

Brookwood Primary News



Friday 17th September 2021

Issue 3

We have had another fantastic week at school with lots to report back!

Firstly, our Reception Class have made a stunning start to life at Brookwood. Their classroom is a great example of our new 'Heart' values as it exudes happiness and enthusiasm and I look forward to a very successful term ahead!

Secondly, thank you for joining our meet the teacher sessions during the week. If you were unable to attend, the office will be sending out a recording of each session and I would really encourage you to watch it. One of the main messages was that we want to continue to work closely with parents and we really value your feedback. Details for an October parents evening will be provided soon but please don't hesitate to contact your teacher by emailing the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Our new teachers have received Seesaw Training this week and as of next week, you should expect to receive the following items on Seesaw each week:

- weekly timetable
- An individual post displaying your child's learning
- A general post displaying the learning in your child's class

I am really excited by Seesaw and think it is a great way of communicating learning to you at home. If you have any questions regarding Seesaw then please email homelearning@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk

Our morning and after school clubs begin next week. Thank you for returning your forms so quickly and if you need any forms printing then please let the office know. We hope the clubs will be fun, purposeful and help build on the children's learning in class.

Lastly, we have pencilled in the morning of Saturday 16th October as a 'Ground Force Day' at school. This is an opportunity for parents to support the school for an hour or two and help with some weeding, sweeping and trimming to keep our large school grounds looking fantastic. More details will follow but I would love for you to add the date to your diaries!

With Newcastle playing Leeds this evening on television, I fear that I may end a really positive week in disappointment. Unless you are supporting Leeds this evening, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

David Gunning
Headteacher

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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).

Meet the Teacher and FOBS (Friends of Brookwood School) Sessions

A reminder that the last of these sessions is for Reception Class on Wednesday 22nd September from 4:00-4:30pm.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Please could we remind you that all children are invited to have nasal flu immunisations on Friday 8th October. E-consent must be submitted via the link in the letter sent out previously, by Thursday 30th September.

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.

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Weekly Gallery



Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes/Bags

Please remember to send your child in to school with a named refillable water bottle every day. Please fill bottles with water only. Please note that squash or juice are not allowed in school, except as part of a child's packed lunch. Please make sure that packed lunch boxes/ bags are labelled with your child's name and class.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember that we are a NO NUTS school. This includes peanut butter/ nutella sandwiches! Please make sure that your child does not bring any snacks into school that contain nuts of any kind. We have some children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

School Meals

All children in Reception through to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which are provided via government funding. From Year 3 to Year 6 school meals cost £2.40 per day payable on Scopay in advance.

If you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school dinners, or vice versa, we require a week's notice in writing. If you have any questions please email us at office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk

The menu for the Autumn term can be found on the school website under the Our School section and School Meals.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support

We are asking children (and adults!) in school to help us to raise valuable funds for this charity with a mufti day on Friday 24th September for a suggested £1 donation.

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Important Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 24th September — Mufti Day for Macmillan Cancer

Friday 8th October — Nasal Flu Immunisations (Whole School)

Monday 18th to Friday 25th October — KS2 Swimming Week — information to follow shortly

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

Community Activities and Resources

- Redz — new Performing Arts Class for children aged 9 to 14 years and an adults Drama/ Barre session — both at the Jubilee Centre, Pirbright. For further information on these classes contact Margaret.newman112@mod.gov.uk
- Twelve 15 - Recruitment - Chef Manager & Catering Assistant Roles - Sept21
- Woking FC Development Centre — U7s, U8s & U9s Training Sessions
- Woking High School Open Evening on Thursday 30th September / Open Days — various dates

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.