

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

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,

We have reviewed our procedure for opening our school gates in the morning. For the purpose of safeguarding we will not be opening the gates at Countess Way until 8:10am as well as the top and front gates at Fen Street until 8:20am. Children who walk themselves to school should not be arriving before these times. If you need to access our Fen Street campus before 8:20am you may use the redway that runs from Newport Road to Fen Street. This will not affect Nursery drop off and pick up.

We have been told that the section of Fen Street which runs across Broughton Grounds Lane will open the week before half term. This will inevitably increase the traffic flow in front of our Fen Street campus. Please be cautious of this change when crossing Fen Street as well as entering/exiting the car park.

This week you will have received a data collection form home in your child's book bag. Please ensure you have completed every section and return it to the front office as soon as possible as we are now required to return pupils' country of birth and nationality on our Autumn census.

You will also have received a one-off consent form for school visits. This form replaces the permission letters sent out before each trip. Please complete one form for each of your children so that we may keep it on file for this academic year.

Winners of the Roald Dahl inspired cake competition are:

Year 1—Aaron, Dylan S, Dylan B, Layla, Aimee and Freya

Year 2—Jack Y, Cade, Maddie, Henry and Ethan

Year 3—Ethan L-M, Noah, Theo and Aya

Year 4—Hope, Macy, Caraleena and Ruben

Year 5—Yasmin, Alyssa, Heidi and Freya S

Year 6—Kitty and Oli

Congratulations and well done!

If you have not yet collected your cake box/tin please notify your child's class teacher.

Don't forget to place your hot dinner orders for week commencing 10th 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

Ignite: The £35 Ignite contribution is now available to pay via ParentPay. This is an easy way to make your contribution towards our Ignite programme. The £35 can be paid either in full or in increments of your choice. This can be found under 'Pay for items' on your ParentPay homepage when you login.

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed anywhere on school property both at Countess Way and Fen Street.

Library Books: Over the weekend please have a look to see if you have any school library books at home and return them to school as we are still missing a number of our library books.

Car Parks: Please do not park your car in the drop off areas of the carparks. This disrupts the flow of traffic in the carparks. We can appreciate they are busy during drop off and pick up, therefore you may have to circle more than once to wait for a space to open. The drop off area is clearly marked at Countess Way but unfortunately not at Fen Street which is the space along the curve of the carpark with the silver bollards. Please also pull as far forward along this space to allow others to drop off simultaneously.

Congratulations: Please join us in congratulating Mrs King and her husband on the arrival of their daughter!

Foundation 2 Curriculum Tea: If you have not yet booked your Foundation 2 curriculum tea session you may do so by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and entering the code **sxftx**. Sessions available are: Wednesday 5th October 4:00-4:45pm, 5:00-5:45pm and Thursday 6th October 9:00-9:45am.

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.

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

Save the Children Non-uniform Day: Whole school—Friday 18th November

PTA Non-uniform Day: Whole school—Friday 2nd December. Children may come dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of a box of chocolate/sweets for the tombola at the PTA Christmas Fayre.

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 do you feel your child has settled?

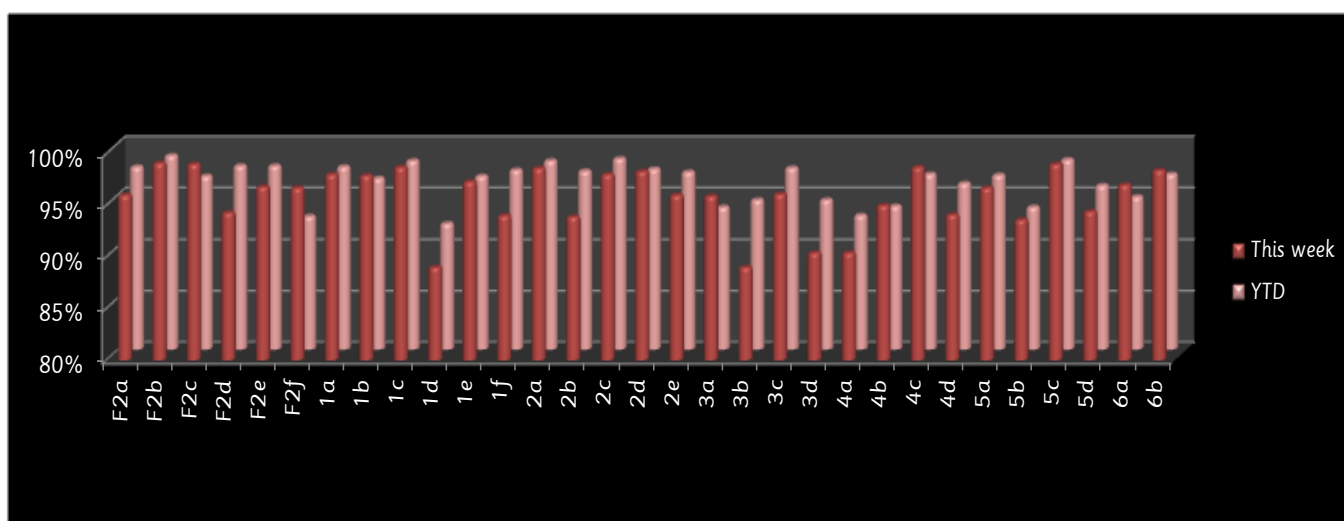
Pin Assemblies

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:



This week the winners of the attendance trophy are F2b Miss Thame's class, F2e Miss Jasper's class, 2d Mr Morrison's class, 3a Miss Newsome's class and 5c Miss Downey's class. Congratulations!