

# Brooklands Bulletin

14th November 2014



**Brooklands Farm**  
Primary School  
Weaving a learning journey

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## Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December

Christmas break 22nd December - 2nd January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 13th February

Half term break 16-20th February

Inset Day 23rd February

Spring (2) term begins 24th February

## Dates for your diary:

Bag2School Collection Day Tuesday, 18th November

Internet Safety Information Session Wednesday 19th November at 7pm

Non-School Uniform Day Thursday 20th November

Lantern Festival 21st November 5:00-6:30pm on the school playground.

Christmas Fayre 30th November 1pm - 4pm in the school hall.

Tree Festival weeks w/c 8th & 15th December

## Tell Me Tuesday

**This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:**

**On a scale of 1 to 5, how are we doing with anti-bullying?**

**Last week's results:**

**96% of parents voted 4 or 5 for the importance of learning from the past.**

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our exciting Volkswagen project. Over the two weeks the children have done some amazing learning by creating Skoda advertisements, designing cars of the future, researching the manufacturing history of the VW Beetle, learning the logistics of breakdown assistance and developing fantastic sales techniques and have done so with great enthusiasm.

We are now getting excited for our Lantern Festival which will be held next week on Friday 21st November 2014 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. We have been practising our signing all week as well as building some brilliant lanterns.

It will take place on the school playground whatever the weather so please wrap up warm and be sure to send the children in with warm coats, hats and gloves.

The children will stay in school from 3:30-5pm when you join us to see their performance. The PTA will be selling glow sticks again this year so have your pocket money ready.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom, Elisabeth Morrison

## Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

**Mondays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Tuesdays:** Child minders & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Thursdays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Fridays:** Me Time 9:00-11:00. A fun group just for you! Try something different, make friends and find your creativity. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: <http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

## Latest News

**Children in Need:** Everyone looked great in their aprons and we certainly had some special cakes for our cultural bake sale. You really were 'Baking Heroes!' We look forward to letting you know the final amount that we have raised soon.



**Non-School Uniform Day:** Thursday 20th November will be a non-school uniform day for Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA). Children may wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation of a box of chocolate or sweets for the tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

**ParentMail:** If you are not receiving email and text messages via ParentMail please see Reception to be registered as most of our communication is now sent electronically and posted to our website.

**Clear Plastic Bottle Donations:** We are in need of empty, clear plastic (small water or juice) bottles to make discovery bottles.

**Internet Safety Information Session:** We will be holding an Internet Safety Session on how to keep children safe online, run by the Safety Centre on Wednesday 19th November at 7pm.

**Care Club:** Please remember that Care Club is accessible via the door nearest the school hall and not Reception after school hours.

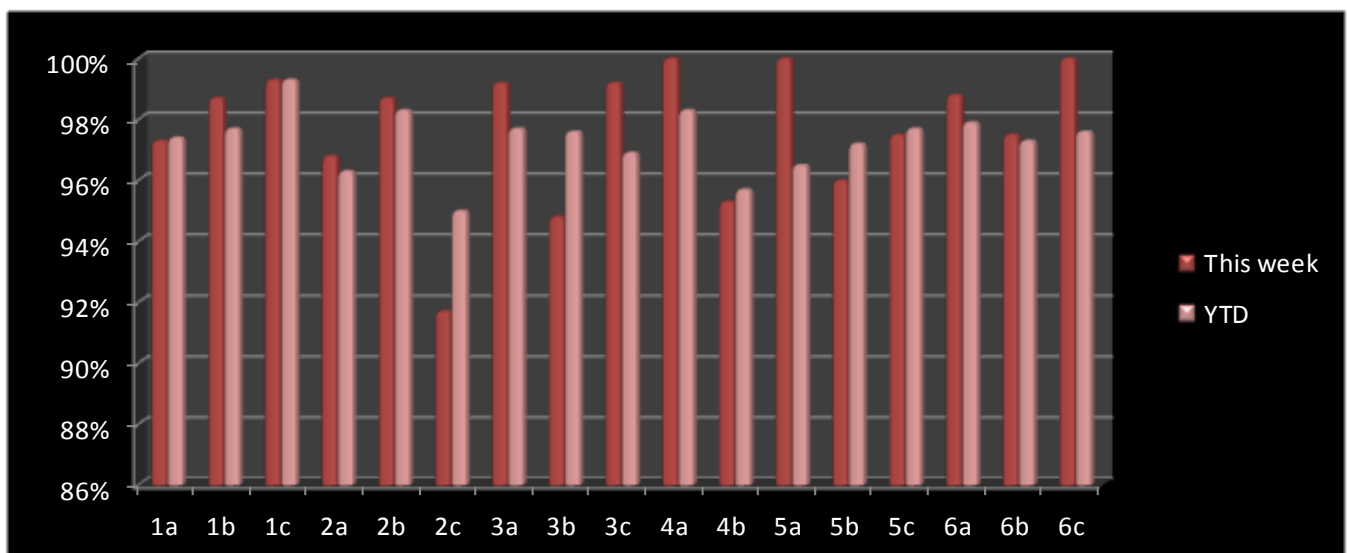
**Hot Dinner Order Forms:** Order forms must be received by Wednesday 4pm for the following week's hot dinners and no later.

