

# Brooklands Bulletin

5th December 2014



**Brooklands Farm**  
Primary School  
Weaving a learning journey

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## Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December  
(18th December for Nursery)

Christmas break 22nd December - 2nd  
January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 13th February

Half term break 16-20th February

Inset Day 23rd February

Spring (2) term begins 24th February

## Dates for your diary:

**Tree Festival weeks w/c 8th &  
15th December**

**Foundation 1 & 2 Songs Around  
the Christmas Tree 17th Dec,  
2pm and 18th Dec, 9am**

**Christmas School Disco Thursday  
18th December**

## Tell Me Tuesday

**This week's Tell Me Tues-  
day question is:**

**On a scale of 1 to 5, how  
would you rate behaviour  
at Brooklands Farm?**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to inform you of Miss Notridge's amazing news! At Christmas she will be beginning an exciting new adventure by moving to Australia. We're sure you will agree that Miss Notridge deserves our best wishes for her future and our gratitude for all her hard work.

We have known this for a few months and have therefore introduced both Miss McDonald and Mrs Lotz to the year 1 unit where they have been getting to know your children very well. Over the next few weeks they will gradually take over the teaching of the class so that the transition is seamless.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Monday afternoon is the big switch on for our Christmas tree lights in school and we can't wait but we need your help! Each year group tree, needs to be decorated in tree decorations in the colour of each year group (e.g. year 2 - blue).

If you have any spare/old decorations at home that you would like to donate to school, please bring them in on Monday. Or if you are feeling super creative...you could help your children make one for their year group tree? We find that nets of 3D shapes are a great place to start (you can find these on the internet). The more glitter the better!

Have fun and we can't wait to see what you can find or create!

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom, Elisabeth Morrison

## Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

**Mondays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Tuesdays:** Child minders & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Thursdays:** Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

**Fridays:** Me Time 9:00-11:00. A fun group just for you! Try something different, make friends and find your creativity. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: <http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

## Latest News

One of our Year 5's and her family are raising money in memory of her grandfather for Great Ormond Street Hospital. They took part in a 3.6km walk on Sunday and would greatly appreciate donations from their Brooklands Farm community. All proceeds raised will help create a brighter future for children suffering from cancer and their families at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please kindly donate via the Just Giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/thevasantdevchandrasharmabrighterfuturefund/>

**Online Curriculum:** We are currently restructuring the online curriculum. Children in each small school will be assigned a maths online program. Athletics logins may be disabled over the next week or two during this transition.

**Head Lice:** Please continue to tie back long hair and please continue to regularly check for head lice.

**Maths Resources:** We now have a number of Maths resources available for you to purchase to help children with home learning. Resources available include: bead strings, number lines, hundred squares, times table posters, number crunchers and Numicon.

**Foundation 1 End of Term:** The last day of term for Foundation 1 (Nursery) is Thursday 18th December 2014.

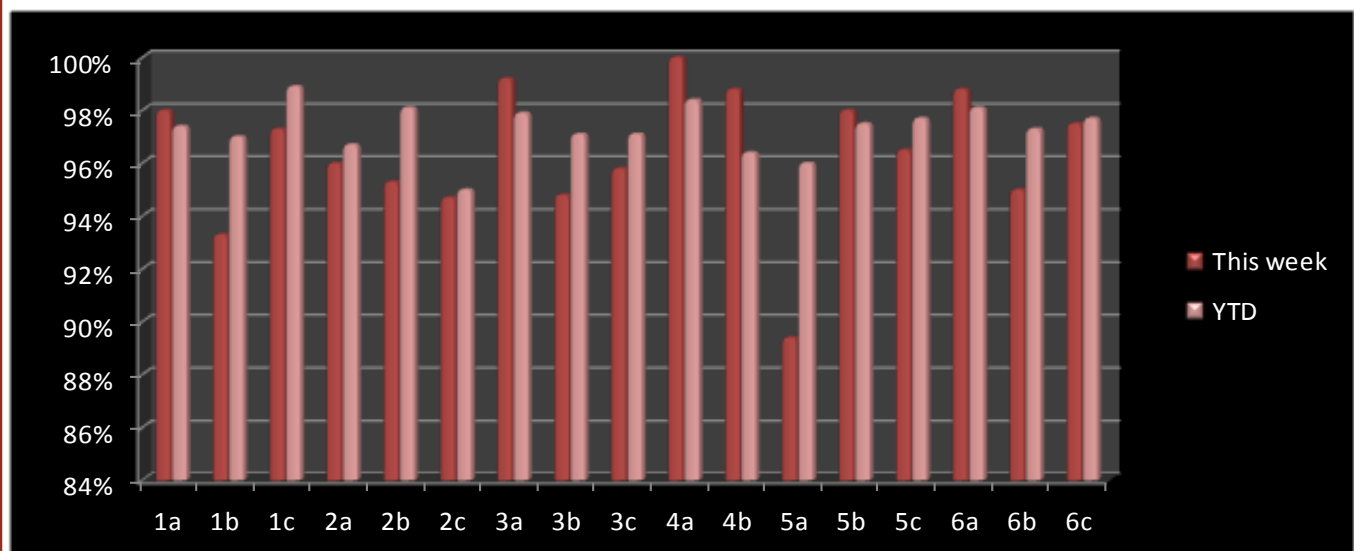
**PE kits:** PE lessons are held outdoors. Some children still do not have suitable PE kit in school to keep them warm during lessons. Please be sure their PE contains a jumper, socks, jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls.

