9th November due to our Brook Fireworks event
Tuesday 19th December due to our Brook Christmas Market

Attendance % w/c 2/10/2023

4D were all the highest attendees in KS2 and 2C were again the highest in KS1!

Well done!!

Rec D	92.40%
Rec B	92.17%
1R	96.67%
1W	97.59%
2C	100%
2T	97.59%
3B	98.57%
3MH	99%
4D	100%
4F	91.20%
5I	99.33%
5P	95.33%
6AH	93.10%
6HT	94%
School Total	95.72%
Target	97%