**Cold Weather:** Now that the colder weather is upon us, please be sure that children come to school with a warm coat as they may be outside for playtime for up to 45 minutes during the day.

**PE kits:** As the weather is getting much colder, the children will need suitable PE kit for outdoor lessons (jumper, socks, jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls).

## 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:





### ***Pin Assemblies***

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child's classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 17th November are:

**Wednesday 19th Nov @ 8:40: Year 3: (Green pin) Thara (Gold pin) Angad**

**Thursday 20th Nov @ 8:40: Year 5: Valisha S Year 6: (Red pin) Maja S**



### ***In Our Community***

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Supper 4 Syria** Saturday 15th November 5-7pm at Broughton Pavilion. For more details email [mkcommunityministry@gmail.com](mailto:mkcommunityministry@gmail.com)

**Christmas Family Fun and Christmas Light Switch On** Sunday 30th November 4pm-7pm at the Theatre District. For more details visit [www.theatre-district.co.uk](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk)

**Community Carol Service** Friday 12th December 6:30pm on grounds behind Broughton Pavilion. Brooklands Farm and Broughton Fields choirs to perform as well as Olney Brass Band.



### ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

The Bag2School collection day is Tuesday 18th November. All proceeds go to Brooklands Farm Friends. The more bags we weigh the more they pay!

The PTA are in need of volunteers for these upcoming events:

Lantern Festival, Friday 21st November

Christmas Fayre, Sunday 30th November 1-4pm

Christmas Disco, Thursday 18th December

For more details, please contact Sam Vernon at [samantha.vernon@sky.com](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com)

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends to help raise money for our school please pass your contact details to Jill in Reception.

Don't forget to look through the second hand uniform rail in Reception, they may be outgrown but not outworn.



# Small School News

## *Early Years*

### **Foundation 2**

Wow! What a week of learning! We have explored all aspects of space this week that has led up to our Space Museum. Thank you for coming to see our work. If you missed it, check out the website for some pictures. It was also really exciting to hear about the mission to land on a comet that happened in the news this week.

Thank you to all the parents that are writing in the yellow reading records. Your feedback has been really helpful to us. Please remember to keep the reading books in your child's book bag all week.

## *Infant School*

**Year 1** are looking forward to their walk to the allotments next Wednesday. Please remember to fill in your permission slips and let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany us on the walk.

### **Year 2**

Sadly, our Volkswagen project has now come to an end, but it certainly ended on a high! On Wednesday, a small number of children were invited to Volkswagen Head office in Milton Keynes to present their learning. The Year 2's confidently talked about their learning journey, starting with their trip to the garages and finishing up with their completed brochures and video adverts. They also used their new-found sales skills to persuade staff members to buy either a Skoda Fabia, a Skoda Citigo or a Skoda Yeti. The staff at Volkswagen were amazed by the Year 2's knowledge about our chosen cars and they couldn't believe how sophisticated their videos were. We will soon add these videos to our school website so keep your eyes peeled for them!

Next week we will be igniting our Chocolate Project with a trip to Cadbury World. On Monday, please ensure you drop your child off at school at 8:20am and collect them at 4:30pm. Thank you.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** had an exciting trip to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens where they learnt about the layers of the rainforest and the people, plants and animals that live there. We look forward to continuing our rainforest project next week.

**Year 4** have been extremely busy this week. It began with an exciting trip through the Broughton Brook nature reserve learning how best to survive in the wild, eating leaves and creating shelters. Some children were even fortunate enough to visit Volkswagen to display their amazing work to the Volkswagen employees.

## *Upper Junior*

### **Year 5**

Our final product for the Volkswagen project, the rebranding of the Volkswagen Beetle, was displayed and shared with pride at the Volkswagen Headquarters. The year 5 teachers are so proud of their commitment to the project and their determination to succeed, the results have been amazing! Our R.E. day saw year 5 grow in their knowledge of Christianity, we reflected on how the teachings of Christianity impact on Christians lives. We look forward to igniting our next project on Monday!!

### **Year 6**

We have come to the end of an amazing two week Volkswagen project. The children have been truly inspired and produced amazing and creative Brooklands Cars for parents. These will be available to view on the website from Monday.