

Brookwood Primary News



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It is absolutely fantastic to be back in school with your children this week and I can't wait to welcome our new Reception Class and their families on Monday! Your children have come in to school full of energy and excitement and made a brilliant start to their new classes. In addition, it has been brilliant to welcome lots of new staff to school and I look forward to future opportunities for you to meet them and get to know them too. I know they are going to add a huge amount of value to the school and we are delighted to be working with them all.

This week has been very busy for our staff with most of the team in on Tuesday, all staff in on Wednesday for an INSET Day before the children returned on Thursday. Tuesday was spent admiring the brand new Key Stage 2 building and decorating it and on Wednesday I talked about my vision for the school. We started by celebrating the steps we have taken over the last two years and looked ahead to the next two years and where we want to be. Our mission is to further develop our culture of relentlessly high standards where every child is successful every day. We want to match the first class learning environments with outstanding outcomes for every child.

As previously discussed, music remains a very high priority and with restrictions lifting, we want to make music a real feature of the school. We had our first singing assembly with Luca today and I am sure the children will tell you all about it. Luca will be leading weekly singing assemblies as well as offering private piano, singing or saxophone sessions. If you are interested in private sessions for your child, then please contact homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk and we will put you in touch with Luca.

Finally, I was delighted to launch our brand new set of Brookwood Values on Thursday. After a year of discussions with staff and children, we have introduced five values that we believe are at the heart of everything we do here.

Happiness
Enthusiasm
Aspiration
Respect
Togetherness

We hope these five values will underpin everything we do at school and help build great character and lead to lots of success.

I do hope lots of you will be able to join the 4pm meeting today but we will make sure it is recorded to watch at a later date. I will be discussing our updated risk assessment and vision for the year ahead.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday

David Gunning
Head of School

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FOBS (Friends of Brookwood School)

As some of you may be aware, Michelle Bradford and Rachel Cumberbeach will be stepping down as FOBS Co-Chairs. Michelle and Rachel have done an incredible job in building community and raising much needed funding for the children during the last few years. I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of the staff and children for all of the time and energy they have put into such a successful tenure – it has made such a difference.

As a result, the FOBS Team are looking to recruit a new Chair for the upcoming year. If you are interested in the role or interested in being part of the FOBS team then please email the school office who will be able to signpost you to further information.

Important Reminders— Covid-19

The main symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you (or a family member) have any of these symptoms, you should get a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test to check if you have coronavirus. You should stay at home until you get your result. You can book a PCR test by visiting <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call the NHS on 119.

If your child or a member of your household develops COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing (lateral flow tests).

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School Garden Gallery



Important Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October — Half Term

Friday 17th December — End of Term

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January — Inset Day

Wednesday 5th January — Start of Term

Monday 14th to Friday 18th February — Half Term

Thursday 31st March — End of Term

Friday 1st April — Moderation Day (Children not in school)

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April—Start of Term

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June — Half Term

Friday 15th July — End of Term

Monday 18th July — Records Day (Children not in school)

Tuesday 19th July — Inset Day

Wednesday 20th July — Inset Day

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Community Activities and Resources

- Twelve 15 - Recruitment - Chef Manager & Catering Assistant Roles - Sept21

Further information on these items can be found on the school website under the News and Events section in Community Activities and Resources. We are not recommending any of the companies, services or events listed above. It is up to individual parents to make their own enquiries.