

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success



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Term Dates:

2016/2017

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)

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,

What a bunch of lovely, spotty cakes! Thank you very much for your kind donations, whether you baked or visited our bake sale you helped raise money for a wonderful cause. We'll have a total amount raised for you next week.

Well done to the choir who performed last night as part of A Taste of Music for 2016, they sang brilliantly!

Please remember if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must stay home from school for 48 hours from their last bout of it. Sending your child into school when they've been sick in the night has a huge affect on the entire school by spreading the illness. Please help us reduce pupil and staff absence by keeping to the 48 hour rule.

We would like to thank all of those who have already contributed to the ignite programme. However, the amount we have collected so far will 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 contributions.

It has been brought to our attention that some dropped kerbs are being obstructed by parked cars during drop off and pick up times at Fen Street. May we just remind those who are parking inconsiderately, illegally and dangerously, you may be putting children's lives at risk by limiting their visibility when crossing a road or forcing them to walk in the road if the pavement is blocked. Please be patient and remember to Park Smart.

Enjoy your weekend.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 28th 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

Tree Week Performances: Please remember to book your place in order for us to plan for numbers attending.

Foundation 1 & 2 Songs Around the Christmas Tree:

Fen Street—Monday 12th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

Countess Way—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

'For Every Child' Performances:

Fen Street, Years 1 and 2—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

Countess Way, Years 1-5—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

Fen Street, Years 3 and 4—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

Fen Street, Years 5 and 6—Thursday 15th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

To book your place at a performance please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter code:

hvs3c for Countess Way performances

cmrtw for Fen Street performances

Smart Watches: The same rule applies to smart watches as mobile phones. Children are not allowed to access them during school hours. If your children wears a smart watch they should be handing them in to their class teacher in the morning just as they would with a mobile phone.

PTA Greeting Card Fundraiser: The PTA would like to thank everyone that took part in the greeting card fundraiser. There were some fabulous designs and a portion of the sales will go to our school.

Nursery Absence: If your child is absent, please remember to phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am.

Toys From Home: We have been seeing lots of toys coming into school including playing cards, Match Attax cards, trolls and Rubik's cubes. Please remind children that all toys should be left at home.

Snacks: Children in Years 3-6 are not provided with fruit for morning snack. Please send them in with a piece of fruit or other healthy snack every day. No chocolate or crisps.

Midday Supervisor Position: Applications are being accepted for Midday Supervisor. Details can be found on our website. The application deadline is 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd November.

Flu Vaccine: Children in years 1, 2 and 3 will be receiving their flu vaccine on Monday 21st November at Fen Street and Tuesday 22nd November at Countess Way. Only those children who we received a completed consent form for will receive the vaccine.

School Photographs: The deadline to return school photograph orders is Wednesday 30th November.

Dates for Your Diary

Year 5 Residential Parent Information Evening: Tuesday 29th November, 5pm at Fen Street

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.

Lantern Making Sessions: Countess Way and Fen Street—Monday 5th December, Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December. More details to follow.

Community Carol Service: Brooklands Pavilion—Friday 9th December 6:30pm, school choir will be performing.

Foundation Songs Around the Christmas Tree: Countess Way—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street—Monday 12th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

'For Every Child' Performance: Countess Way (whole school)—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Fen Street Key Stage 1—Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Lower Key Stage 2—Wednesday 14th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm, Fen Street Upper Key Stage 2—Thursday 15th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day: Whole school—Friday 16th December. Children may come to school in their Christmas jumpers (non-uniform for those not celebrating Christmas) for a suggested donation of £1.

Tell Me Tuesday

We have now made our Tell Me Tuesday question available to answer on our website from 9am– 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 the school responds to any concerns you have?

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 are:

Monday Pin Assembly: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Oliver S-J, Ellie-Mai, Sammy W, Aiden, Kiril

Thursday Pin Assembly: Year 3: (Green Pin) Damien

Year 4: (Yellow Pin) Tia, Abbas, Arnav

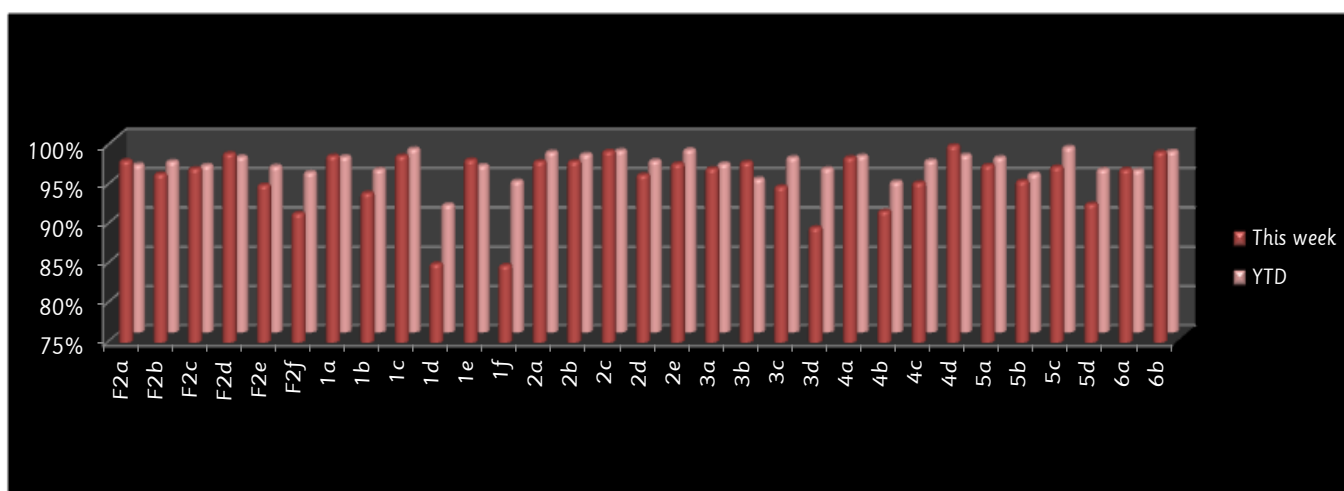
Year 5: (Purple Pin) Anantajit, Sahar, Freya S, Stephanie

Friday Pin Assembly: Year 1: (Orange Pin) Freya, Marley M, Daisey

Year 2: (Gold Pin) Joel, Chloe **(Blue Pin)** Jake S, Jenai, Laicee, Gyasi, Emily S, Freddie, Wiktorja

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 2c Miss Stapleton's class, 4d Mr Kerin's class, 5d Miss Snowdon's class and 6b Miss Sheridan's class. Congratulations!