

**March**

26<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm Spring Concert  
 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair (The Book People)  
 27<sup>th</sup> – 8.50am Ladybirds Class Assembly  
 28<sup>th</sup> – 6.00-7.30pm KS2 Disco

**April**

1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Bonnet Parade and FOBS Easter Hunt  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3.30-8.00pm Squirrels, Bumblebees & Year 6 Owls Parents Evening  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8.50am Squirrels Class Assembly  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term – break up 2.00pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Moderation Day – Children not in school  
 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holiday  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school  
 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Henley Fort Residential – Hedgehogs

**May**

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 SATs Week – Year 6 Owls  
 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

**June**

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Runway's End Residential – Badgers and Owls  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Summer Fair

**July**

5<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day – School Closed  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term – break up 2.00pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Records Day – Children not in school  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – INSET Day – School closed

**September 2019**

2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET Day - School Closed  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Day - School Closed  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Children back to school

2019-2020 Academic Year – Term Dates

The school's term and holiday dates for the next academic year are now available on the website, under the News and Events section.



**STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Frankie  
 Charlie  
 Bodhi  
 Jan  
 Chloe  
 Charlie**

We had a great treat on Wednesday this week. A company called Clever Cogs brought a mobile "Dinosaur Dig" into the hall and all the children in Squirrels and Ladybirds had the chance to be amateur paleontologists for the day. They dug up bones, constructed a skeleton and broke out of an escape room using clues. We have to thank the Woking Schools Learning Partnership for running this event; by hosting it at Brookwood, we were able to take up the spare spaces so lots of children were able to take part!

Last night saw our second Film Night at which Smallfoot was screened. It is a great film and just over 60 children settled in for a very peaceful and relaxed evening whilst their parents enjoyed some 'me time'. These seem to be very popular evenings, so we will schedule another for the Summer Term. Thanks to Mr Gunning and the FOBS team for organising and supporting the event.

Today saw a fiercely contested Staff vs Children netball match at lunchtime. The game attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd with the final score determined as a 2-2 draw.

Next week is our Spring Concert. We look forward, as always, to enjoying the host of talent on offer. If you have a child who sings in the choir, we would really like them to participate so ask you to encourage this.

Jo Green Headteacher

School Clubs

A reminder that school run clubs have now finished for the term. ProDirect Football and Dancebites are still running.

Book Fair – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

We are holding a book fair after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This year we are trying out The Book People as they offer a wide selection of both children's and adults books at very reasonable prices. The children will get an opportunity to look at what is available during the school day on Monday before the books go on sale on Tuesday. Payment at the fair is cash only, so please remember to bring some cash with you to avoid disappointment!

FOBS Easter Hunt

The Easter Hunt will take place after school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April and everyone is welcome to attend. If anyone is able to help either with setting up beforehand (from 2.00pm) or running a game during the Hunt, could you please contact a member of FOBS on [fobschair@googlemail.com](mailto:fobschair@googlemail.com) or via the school office.

Any donations of cakes for the Easter Hunt would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them into school on the morning of Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## Teaching and Learning Update

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March, we invited Steve Williams to review practice and advise us on our approach to teaching and learning at Brookwood. Steve has conducted many Ofsted inspections and specialises in supporting school improvement.

Steve made some welcome, evidence-based, positive comments which included:

- *There is a clear sense of strategic direction for the school, as senior leadership is very strong and purposeful.*
- *Middle leaders have real energy and enthusiasm and are getting to grips with the challenges of their role.*
- *The school manages the very high level of pupil mobility very well and children new to the school are well supported and quickly integrated into classes.*
- *The quality of teaching is high across all year groups.*
- *Teaching is often highly differentiated and targeted to meet individual pupil needs.*
- *Teaching Assistants were deployed well, and some excellent practice was seen.*
- *Teachers make good use of learning time in lessons and there are smooth and rapid transitions between activities.*
- *There is considerable enjoyment in learning.*
- *Children in the reception make an outstanding start at the school as a result of the provision of some excellent learning opportunities.*

He commented on our progress towards achieving the targets set by Ofsted in September 2018:

*"In order to raise achievement particularly in mathematics, work has been undertaken to ensure that teachers take account of the needs of those pupils in their classes with high prior attainment. A good level of challenge was seen in mathematics lessons and good problem-solving approaches were used. Children's work showed clear evidence of the use of questions which required reasoning.*

*Progress of the higher-than-average number of pupils who join the school other than at the beginning of the school year is monitored closely. A range of interventions are used and their impact monitored through tracking at pupil level.*

*Subject leaders show a clear understanding of the school ethos and strategic priorities. Their continuing professional development (CPD) is taken seriously .... Middle leaders ... are hardworking and very committed [and] as a result, they are gaining rapidly in their expertise. There is strong collaboration at middle leadership level within the school, across the trust and with other schools."*

To support our continuous drive to raise standards further, we have agreed three areas of focus over the coming year:

1. Continue with the work to develop oracy amongst pupils, in order to further develop the richness of their vocabulary and their capacity to articulate clearly and expressively.
2. Take steps to further improve pupil outcomes in writing by:
  - Improving pupils' handwriting;
  - marking for spelling (ie pupils to do spelling corrections);
  - continuing with the targeted support to raise the attainment of girls in writing.
3. Consider how to make teachers' marking have the best impact on pupils' learning.

The school's mission is to provide a great education for every child at Brookwood which gives them the knowledge, skills and values needed for their lifelong roles as local, national and global citizens. Steve's visit and report has reinforced how strongly the school is positioned and has provided us with helpful ideas for further consideration and development. Teaching and Learning Reviews are an established part of how we monitor the school to ensure that our standards are maintained; we will share the outcomes of the next review in due course.

Mrs Green – March 2019

#### Vacancy – School Kitchen Assistant at Brookwood - Surrey Commercial Services

There is a vacancy for an assistant in the school kitchen at Brookwood. This is a 10 hour post: 11.15am to 1.15pm every school day.

If you are interested, please contact Surrey Commercial Services on 07773 535506 or [www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs)

#### Community Activities

- ACT Support Group poster and ACT Parent Group leaflet
- Casa Clubs – Easter Holiday Club Leaflet April 2019
- Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts – First Ballet, Tap and Modern Classes
- NextThing Education – Technology Club at Brookwood School – Summer Term 19
- SCL Easter Extravaganza - St John's Primary School April 2019
- Synergy Dance – Easter Holiday Dance Workshops at Guildford Spectrum April 2019
- Synergy Dance – Easter Holiday Dance Workshops at Ash Manor Sports Centre April 2019
- YMCA – New Family Offer for Short Breaks – for children with special education needs and disabilities
- YMCA - Yippee Flyer - Disability Playschemes for children aged 5-11
- YMCA - Yip4Youth Flyer - Disability Youth Schemes for young people aged 12-18

Further information on these items can be found on the school website under the News and Events section.

We are not recommending any of the companies, services or events listed above. It is up to individual parents to make their own enquiries.