

Brooklands Bulletin

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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success



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Term Dates:

2015/2016

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

Spring (1) term begins 4th January

Spring (1) term ends 10th February

Half term break 13—17th February

Spring (2) term begins 20th Feb

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term. We've been very busy this week interviewing teachers in preparation for September!

Thank you to the families who came to the Key Stage 2 SATs information evening on Tuesday, we hope you found it useful.

Our Year 6's have moved into different groups for their learning in order to help prepare them for secondary school so that they can get used to having different teachers and different classrooms for each lesson. They are growing their self-organisation! Remember national offer day is Tuesday 1 March 2016 for starting secondary school in September.

We are very pleased to be launching a new weekly support group starting every Tuesday from next week.

PARENTING PICKLES (UNPICKED)

Since there is no definitive 'how to parent' guide, come along to this reflective, open-minded space to meet other parents/carers where we will share ideas and useful tips to become more confident at parenting. The group will be hosted by Family Support Social Worker Sharina Nabi every Tuesday from 1:45pm to 3pm at Fen Street in the community room opposite Reception.

To celebrate World Book Day we will be having two dress up days next week; on Monday 29th February dress up as your favourite book character and on Friday 4th March come dressed in your pyjamas and dressing gown ready to snuggle down with your favourite book.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 7th March is:

9am, Thursday 3rd March

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

Deadline for Nursery Applications: The closing date for nursery applications is Monday 29th February.

Year 1 Fen Street Donations Needed: The Year team at Fen Street are looking for donations of yoghurt pots and cotton wool as they are hoping to make cress heads as part of their project learning.

Foundation 2 Fen Street Donations Needed: The Foundation team at Fen Street are looking for donations of toilet rolls, bottle tops, plant pots, soil and sticks.

Unnamed Items: Please, please, please be sure to clearly label all of your child's items, especially coats and lunchboxes. This time of year, when the sun is shining they tend to take their coats off on the playground. If they are clearly named they can easily be returned. We have also had a bit of a mix up this week with unnamed lunchboxes. Quite a lot of children have the same lunchbox, therefore if they are not named it may result in another child mistakenly eating someone else's lunch!

Chartwells Meal Ordering: We've had a number of children that have not had meals ordered not just this week but in previous weeks. **If you have missed the cut-off or have forgotten to order you must send your child in with a packed lunch—even if they come under the universal free school meal scheme.** If no order is placed, the kitchen will not have ordered enough which will result in them coming up short for portions. If you are having difficulty with the Bluerunner system please contact Chartwells customer care line on 01908 615705.

Chartwells School Meals Price Increase: We have received notification that Chartwells will increase their price from £2.20 per meal to £2.30 from Monday 4th April 2016. This will not affect free school meals.

Cancelling Hot Dinners: If your child is attending a school trip and you have ordered a hot dinner for that day you will need to cancel that order whether it is a universal free school meal or a paid for meal. This can be done online through your Bluerunner account by 9am the Thursday before or by phoning the Chartwells customer care line on 01908 615705.

Year 5 Ignite: Just a reminder that Year 5's stone age - iron age ignite will take place on Thursday 10th March. Children will need to come to school in their costumes, wearing their accessories they made for homework on that day.

Parents Evening: Please book your parents evening appointment if you have not already done so. Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 8th March from 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th March from 3:50-7:30pm. Please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter event code **wafz3**.

Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: Year 3 & 4 Netball – 24th March, Tennis – 17th May

Year 5 & 6 **Netball – 3rd March**, Rugby – 16th March, Rounders – 12th May, Tennis – 13th May, Cricket – 8th June

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

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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, do you feel your child's learning is personalised?

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 29th February are:

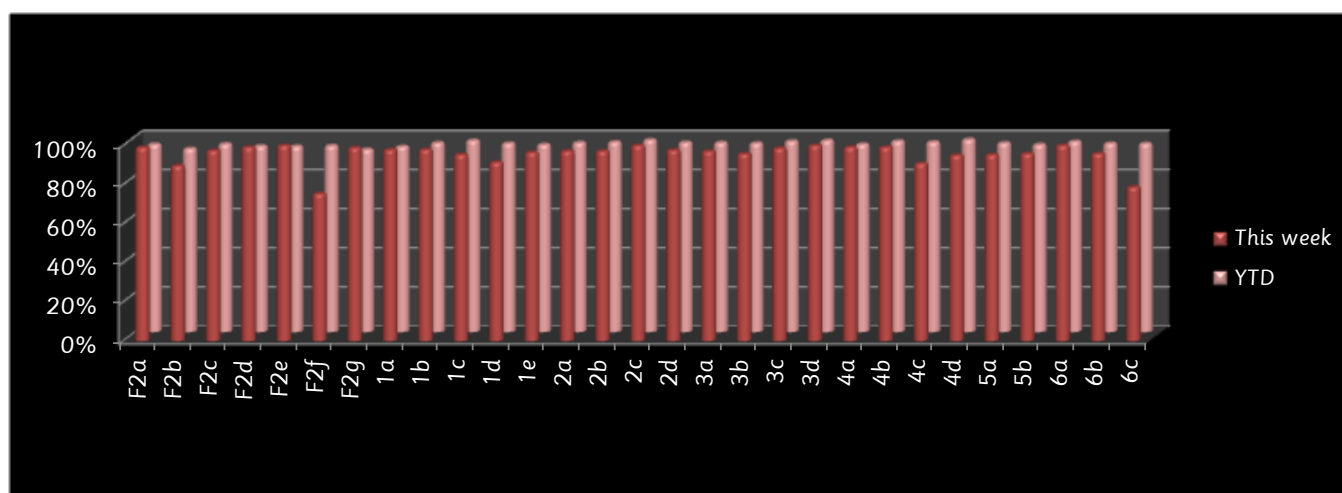
Monday 29th February: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Leon H, Matilda C-T, Harri A, Jan S, Angel K **(Pink Pin)** Kieran A

Thursday 3rd March: Year 4: (Gold Pin) Kayden P **(Yellow Pin)** Priyen P, Alyssa D **Year 5: (Gold Pin)** Victoria A **Year 5: (Purple Pin)** Sienna B, Max P **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Billy H **(Red Ribbon)** Kelley A, Manahil M, Maheen R

Friday 4th March: Year 1: (Orange Pin) Szymon S **Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Shyam B **(Blue Pin)** Ellouise H Leon M **(Blue Ribbon)** Erin E, Ava 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 are 1e, Miss Holloway's class at Countess Way and 2c Miss Marriott's class/6a Miss Snowdon's class at Fen Street, both with 100% attendance!

Congratulations!!!