

Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Fellows

What a crazy academic year it has been! It has had many highs with our successful Ofsted inspection, Young Voices Concert, fundraising events and some excellent SATs results for school. As always, our children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them all.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

summer break



I hope you are able to enjoy many family times together.

I look forward to seeing you all in September!

summer break



Staffing updates

Mr Bowater - leaving us after 12 years for a new position elsewhere

Mrs Brown - leaving us after 10 years to begin her retirement

Miss Cotterill - leaving Brook for a new position elsewhere

Miss Edwards - leaving us to work for a mental health charity

Mrs Crump - beginning her maternity leave over the summer

Miss Jhally - leaving Brook for a new position elsewhere

Mrs Brookes - leaving Brook for a new position elsewhere



We would like to welcome 2 new class teachers!

Mrs Bishop - our new Reception teacher

Miss Page - our new Year 5 teacher

Miss Jones will be joining the Teaching Assistant team and the other positions will be covered by staff already in school.

There will also be some changes in the kitchen!

Mrs Small - leaving us to begin her new role elsewhere

Mrs Williams - leaving us to pursue a new career

Mrs Turner - Is joining us permanently from September

Miss Evans - Congratulations! She will be taking over as our new Catering Manager from September

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Project postcard!

We would love all the children to send a postcard back to school if they go away on holiday anywhere during the 6 weeks. This can be near or far. They can post it to school or bring it with them in September and we would like a short message on the back letting us know what they've been doing! This is our aim of what we would like to achieve!



Year Six Legacy Project

The next time you visit the school garden, take a look at the beautiful butterfly obelisk that has been created by the 'Class of 2023'.

Every child in Year Six has crafted a wire butterfly, each as unique as they are! The structure itself has been built from the pupils' designs and selected pupils helped construct the obelisk.

As butterflies are a symbol of transformation, it seemed an appropriate reminder of the transformations our Year Six leavers will be making in the coming months.



We are delighted to announce that we, Brook Primary School, have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include:

- participation in many inter competitions across all year groups
- mixed football team for Yr 5&6 playing matches against local schools
- Year 5& 6 Girl's Football Team winning their league
- an engagement with active travel with our new initiative of WOW
- instalment of table tennis tables on the playground
- purchasing of speed stacker cups for pupils to develop hand and eye coordination and compete against their own personal best time
- training opportunities for staff development
- accommodating pupils in extracurricular clubs after school and lunch clubs with our sport coach, Mr Benjamin
- purchased resources for a new inclusive sport, Boccia

As a school we would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Downton for all of her hard work and effort she puts into everything sport related here at Brook! From arranging sports days, football teams and matches, sports clubs, the walk to school WOW challenge and everything else you arrange and provide for us ... thankyou!

Summer sports camps

Thankyou to everyone who has booked onto our summer sports camps! It has once again proven to be very popular!

We hope you all have a fantastic time with our sports plus coaches.

Reminder:

Times of the course: 9:00am-3:30pm (Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm). Please drop off and collect children from the front office.

All children must be provided with a packed lunch and plenty to drink

Each child will receive a certificate and medal at our presentation held on the last day of Camp @ 3:00pm.



Help the office

Children need to be brought to school on time - the front office is extremely busy first thing, the desk cannot be left unattended and we have not got the staff to keep walking late children up to class. It is also extremely difficult when the children have phonics lessons and could be anywhere in the school!

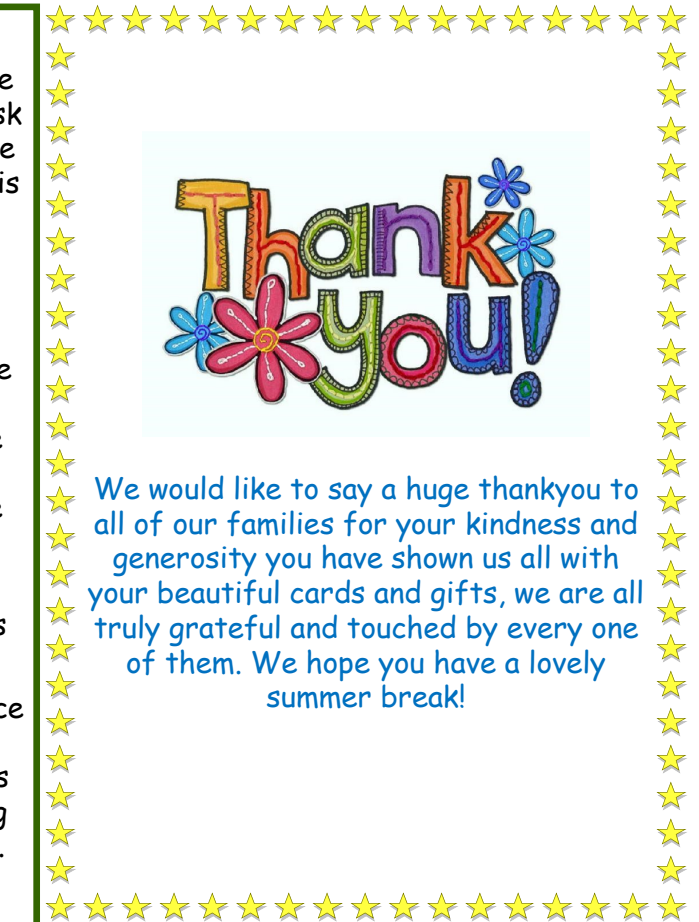
We are having an increased amount of parents calling to request their child is collected from the office and collected early. Again, the office is extremely busy at the end of the day and we are struggling with these increased requests. Please collect your child at the end of the day from the playground.

Please ensure you read the newsletter and that your School Life notifications are turned on. This prevents multiple phone calls.

You need to call and leave a message on the absence line if your child is not attending school. It is a legal requirement to know the reason your child is not attending school so to prevent us from having to call you please let us know as early as possible.



We would like to say a huge thankyou to all of our families for your kindness and generosity you have shown us all with your beautiful cards and gifts, we are all truly grateful and touched by every one of them. We hope you have a lovely summer break!



**Attendance %
w/c 10/07/2023**

3RT were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2EB were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	94.67%
Rec H/W	92.33%
1CR	96.33%
1ZH	94%
2EB	98.28%
2HD	97%
3RT	98.08%
3W/H	94.40%
4AC	96.13%
4LF	96.55%
5C	95.86%
5HI	95.67%
6AH	96.33%
6HT	91.33%
School Total	95.25%
Target	96+%

Brook Buddies

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

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.

