

Brooklands Bulletin

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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

2015/2016

Spring (1) term ends 12th February

Half Term Break 15th-19th February

Spring (2) begins 22nd February

Spring (2) ends 24th March (23rd March for Nursery)

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day Monday 11th April

Summer (1) term begins 12th April

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Summer (1) term ends 27th May

Half Term Break 30th May—3rd June

Summer (2) term begins 6th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July (20th July for Nursery)

2016/2017

Autumn (1) term begins 5th Sept

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 8th March from 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th March from 3:50-7:30pm for children at both Countess Way and Fen Street in Foundation 2 through Year 6.

Please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter event code **WAFZ3** to book your slot. In order to accommodate every family slots are limited to one per family for each child. Please notify the front desk if you have any difficulty booking your slot.

Thank you for activating your ParentPay accounts. Please be advised that we will not be renewing our contract with ParentMail which terminates on 30th January. Therefore, it is essential that anyone that hasn't activated their account with ParentPay does so by that date in order to continue to receive school communications. All information is shared via email and text message, including updates on school trips, therefore please remember to keep your email addresses and mobile numbers up to date in your ParentPay account.

We've had a great response for Ignite payments, thank you to those of you that have already made those contributions. With the success of online Ignite payments we hope to make our next step with ParentPay soon by adding additional features. Again, please notify the front desk if you are having any difficulty activating your account or adding a secondary email address.

Next Thursday 28th January we will be having a bake sale after school on both campuses. All proceeds will go towards the Vasant Devchandra Sharma Brighter Future Fund in aid of the Great Ormand Street Hospital Children's Charity. No need to donate baked goods, our talented staff will be baking for the event so bring your sweet tooth and lots of pocket change!

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 1st February is:

9am, Thursday 28th 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

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 indoor athletics team for placing 4th at their festival on Wednesday!

Buggies/Pushchairs: Please refrain from pushing buggies/pushchairs over any carpeted area of the school. We have had new carpet laid on both campuses over the summer and must look after it.

Maths Equipment: We have a great range of maths equipment for sale at Reception at Fen Street such as bead strings and number lines. These are great resources to help with home learning. Please come in and have a look.

Fen Street Drop Box: A drop box has been placed in the entrance lobby at Fen Street to place late items such as PE kits, lunch boxes and book bags.

PTA Meeting: Brooklands Farm Friends will next be meeting on Thursday 28th January from 6:45-8pm at the Broughton Pavilion. Everyone is welcome!

Fen Street Lost Property: We have already collected quite a few items this term. Please come in and have a look through the lost property trolley for any items your child is missing.

Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board Training Sessions: Online safety training sessions are available for parents and carers in Milton Keynes through the Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board (MKSCB)

Parent Sessions:

Monday 8th February 2016 1 – 2pm, Galley Hill Centre Online Safety Training for Parents or Carers

A one-hour briefing to raise awareness amongst parents in Milton Keynes of some of the key and emerging risks facing children and young people, as well as providing relevant safety advice to improve their safety online.

Tuesday 9th February 2016 – Safer Internet Day 6 – 7pm Galley Hill Centre Online Safety Training for Parents or Carers

A one-hour briefing to raise awareness amongst parents in Milton Keynes of some of the key and emerging risks facing children and young people, as well as providing relevant safety advice to improve their safety online.

Foster Carer sessions:

Monday 8th February 2016 9.30am – 12.30pm, Galley Hill Centre Online Safety Training for Foster Carers

A three-hour workshop to raise awareness of some of the key risks facing children and young people online, including the specific risks to which looked after children can be exposed. The workshop will explore some of the emerging apps and social networking sites used by children and young people and identify some of the key risks inherent with each. Throughout the workshop, Foster Carers will be empowered to help children to manage the risks they face online.

You may register for either session by emailing mkscb@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: 27th Jan— Year 5 & 6 Football @ Tattenhoe

GOSH we love a bake sale!: On Thursday 28th January we will be hosting a bake sale at home time on both campuses in aid of Great Ormand Street Hospital. Our talented staff will be baking for the event!

Parents Evening: Tuesday 8th March, 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th March, 3:50-7:30pm.

Year 6 Residential: 20th-24th June, New Barn

Year 5 Residential: 6th-8th July, The Caldecotte Xperience

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 of 1 to 5, how good are we at educating children about healthy living?

Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom. If you cannot make the date below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 25th January are:

Monday 25th January: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Jayden H, Isabella D, Luke M, Abigail C, Lily F, Evie-Mai H, Ethan R, Annabella O, Gabriel L, Calum O

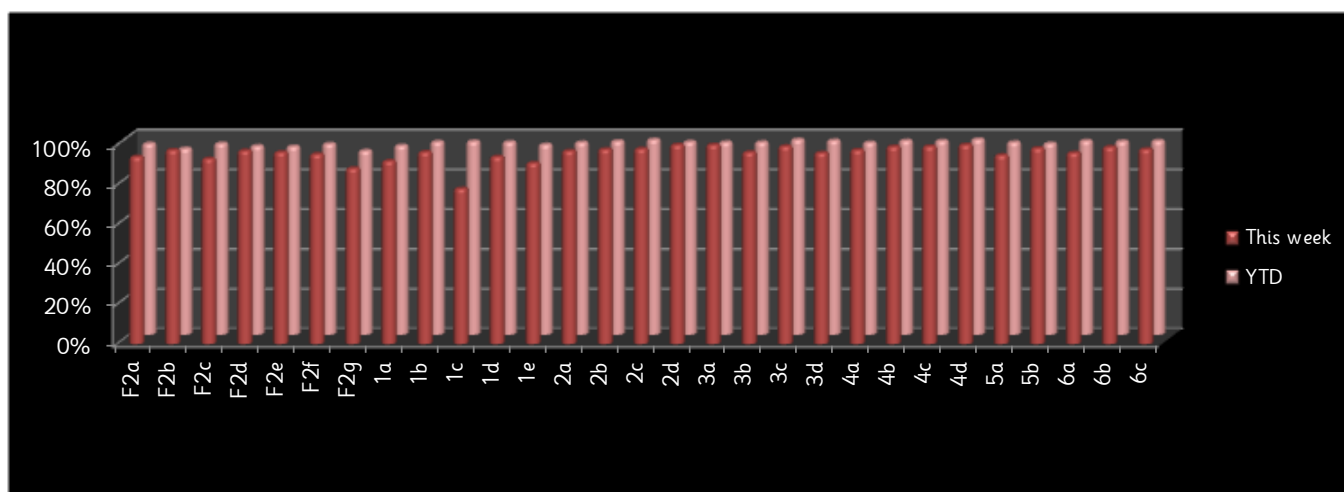
Thursday 28st January : Year 3: (Green Pin) Dylan J, Sammy S

Year 4: (Gold Pin) Michaela C **Year 6: (Red Pin)** William C, Jozef B **(Red Ribbon)** Bailey S

Friday 29th January: Year 1: (Gold Pin) Callum C, Cameron C **(Orange Pin)** Sarah Q, Lichelle S, Amelia H, Alfie H **Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Inaya S **(Blue Pin)** Hibo M, Agnes P, Kaiden F, Grace W, Zion L, Reeka M, Ethan L-M, Sammy C, Kassim S **Year 3: (Green Pin)** Janelle A, Jack R

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:



The winners of the attendance trophy this week for Fen Street with 100% attendance are 3a Miss Fowler's class!

The winners at Countess Way, also with 100% attendance are 2d Mr Morrison's class! Well done!