

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

2016/2017

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

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)

Dear Parents/Carers,

School uniform plays an essential part in a child's sense of belonging as well as behaviour. During our first half term we have noticed that the uniform outlined in our policy has been rather lax. Therefore, starting next half term we will begin to send home reminders of our uniform policy to parents/carers of those children not complying.

May we also remind all parents/carers that you are guests on school property and ask that you please be considerate when using our car parks. We will not tolerate any misuse of our car parks and anyone found doing so will result in their invitation to use them being removed. This includes parking in disabled bays if you are not a blue badge holder.

On a lighter note, parents evening will take place on Tuesday 8th November and Thursday 10th November. Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk to book your slot.

Enter the code **w74tz** for Countess Way

Enter the code **dqayz** for Fen Street

As always, if you have any difficulty booking a slot please see the front desk.

Enjoy your weekend.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 1st November by Monday .

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/#>

Reminders

Labelling Uniform: Please, please, please clearly label **all** items, including shoes and coats. If your child has a popular name like Oliver, Lilly, Tilly, Noah, etc. please include their surname on the label. Pen and felt tips tend to run in the wash, making it nearly impossible to make out names on some uniform. There are lots of cheap options on eBay to label any item such as iron on labels, shoe labels and dishwasher safe labels for drink bottles. Clearly labelling all of your child's items will help to reduce the amount of lost property. We are still looking for parent volunteers to help sort lost property, if you are able to donate some time please see the front desk. Also, please do not send your child in with expensive coats, unfortunately these do sometimes get misplaced— inexpensive and warm is the way to go.

New School Dinner Menu: The new menu has been loaded to Bluerunner, however it has come to our attention that the online system did not match the printed copy that went home. It has since been corrected but if you have already placed an order please login to your Bluerunner account to check that you are happy with the selections.

Fen Street Opening Delayed: There was a proposal that the Fen Street barrier be removed on 21st October. This has been pushed back a bit probably to December. The Council decided to meet some of the Fen Street residents who are concerned about road safety and particularly about the need for some form of marked pedestrian crossing before the barrier is taken away.

Library Books: If you are having a clear out we would love any donations of books that you may have and no longer want for our small school libraries, particularly picture books.

Fen Street Drop Off and Pick Up: Please take care not to block any dropped kerbs (pictured below). Parking across these eliminates a safe crossing, especially for wheelchair users and pushchairs.



Dates for Your Diary

Secondary School Application Deadline: The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is Monday 31st October.

Parents Evening: Countess Way and Fen Street—Tuesday 8th November 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th November 3:50-7:30pm.

School Photos: Countess Way and Fen Street—Thursday 10th November, Individual portraits and siblings

Save the Children Non-uniform Day: Whole school—Friday 18th November

PTA Non-uniform Day: Whole school—Friday 2nd December. Children may come dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a donation for the Milton Keynes Food Bank (Foundation Stage—Year 2) or a box of chocolate/sweets for the tombola at the PTA Christmas Fayre (Years 3-6).

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

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 on 1 to 5, do you feel you are a part of your community?

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.

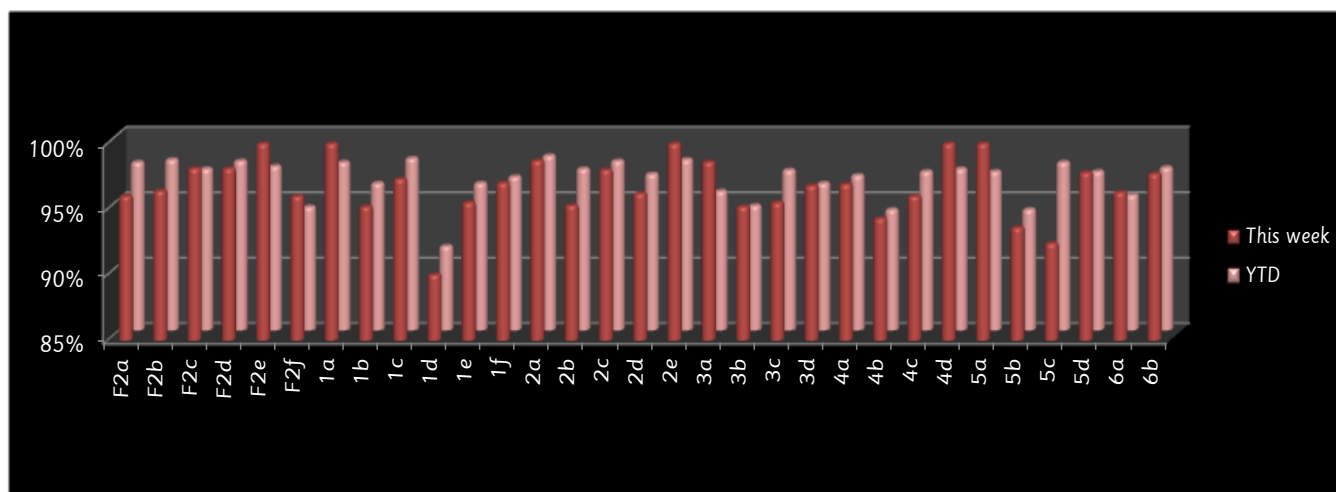
Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 17th October are:

(Gold Pin) Carlos, Freya S, Nassim, Julie Anne, Ezra, Alainah

If you have not yet arranged a day for pin assembly, please see your child's class teacher.

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 the winners of the attendance trophy are F2e Miss Jasper's class, 1a Miss White's class, 2e Mr Morrison's class, 4d Mr Kerin's class, 5a Mr Stott's class and 6a Miss Bold's class all with 100% attendance. Congratulations!