

Dear all,

Fridays soon come round again and this week has been another busy one at Brooklands. Children are well into their topics now and it has been a pleasure to look at the high standards of learning in school. I have been particularly impressed by the homework that I have seen being brought into school. The standard of some of the model making is particularly impressive. Thank you to all of you who support your children's learning at home. If we work together it's even better for the children and it makes learning relevant for them too.

Headteacher Coffee Morning: Thank you to all of you who attended this week on Wednesday morning. It was great to hear from Mrs. Elaine Johnson about our new attendance policy. Thank you for your ideas about how we can make our attendance even better and how we can encourage the children to value school and to attend regularly. We talked about certificates for the children who have had 100% so far this term. Mrs. Johnson is looking into this and so hopefully next week, children will receive an award for their great attendance. We also discussed an appropriate end of year treat for those children achieving 100% attendance and again, Mrs. Johnson and the senior team will give this some consideration throughout the year. Thanks again to you all for your input.

The next HT coffee morning is on Monday 28th November. This time it will be Ms. Hodges and the use of Apps and computer programs for learning (previously planned for Oct '16). We will be using iPads to look at how to make learning fun. It would be great to see as many of you as possible!

If there is anything else you would like to talk about / discuss or find out about at the HT coffee mornings, please do let me know.

Attendance update: There will be a more detailed update next week on this half term attendance figures, but this week's monitoring shows that attendance has improved this term. Also more and more children are arriving at school on time so 'lates' are decreasing too which is great. Well done all!

Play equipment on the playground after school: Many parents have come to me expressing their concerns over parents allowing children to play on playground equipment after school. The school policy has always been that children are not allowed to play on the equipment on the Trim trail or on the slide tower on the Infant playground. In recent times this has become unclear. Our insurance will not cover any injuries or accidents after the end of the school day so please **do not allow your children to play on the play equipment**. Children have lots of opportunities during the school day to play on this equipment and should not go on it after school. Please pass this onto older siblings from TLES who may be waiting to collect children.

We cannot accept any responsibility for any injuries caused on this equipment after the close of school. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Message for parents of children in Miss Rogers' Class - You are all invited to the closing event of our topic for this term - "Why do so many people go on holidays to the Mediterranean?" The event will be held in the junior hall on Friday 21st October at 9am and then at later showing at 2.30pm. Children would like to share with you some of the things we have been learning about. Please enter through to the main reception area. Thank you - Miss Rogers.

Also, please don't forget to keep up to date via Twitter @brooklandsprim1 or on Facebook.

Thanks everyone - one more week until the half term break!

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 17th October - Basket Ball Tournament for KS2

Tuesday 18th October - Year 3/4 Football Tournament

Wednesday 19th October - PTA Halloween Disco

Thursday 20th October - Nursery PTA Disco

Friday 21st October - Break up for half term

Monday 31st October - Return to school.