

Brooklands Bulletin



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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,

Thank you for attending curriculum tea this week, it was lovely to see all your yummy Roald Dahl inspired cakes—winners will be announced next week. We would also like to say thank you to those who provided feedback, we have learned lots that will help us with planning future events.

We have been busy this week filming on both sites for our new digital prospectus. We were even visited by a drone on the playground today to capture the children 'weaving the golden threads' overhead.

Last week we invited Artist David Bowers in to work alongside some of the children, staff and members of Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA) to create mosaics for both Fen Street and Countess Way. The finished pieces are absolutely amazing and we cannot wait to get them mounted in place!

This wonderful project has been funded by the PTA who have been working very hard since we opened in 2010 to raise funds for the school, please continue to support them.



Enjoy your weekend.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 3rd October 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

Sickness Bugs: It is extremely important that children stay off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea as this has had a major impact on our school this week resulting in a high number staff absences. This in turn will affect the publishing of the 'little books' mentioned in curriculum tea.

Nut-Free School: We are a nut-free school, snacks and lunch boxes must not contain nuts. We have recently found lunch boxes containing peanut butter and cashew nuts. This could pose a serious danger to both children and staff with nut allergies.

PTA Meeting: Brooklands Farm Friends will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 28th September at 7pm, please email pta@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk for details. Everyone is welcome from both Countess Way and Fen Street.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium: Parents and carers are now able to check eligibility and apply for free school meals and pupil premium through a newly launched eligibility checker. The checker, which is part of a new Citizen Portal, allows parents and carers to enter their details and find out within a few minutes if their child qualifies for free meals or if the school qualifies for pupil premium.

To check eligibility, all applications now need to be made through the Citizen Portal. This replaces the paper application form that was previously used to apply for free school meals. The Citizen Portal can be found at:

https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f

Alternatively, visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk and type 'free school meals' into the search bar.

Curriculum Tea: Foundation 2 will have their curriculum tea on Wednesday 5th October 4:00-4:45pm, 5:00-5:45pm and Thursday 6th October 9:00-9:45am. You will receive a letter with booking instructions on Monday.

A Few Belated Congratulations: We have had a few weddings and a baby over summer. Please join us in congratulating Foundation teacher Miss Nash on the birth of her baby girl and the weddings of Miss Bullard now Mrs Nash, Miss McDonald now Mrs Evans and Miss Anderson who will keep her teacher name.

Dates for Your Diary

Foundation 2 Curriculum Tea: Countess Way and Fen Street—Wednesday 5th October 4:00-4:45pm, 5:00-5:45pm and Thursday 6th October 9:00-9:45am

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. Booking details to follow.

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

PTA Christmas Fayre: Fen Street school hall—Sunday 4th December 1-4pm. To reserve a stall please email: pta@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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, how well does the school support change for your child?

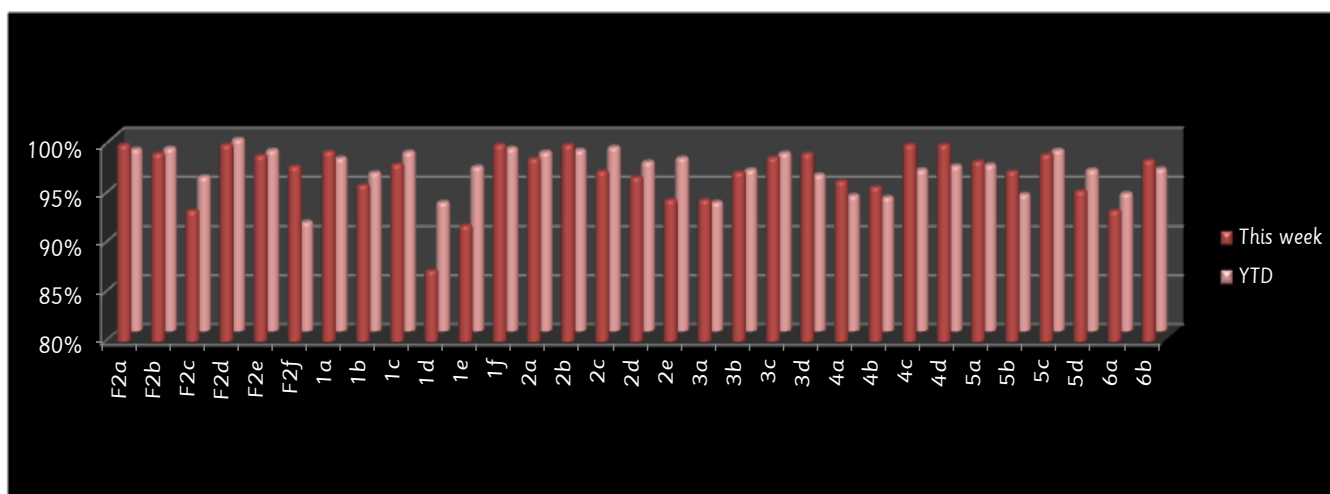
Pin Assemblies

Children have already started to earn ticks on their new target cards.

Please watch this space for upcoming pin assemblies!

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 first attendance trophies of the school year have been awarded to 1f Miss Jenkin's class and 4d Mr Kerin's class on Countess Way (both with 100% attendance) and 2b Miss Hearn's class, 4a Miss Gilder's class and 4c Miss Bliss' class on Fen Street. Congratulations!