

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success



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Term Dates:

2016/2017

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)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so proud of our learning community. I am going into my Christmas holiday knowing everyone has worked so very hard and been the best that they can be. Your children have been stunning in the performance that they wrote and performed themselves. As a community we are really developing a sense of place and belonging which is crucial for us all to thrive. Please look at the front page of our website for the first short video we have made as Mr Vernon and I cycled around the community to enjoy the sense of pride in our community efforts.

I must say a huge thank you to the staff this term who have worked tirelessly to raise standards, improve systems and provide a fantastic curriculum. Please look at the website prospectus tab over the holiday and watch, read and listen to the inspiring stories about growth that our school is now telling.

I really feel we are beginning to listen to all voices in school to build our learning community together. This is special and will build legacy for the primary school system in your area to be owned by everyone and thrive.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to everyone.

Maxine Low

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 4th 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

Tuesday, 3rd January is a teacher training day so we'll see you all back at school in the New Year on Wednesday 4th January.

Election of Parent Governors: We currently have two vacancies for the role of Parent Governor. Information regarding this role and nomination form can be found on our website under About Us > Our School > Governors > Parent Governor Information Dec 2016. **The closing date for receiving nominations is 10th January 2017.**

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.

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 will be Friday 13th January 2017.

Digital Prospectuses: Our digital prospectuses are now on our website. We are really pleased with them, please take a moment to view.

Community Carol Service: Well done to our school choir who performed last Friday evening at the Community Carol Service at the Brooklands Pavilion.



Dates for Your Diary

More dates for your diary coming in the New Year.

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.

The Tell Me Tuesday question for 10th January 2017 is:

On a scale on 1 to 5, do you feel our relationships with local businesses are beneficial to the school?

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:

Thursday Pin Assembly:

Year 3: **(Green Pin)** Dhioni, Pip

Year 4: **(Yellow Pin)** Aakriti

Year 5: **(Gold Pin)** Mayo **(Purple Pin)** Lucy, Lucas, Oliver F, Imogen, Heidi, Angad, Ariella, Loveleen, Jaimin, Alyssa

Year 6: **(Gold Pin)** Shayne **(Red Pin)** Oli

Friday Pin Assembly:

Year 1: **(Orange Pin)** Krystal, Santiago, Layla, Mason Leah Q, Lucas, Laila-Rae, Eve, Evie M

Year 2: **(Blue Pin)** Amelia S, Dhruv, Eleanor M, Reyansh

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:

Apologies for not having attendance figures for you this week.