

Brooklands Bulletin

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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success



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Term Dates:

2016/2017

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 20th 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)

Christmas Break 18th Dec—1st Jan

Inset Day Monday 2nd January

Spring (1) term begins 3rd January

Spring (1) term ends 9th February

Dear Parents/Carers,

What excitement a dusting of snow has brought today! The children were ecstatic to see the much anticipated flakes falling this morning. Unfortunately, the sun came out and it has now disappeared.

Just a reminder that if your child is starting school for the first time in September, the deadline for applications is **this Sunday 15th January**. If you have not yet made an application please visit the school admissions section of the Milton Keynes Council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk.

Please take some time over the weekend to read our uniform policy on the website. We are seeing lots of trainers being worn to school as well as stripy/patterned tights, Jo-Jo bows, jewellery and bright coloured lip gloss. From next week we will be questioning any items that are not in line with our policy.

Enjoy your weekend.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 23rd January.

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

Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA) Vacancies: The PTA currently have 3 vacancies, Chair Person, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these roles please email samantha.vernon@sky.com with your details and which position you would like to apply for. **Closing date for applications is today Friday 13th January 2017.**

Community Café: A new community group will be starting Monday 16th January at Fen Street and will run every Monday from 9.30-11.00. Teas, coffees and cakes will be on offer!

Ignite: With a new term comes new projects to ignite. Thank you to all of those who have already contributed to the ignite programme. However, the overall amount we have collected so far still does not cover the cost of our planned ignite visits throughout the rest of the year. Please continue to contribute towards this programme as it would be very disappointing should we have to cancel trips due to lack of funding.

Lunchboxes: Many children in school have the same lunchboxes, please ensure that your child's is clearly labelled with their name and/or personalise it with a keyring, etc. Unfortunately, we have had a few instances of children taking someone else's lunchbox home with them at the end of the day.

Chartwells' Termination of Bluerunner System: Due to ongoing issues, Chartwells has made the decision to terminate their contract with their current online meal ordering provider, Bluerunner. We will therefore be moving online ordering to our ParentPay system. You will already be familiar with ParentPay as this is the same system we use for all school communications and activity club bookings. This transition will take place when we return from February half term break.

MK Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Day: SEND IAS and Parents and Carers Alliance MK will be hosting an information day on Saturday 4th February from 9:15 am—3:30pm at The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Wolverton MK12 5TH. For more information phone 01908 254518 or visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mksendias

Visit My Mosque Open Day: The KSI Muslim Community of Milton Keynes will be hosting an open day on Sunday 5th February from 1:15pm at KSI Milton Keynes, Peverel Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1NG. For more details please visit www.visitmymosquemk.eventbrite.com

Data Collection Sheets: If you have received a data collection sheet for your child please complete the items missing and return it to the front desk as soon as possible.

Chartwells Position Available: Chartwells is looking for a server at Countess Way, 10 Hours per week. For details please contact Hayley Love at Chartwells on 07825011019.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium: Please visit the Citizens Portal on the Milton Keynes Council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk > Schools and Lifelong Learning > Information for Parents > Free School Meals to see if you qualify.

Dates for Your Diary

More dates for your diary coming soon.

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 valued?

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) Teyte, Joshua, Coby, Alex S, Amelia, Mariyah, Elo-die, Audrey, Phoebe, Millie, Daisy, Danny, Kiona, Isla L, Evie, Arshia, Catherine, Tanou, Logan

Thursday Pin Assembly: Year 3: (Gold Pin) Leah, Kaitlyn **(Green Pin)** Katie, Ryan, Kassim, Shuma, Ruby, Rachael, Lucy, Charanpreet Jaime, Martyna

Year 4: (Yellow Pin) Juliana, Shahyan, Emma, Chloe B, Macy, Hussain, Shiven, Naomi

Year 5: (Purple Pin) Muhammad

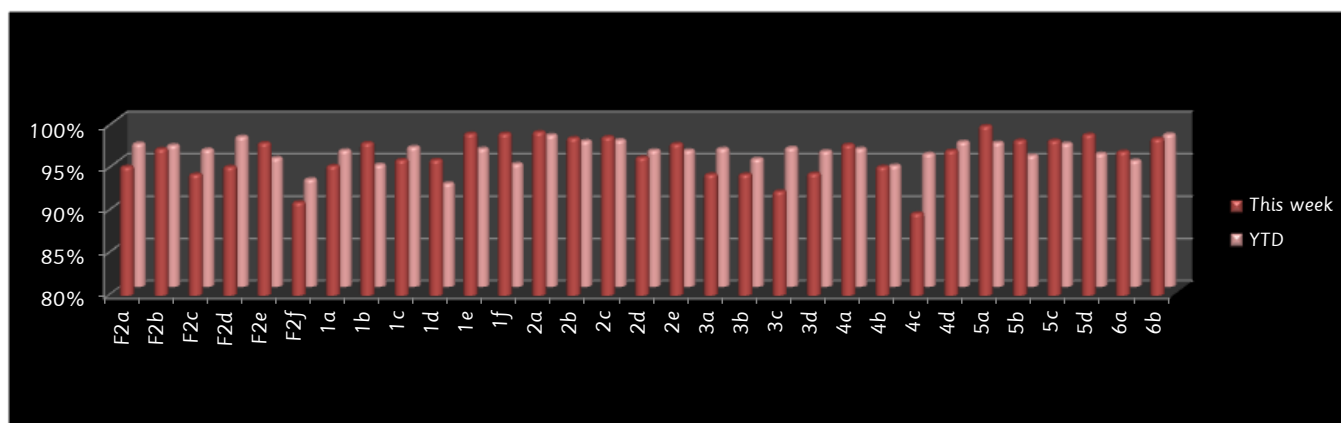
Year 6: (Red Pin) Katie, Max P, Muhammad

Friday Pin Assembly: Year 1: (Orange Pin) Isabella (1a), Hayden, Oskar, Oliver S, Tiarni, Ameya, Ariyan, Skye, Daniel, Oliwia, Jan, Sai, James, Charlotte

Year 2: (Blue Pin) Mia W, Samuel, Joshua (2b), Rania, Luca, Elyssa, Rylee, Cameron, Latoya, Sari-na, Mia S, Varsha, Taylor, Nieve

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 1d Miss Mason's class, 1e Miss Diamond's class, 5a Mr Stott's class, 5b Mrs Forbes' class, 5c Miss Downey's class and 5d Miss Snowdon's class. Congratulations and well done Years 1 and 5!