



Update from -17th November 2016

Dear all,

We are almost half way through this term now and Christmas is fast approaching! The preparations are in full swing for the festive season at Christmas. This year as well as the KS1 performances we are also looking forward to our own Craft Fayre, our PTA Christmas Fayre and our Brooklands Music Evening. Details of all of these can be found on the website in our weekly newsletters. We are really looking forward to another busy Christmas at Brooklands.

PE Events this week – On Monday morning Miss Plumb's class attended a Mini-Movers Festival at The Long Eaton School. They had a great time and learnt lots of new things.

On Monday afternoon Miss Bisknall's class attended TLES for a Badminton Festival. They had chance to practice their badminton skills and worked alongside children from other schools.

On Tuesday we hosted a basketball friendly against Firfield Primary School. The children were taught by an experienced basketball coach and the basketball team now feel more prepared for the tournament on Monday 5th December.

Music Evening – Brooklands' Music Evening will take place on Tuesday 29th November at 5.30pm and will involve children in the choir, year 3, 4 and 5 recorders and those who have drum, guitar, woodwind and brass lessons in school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their talent. By now, your child will have brought a letter home with a reply slip for how many tickets you would like. Please could this be returned to school by next Wednesday so that tickets can be given out by the end of the week. Any questions, please ask Mrs Harby.

School Choir – In addition to the Music Evening, the choir will be singing at our Christmas Fayre on December 2nd. They have also been invited to sing at Lacemaker's Court Christmas party on December 16th. This will take place in the morning during normal school time.

Drumming lessons – Recently there have been some mix ups with drumming lessons and unfortunately has resulted in some children missing their lesson. Please be assured that this has now been sorted and the company who provide the lessons are very apologetic and have assured us that this will not happen again. Lessons have now been moved to a Thursday afternoon on a permanent basis.

PTA Christmas Fayre 2nd December

The PTA are holding our 2nd Christmas Fayre in the main hall on Friday 2nd December between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. We have a visit from Santa (letters will go out next week regarding this) and a variety of craft stalls to help with your Christmas shopping. We are also asking for donations of biscuits, chocolate, and tins etc. for our Christmas Hamper raffle. These can be dropped at the office. We hope that you will join us for a fun afternoon and a mince pie.

Brooklands Nursery – At Brooklands we are very proud of our nursery provision; it has been a very successful part of Brooklands School for many years. However, in recent months we have seen a sharp decline in numbers for the afternoon sessions. At the moment we have less than 10 children attending nursery in the afternoons.

As you will appreciate, as well as the financial impact on school, we have to consider the quality of provision we are able to offer our children. Building relationships and having the opportunity to interact with others is a key element of Early Years and in its current position the nursery is not able to offer this to the high standards we have previously known. Therefore, governors and senior staff have taken the decision to close the school nursery in the afternoons from January 2017. This decision has been taken with careful thought and consideration. We recognise that the nursery does not currently, provide full days for children and that this is causing the decline in numbers attending. We are therefore planning to re-launch and re-open the nursery fully in September 2017 with a revised offer for parents which will include offering full days and flexible provision to better suit the needs of both parents and children. Watch out in future newsletters for updates on the future of Brooklands Nursery.

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>

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

Amended / additional dates:

- Tuesday 29th November – Music Evening 5:30pm.
- Wednesday 30th November – Full Governor's meeting.
- Wednesday 30th November – Y6 parent workshop re: Sex and Relationship Education. 3.30pm

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- Friday 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fayre.
- Monday 5th December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 2 -2.30pm
- Tuesday 6th December – KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm.
- Wednesday 7th December – KS2 Drumming workshop
- Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Craft in Key Stage 1 / EYFS – 2.30pm
- Thursday 8th December – KS1 Christmas Performance 5:45pm.
- Thursday 8th December – Magical Maths Assemblies
- Friday 9th December – Christmas Craft Sale 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 13th December – Reception Christmas play 9:30am & 2pm.
- Tuesday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas Party.
- Wednesday 14th December – Year 5 Christmas Party.
- Wednesday 14th December – Reception Christmas Party.
- Wednesday 14th December–Nursery Christmas Sing-Along 10am & 2pm.
- Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Trampoline Festival
- Thursday 15th December – Year 3 Christmas Party.
- Thursday 15th December – KS1 Christmas Party.
- Thursday 15th December – Reception Church Visit
- Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 16th December – Nursery Christmas Party.
- Friday 16th December – Year 6 Christmas Party.
- Friday 16th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays.