# Brooklands Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Winter Wreath Making Workshops, both the school and the PTA sincerely apologise. There are still spaces available on the Lantern Making Workshops if you'd still like to come in and create something special with your child.

It is the time of year for Christmas card sending. Please be aware it is the school's policy not to send out class lists. As an alternative to sending cards this year, the staff make a donation and sign one big card. Donations this year with be going to UNICEF. If you would like to join us please send in a donation and we will ensure your child signs the card.

The mosaics are in place! We are pleased to share these beautiful mosaic art works funded by the PTA and created by the our pupils, staff and parents from both sites. Capturing the ethos of Brooklands Farm in glorious colour for all to see, these lasting legacies of the children's hard work are a tribute to Brooklands Farm and all we stand for.





Enjoy your weekend.

Term Dates:

2016/2017

Autumn (2) term ends 16th Dec (15th December for Nursery)

Christmas break 19th Dec—2nd Jan

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Spring (1) term begins 4th January

Spring (1) term ends 10th February

Half term break 13—17th February

Spring (2) term begins 20th Feb

Spring (2) term ends 31st March (30th March for Nursery)

Easter break 3rd April—17th April

Summer (1) term begins 18th April

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

Summer (1) term ends 26th May

Half term break 29th May—2nd Jun

Summer (2) term begins 5th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July

(20th July for Nursery)

2017/2018

Autumn (1) term begins 4th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 20 October

Half Term Break 23rd—27th Oct

Inset Day Monday 30th October

Autumn (2) term begins 31st Oct

Autumn (2) term ends 15th Dec (14th Dec for Nursery) Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing
12th December by Monday .
Christmas dinner is Wednesday 14th December!

To report an absence please phone the school office on 01908 760081(option 1) by 9am.

Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#

#### Latest News

Health needs Clinic: On Tuesday 6th December from 9.15am-12.15pm at Countess Way, one of our school nurses will be holding a Health Needs clinic. This is an opportunity for you to meet with a nurse if your child has a health need which may impact on your child's education (i.e. bed-wetting, soiling, behavioural issues, any welfare issues affecting attendance, sleep and diet). You can access the clinic by either dropping in or making an appointment with either Fen Street or Countess Way Reception.

Community Café: A new community group will be starting in January at Fen Street, every Monday from 9.30-11.00. Teas, coffees and cakes will be on offer!

**Year 6 E-Safety Workshop:** The Year 6 Team would like to thank everyone that attended the E-Safety workshop yesterday afternoon and hope you have found the information useful. If you did not attend, your child should have come home with a flyer to share with you.

**Thank You!:** The PTA would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity of donations for both the Milton Keynes Food Bank as well as their tombola and look forward to seeing you at their Christmas Fayre from 1-4pm on Sunday!





## Dates for Your Diary

PTA Christmas Fayre: Fen Street school hall—Sunday 4th December 1-4pm.

<u>Lantern Making Sessions</u>: Countess Way and Fen Street—Monday 5th December, Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December.

<u>Community Carol Service</u>: Brooklands Pavilion—Friday 9th December 6:30pm, school choir will be performing.

Foundation Songs Around the Christmas Tree: Countess Way—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street—Monday 12th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

<u>'For Every Child' Performance</u>: Countess Way (whole school)—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street Key Stage 1—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Lower Key Stage 2—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Upper Key Stage 2—Thursday 15th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

<u>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day</u>: Whole school—Friday 16th December. Children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers (non-uniform for those not celebrating Christmas) for a suggested donation of £1.

## Tell Me Tuesday

We have now made our Tell Me Tuesday question available to answer on our website until 6pm every Tuesday. It can be found under Parents > Tell Me Tuesday.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale on 1 to 5, do you feel your child's well-being and involvement are communicated to you successfully?

### Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please drop off your child as normal and then make your way to Reception to sign in where your child will come to greet you. If you cannot make the day below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.

Those children who have achieved their pin/ribbon are:

Monday Pin Assembly: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Lakshya

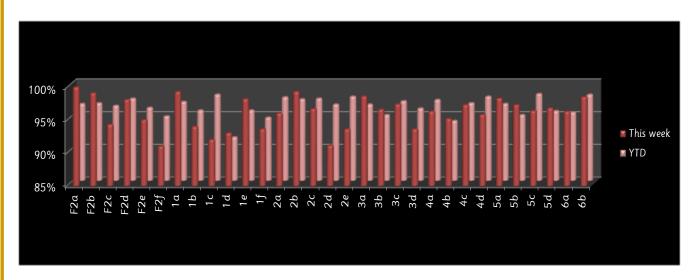
Thursday Pin Assembly: Year 3: (Green Pin) Lucas Year 4: (Yellow Pin) Harry, Faizaan, Tyra

Year 5: (Purple Pin) Kayden Year 6: (Red Pin) Amelia

<u>Friday Pin Assembly: Year 1: (Orange Pin)</u> Shannon, Zac, Lilly T, Aaron, Aden, Toni, Clyde, Joshua A, Aarav, Leah **Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Divit **(Blue Pin)** Jack Y, Malin, Kylah

#### Attendance

The national expected level of attendance is 96.5%. We take attendance very seriously at Brooklands Farm and expect to achieve this level with your partnership. This week's attendance is:



This week's winners of the attendance trophy are F2a Miss Ormshaw's class (with 100% attendance!) as well as 2b Miss Hearn's class, 4d Mr Kerin's class and 5d Miss Snowdon's class. Congratulations!