

Update from -25th November 2016

Dear all,

This week's update -

Music Evening - Brooklands' Music Evening will take next 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. Tickets have been given to your child today. Entrance will be via the KS2 hall doors only, which will open at 5.15pm. Please ensure your child is seated by 5.25pm ready for a prompt start. The children are looking forward to performing to you!

Reception Church Visit Cancelled - Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Reception Church Visit on Thursday 15th December has had to be postponed. We will aim to arrange another visit to the church in the new year. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused. **The Reception Team.**

Headteacher Coffee Morning - The aim of HT coffee mornings is to give you an opportunity to come into school, meet with other parents and staff and to learn more about how we are developing the school and improving learning opportunities for the children. With this in mind, the next HT Coffee Morning will take place on Monday 28th November at 8.45am. This week we will be meeting in the Music Room as Ms Hodges is coming to demonstrate and share some of the ways you can help your children through the use of Apps. She has some great Apps to show you which will engage and stimulate the children through some amazing technology! The Apps are free and can be used at home or at school. Ms Hodges and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Y6 parents Sex and Relationships Education Workshop - 30th November 2016 - Parents of Y6 children will be aware of the workshop that is taking place after school on Wednesday. Y6 teachers and Miss Hill our PSHE leader will be sharing some of the materials from our new SRE curriculum. During the workshop, Mrs Johnson (reception teacher) & her team will be supervising a crèche facility for children so that parents can attend without having to arrange childcare.

Tesco Competition - Great news! - We had over 100 entries for the Tesco Competition and the great news is that **Harry Griffiths in Y6** won! His winning design will be printed on hessian bags for life in the local Tesco and given away throughout the area. Harry will receive a £25

Tesco voucher and the school will receive a fun, interactive and educational Junior Chef Academy workshop. Brooklands will also receive 400 bags to share out among the school. Well done Harry! You truly shine!!

Staffing Update – I mentioned on the 30th September update, that Mrs Pip Miller in Year 6 will be leaving us at the end of term. However, I have more good news in that she will now be staying with us at Brooklands. I'm sure her class are delighted too! Mrs Bezant (Year 1 teacher) will be going on maternity leave at Christmas and so Miss Mather will be teaching her class from January. I will write separately to the parents affected by this change. Mrs Thompson will be teaching in the school nursery in the mornings.

New date for staff training – School will be **closed on Monday 27th February** for staff training. This is the final INSET day to be booked for the school year. The rest are already in the school diary. On this date in February, school staff will receive training on 'Rainbow Grammar' an approach to writing which focusses on the high expectations of the National Curriculum in grammar, punctuation and spelling. I'm sure your children will be telling you all about their Rainbow Grammar work very soon after this date.

And finally – As you know, regretfully, the Brooklands Primary School Facebook page has been taken down this week. Unfortunately, a very small minority of parents have been using the page inappropriately and so School Management have taken the decision to remove Facebook temporarily. We understand that sometimes parents wish to make complaints as mistakes do unfortunately happen; however, there is a Complaints Policy on the school website and due process must be followed. Recently, we have seen an increase in abusive behaviour towards staff from parents, in school, on the telephone and online. This is clearly unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Derbyshire County Council has an 'Acceptable Behaviour Towards our Employees' notice which is displayed in the school reception area. This clearly explains that, 'Our employees have the right to work in a safe environment and will not tolerate behaviour which is abusive, offensive or threatening.'

We all have a common aim in working for what is best for our children. Our school values apply to all aspects of the school community and all adults should model the behaviours they wish to see in the children. Sincere thanks to all of those parents who have been in touch with school offering their support and encouragement. This has been very much appreciated by the whole team. I do hope that going forward, everyone will work with us to ensure that Brooklands children continue to be happy, successful and confident individuals.

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.

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 9.45am & 2pm. (please note change of time for morning performance).*
- *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.*
- *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.*

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- *Tuesday 3rd January – Back to School.*
- *Wednesday 4th January – Junior Chef Academy Workshop in School*
- *Friday 13th January – Head Teacher Coffee Morning (Content TBC).*
- *Wednesday 8th February – Full Governor’s meeting.*
- *Friday 10th February – Break up for Half Term.*
- *Monday 20th February – Back to School.*
- *Thursday 23rd February – Head Teacher Coffee Morning (Content TBC)*
- *Monday 27th February – School Closed Staff training Day*