

# Brookwood Primary News



Friday 4th September 2020

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I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to open the doors to Years 1 – 6 this week and the icing on the cake will be when our Reception class come in on Monday! As staff, we have spent lots of time thinking about how we can best support the children returning after such a huge time off and after just two days, it is like they have never been away! I think this is testament to you and your brilliant children and the fantastic staff we have in school - I feel a real sense of pride to lead such a dedicated team.

I am delighted to announce that Holly Rowland has joined myself and Yola Wilkins, our School Business Manager, as part of the school's Senior Leadership Team. Miss Rowland has been influential in our SEND provision, new curriculum and I know this opportunity will allow her to make even more whole school impact.

During the Inset days I talked to staff about my vision for the school and we celebrated the progress we made last year. However, our sole aim this half-term is the wellbeing of your children. We won't be talking about the work they have missed or how we are going to catch up but instead we will be establishing routine, structure and try to reignite their love for learning.

The children have settled very quickly and the school is looking fantastic after lots of work over the summer. We were all delighted (particularly Miss Rowland!) when the Reception classroom was finally completed this week in preparation for our new children! A huge amount of work has been completed and I want to thank our School Business Manager and Caretaker for leading the projects so smoothly.

As always, please email [homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or some of the changes that have been made to adapt to the 'new normal'.

I am looking forward to working with you all this year to make sure we keep the children safe, happy and give them the first class education that they deserve.

Have a lovely weekend.

David Gunning  
Head of School

## **Change to Drop Off Times from Monday 7th September**

After listening to feedback from parents, we have reviewed the drop off arrangements over the past two days and, from Monday 7th September, will be making the following changes: Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 can be dropped off at any time between 8:35am and 8:45am. Their classroom doors will be open from 8:35am. Years 5 & 6 should continue to arrive at 8:35am, and our new Reception children will start at 8:45am.

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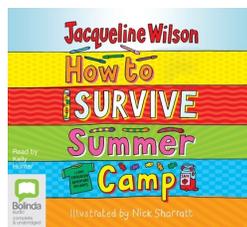
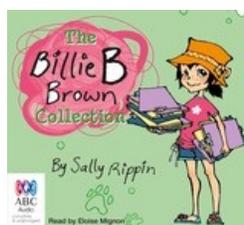


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## PE Days

As mentioned in our full return to school letter, children will have a designated PE day once a week. Children are expected to wear their full PE kit to school on that day to avoid the need for changing. Children may wear their usual school jumper and we encourage them to wear tracksuit bottoms.

The PE days for this half term are as follows:

Monday: Years 1 and 5  
Tuesday: Year 2  
Wednesday: Year 4  
Thursday: Year 3  
Friday: Year 6

## Important Dates

### 2020

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October — Half Term

Friday 18th December - End of Autumn Term

### 2021

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021 — Start of Spring Term