

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

2015/2016

Spring (2) ends 24th March (23rd March for Nursery)

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day Monday 11th April

Summer (1) term begins 12th April

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Summer (1) term ends 27th May

Half Term Break 30th May—3rd June

Summer (2) term begins 6th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July (20th July for Nursery)

2016/2017

Autumn (1) term begins 5th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 21st Oct

Half Term Break 24th—28th Oct

Inset Day Monday 31st October

Autumn (2) term begins 1st Nov

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for attending parents evening this week, your partnership is very important to us. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment at the front desk next week to see your child's class teacher.

We would like to say a very well done to our Year 6's for their calm and positive approach to the mock SATs this week and thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support.

A reminder that the Year 1 phonics screening and KS1 assessments meetings will take place over the next two weeks on the following dates:

Year 1 Phonics:

Monday 14th March @ Countess Way 5pm-6pm

Thursday 17th March @ Fen Street 5pm-6pm

Monday 21st March @ Fen Street 5pm - 6pm

KS1 (Year 2) Assessments:

Wednesday 16th March @ Fen Street 5-6pm

Wednesday 23rd March @ Countess Way 5-6pm

These information meetings are very important, therefore please attend whichever evening suits you on either campus.

We've had lots of sickness bugs around this week. Please remember that children must stay off school for 48 hours after their last occurrence of sickness or diarrhoea. Please also discuss with children the importance of hand washing.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 21st March is:

9am, Thursday 17th March

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

September Nursery Places: For those who have received an offer of a Nursery place (initially those living in catchment with a sibling attending Brooklands) Monday 14th March is the cut off for returning acceptance slips.

Nursery Reminder: Children need to have spare clothes every day in case they get wet or muddy outside. Please include a plastic bag for any wet items as well. Children will also need waterproof coats and wellies for especially rainy days.

Sleep Workshop: There will be a drop in session for parents on Wednesday 23rd March in the small hall at Countess Way at 2:30pm for families who are struggling with a child's sleep patterns such as refusing to go to bed, waking up in the night or getting up too early.

Sports Relief: Sports Relief is next Friday 18th March and we will be hosting a 'Brooklands Bike-a-thon'. The children may come to school dressed in red 'sporty' clothes for the day in exchange for a £1 donation. During the day each class will have an opportunity to see how many miles they can get when walking, running, biking, roller-skating, etc. around the playground or MUGA pitch. After school it is the community's chance to beat our scores! Please do not let us down! We will host our bike-a-thon after school on both Countess Way and Fen Street. Please come and join in or support us! Parents, siblings and other family members are welcome to join in the fun!

School Dinner Orders: We have been informed by Chartwells that the cut off date for orders our first week back (week commencing 12th April) will be Monday 4th April. Bluerunner will also be splitting our campuses on their system, therefore please be sure you have correctly selected your child's class teacher on your account.

Residential: The total amount for the Year 6 residential to New Barn is £290 and total for the Year 5 residential to Caldecotte Xperience is £152. Please continue to make payments via the front desk.

Brooklands Community Sports Pavilion: The community sports pavilion is now open and being run by 1Life. Details can be found their website: <http://www.1life.co.uk/milton-keynes-council/brooklands-community-sports-pavilion/home/>

Foundation 1 Countess Way Donations Needed: The Foundation 1 team at Countess Way are looking for donations of plastic planting pots, packets of seeds (flowers, fruit and vegetables) as next term our project is growing and changing and we will be growing plants inside and in our gardens.

Foundation 2 Fen Street Donations Needed: The Foundation 2 team at Fen Street are looking for donations of toilet roll tubes, bottle/jar lids, cardboard egg cartons and cereal boxes.

Parenting Pickles Unpicked: We will be hosting a new weekly support group every Tuesday from 1:45pm to 3pm at Fen Street in the community room opposite Reception hosted by Family Support Social Worker Sharina Nabi. Since there is no definitive 'how to parent' guide, come along to this reflective, open-minded space to meet other parents/carers where we will share ideas and useful tips to become more confident at parenting.

Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: Year 3 & 4 Netball – 24th March, Tennis – 17th May

Year 5 & 6 Rugby – 16th March, Rounders – 12th May, Tennis – 13th May, Cricket – 8th June

Year 1 Phonics Assessment Parents Meeting: 14th March @ Countess Way 5-6pm, 17th March @ Fen Street 5-6pm, 21st March @ Fen Street 5-6pm. Please attend whichever evening suits you, on either campus.

KS1 (Year 2) Assessment Parents Meeting: 16th March @ Fen Street 5-6pm, 23rd March @ Countess Way 5-6pm. Please attend whichever evening suits you on either campus.

Year 6 Residential: 20th-24th June, New Barn

Year 5 Residential: 6th-8th July, The Caldecotte Xperience

Tell Me Tuesday

Mrs Langford and Mrs Thelwell will be collecting your answers at drop-off on Tuesday at the school gates at Fen Street and Miss McShane at Countess Way. Results are now published on the school website.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do we do enough to support charities?

Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom. If you cannot make the date below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 14th March are:

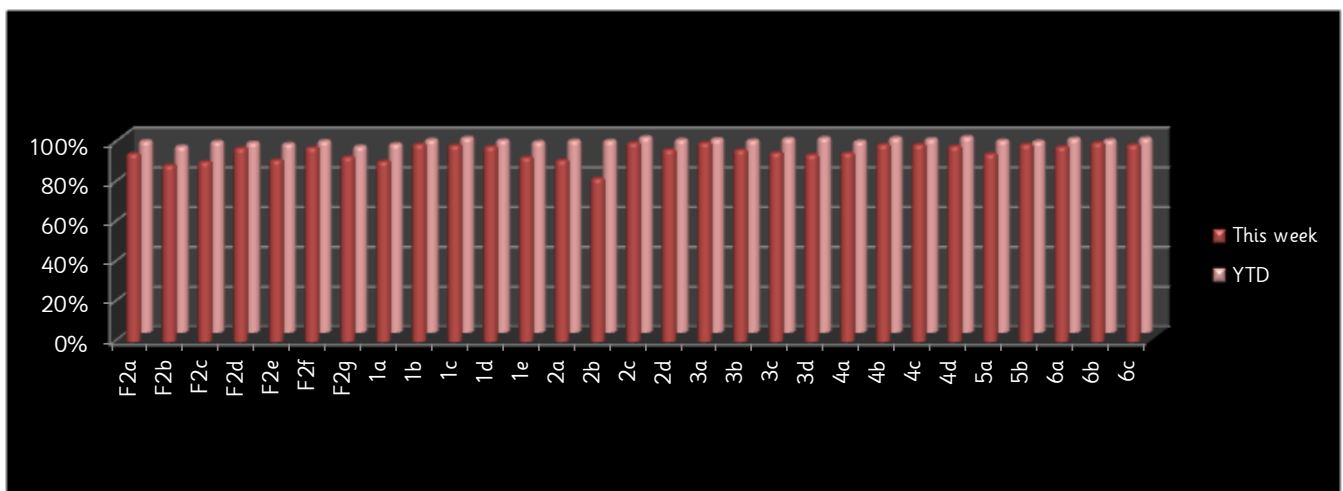
Monday 14th March: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Lucas R, Ben M, Kayleigh W, Demi B **(Pink Pin)** Leo L, Skye A

Thursday 17th March: Year 3: (Green Pin) Shahaan H, Jibrán A **(Green Ribbon)** Naomi L **Year 4: (Gold Pin)** Daniel F **(Yellow Pin)** Yash D, Maya B, Zakk B, Kai S **(Yellow Ribbon)** Loveleen J **Year 5: (Purple Pin)** Katie V **Year 6: (Red Ribbon)** Asadullah K

Friday 18th March: Year 1: (Orange Pin) Georgina U, Abdourahmane B, Nicole C **(Orange Ribbon)** Malin F **Year 2: (Blue Pin)** Daisy L, Oscar P-B, Finleigh C **(Blue Ribbon)** Zahraa C, Isabella P-C, Theo S

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:



The winners of the attendance trophy this week are 3/4d, Mr Gray's class at Countess Way and there are three classes at Fen Street with 100% attendance this week- 2c Miss Marriott's class, 3a Miss Fowler's class and 6b Mr Peters' class! Congratulations!!!