

Dear all,

We have really noticed a change in the weather this week. It's becoming a bit chilly in the mornings so it might be an idea for the children to start wearing coats if they haven't already. Please can you make sure that their names are in them (and all of their uniform). It really helps when things go missing or get left around school. The changing season also brings with it a few coughs and sniffles. There have been a few bugs floating round school this week. Please remember to call the school office if your child is going to be off school poorly. We have a duty of care to every child and need to be able to account for each of them every day.

No Pens Day – The children enjoyed a great day on Wednesday without picking up a pen or pencil once! It was great to see them being creative in their learning and there was lots of fun to be had in all year groups. There are photos on Twitter if you want to see more! Thank you to Miss Rogers for arranging and organising this creative learning day at Brooklands.

School Governing Body – Thank you to all of those people who voted in the ballot to appoint our new parent governors. The results should soon be available and those parents who have been successful, should be hearing from the governing body within the next few days. I look forward to sharing good news from the governors with you in the next week.

Parking outside school – There have been a few incidents of irresponsible parking around school. Please consider local residents when picking up and dropping off children at school.

School Council – The new school council met for the first time this week and had plenty of ideas to kick off the new school year. We will publish the minutes from the school council on the website from now on. The minutes from yesterday's meeting are on [this link](#).

Headteacher Coffee Morning – Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th October at 9am. This time, Mrs. Elaine Johnson will be coming to talk to parents about the new attendance policy. Please join us for coffee if you can.

Message from the PTA – Many thanks for coming to our Macmillan Coffee events. We raised a fantastic £245.30. Thank you for all your support.

We have also taken delivery of our Sainsbury's Vouchers goodies. We were able to order items for our kitchen such as scales, measuring jugs and spatulas as well as some small hurdles to be used for PE. Watch out for next year's collection and please remember to save your vouchers for Brooklands!

Here are further details for our PTA Halloween Discos:

Reception and Year 1 - Monday 17th October 3.30-4.30

Year 2 - Monday 17th October 5.00-6.00

Tickets for these evenings will be £3 which will include unlimited drinks and a goodie bag to take home.

Year 3 and 4 - Wednesday 19th October 3.30-4.30

Year 5 and 6 - Wednesday 19th October 5.00-6.00

Tickets for these evenings will be £2 which will include unlimited drinks. There will be a tuck shop on the night with a maximum limit of £1 spending money per child.

We would love to invite children to dress up in their scariest Halloween Costumes for the discos!! Come dressed to thrill!

This year, tickets will be available to buy from the **Music Room** every morning and on Monday to Wednesday after school next week. (Please only enter via the external door on the St John's Street side of the school) On purchasing tickets you will be required to provide details of who will be picking up your child after the disco and also an emergency contact telephone number. **Please note that tickets will not be available from the school office.**

Thank you for all your continuing support for the PTA at Brooklands - Ms P. Dunham
(Chair)

A message from the Holiday Club HA4K - On Monday morning Monty the Monkey and Miss Hill will be outside the school to greet children and speak to parents about HA4K; a holiday sports camp which is running at Brooklands over October half term. The camp has been running at Brooklands now for the past 2 years. All of our courses are led by qualified coaches who deliver a range of sports, arts and crafts and other fun activities. Please visit the website for further details - www.ha4k.co.uk.

Well done everyone on another great week at Brooklands!

Kind Regards,
Ceri Hathaway
Headteacher

The link to see our 'Stars of the week' for this week is:
<http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/news-events/stars-week>

Amended / additional dates:

Monday 10th October – Y5/6 Girls Football Festival at Friesland.

Wednesday 12th October –Headteacher Coffee Morning

Thursday 13th October – Y6 trip to the Long Eaton Hub for Fairground Workshop.

Monday 17th October – Basket Ball Tournament for KS2

Monday 17th October – PTA Halloween Disco (see above for details)

Tuesday 18th October – Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Wednesday 19th October – PTA Halloween Disco (see above for details)

Friday 21st October – Break up for half term

Monday 31st October – Return to school.