**Lost Property:** Please clearly label all items of clothing, coats, shoes, PE kit, book bags and lunch boxes as our lost property is growing once again. The box is located next to the doors leading to the playground and is available for you to look through at drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to list lost items in the bulletin or email via ParentMail.

**Cold Weather:** Now that the colder weather is upon us, please be sure that children come to school with a warm coat as they may be outside for playtime for up to 45 minutes during the day.

## 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:



## ***Pin Assemblies***

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child's classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/Carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 8th December are:

**Monday 8th Dec @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin)** Amelia S, Catherine T, Malin F

**Wednesday 10th Dec @ 8:40: Year 3: (Green pin)** Shiraz, Alyssa , Antosia, Kai S, Harry S  
**Year 4: (Gold pin)** Natalia S, Nicola D **(Yellow pin)** Esther K, Larsson Y

**Thursday 11th Dec @ 8:40: Year 6: (Gold pin)** Molly H **(Red pin)** Shreya N, Giuseppe T, Raian H, Karys E



## ***In Our Community***

### **Upcoming events:**

**community action: mk Drop-In Christmas Event** Wednesday 10th December 3:15-4:15pm at Brooklands Farm Primary School. Cupcake decorating and free hot chocolate. For more details call Josan on 07738 405 371.

**Community Carol Service** Friday 12th December 6:30pm on grounds behind Broughton Pavilion. Brooklands Farm and Broughton Fields choirs will be performing as well as Olney Brass Band.



## ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

A total of £1300 was raised for the school from both the Lantern Festival and the Christmas Fayre, thank you for your continued support!

**End of Term Disco** Thursday 18th December

**Foundation 1 & Foundation 2 @ 5:30-6:15** (with parents)

**Years 1 & 2 @ 6:30-7:30** (no parents or siblings, drop off only)

**Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 7:45-8:45** (no parents or siblings, drop off only)

Helpers are desperately needed for the disco. If you are available to help with setup, break down or at any stage of the disco please contact Sam Vernon at [samantha.vernon@sky.com](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com).



# Small School News

## *Early Years*

**Foundation 2** have been learning all about our core book 'Stick Man' this week and have been creating our own Stick Man figures. We have also enjoyed playing with money and role-playing shop keepers.

We have noticed a few busy fingers in Foundation lately and some of our smaller resources seem to be travelling home with the children. If you have any of our resources at home can you please return them so we can keep our unit stocked up. Thank you!

## *Infant School*

**Year 2** were delighted to receive an official certificate from Volkswagen for all of their hard work during the project. We have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in a competition to colour in and design the model of a SEAT car. The children have also been working hard to show how much progress they have made since September - we are really proud of you all!

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** will be designing and printing a campaign t-shirt as part of Tree Week. Please send in a white t-shirt that can be printed on in a named carrier bag on Monday. It can be an old one or one with a pattern and we can turn it inside out.

**Year 4** are going on a trip to Linford Wood on Monday 8th December as part of their Tree Week project. Please sign and return your child's permission slip Monday morning. Alternatively, you can email your permission to [office@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:office@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

## *Upper Junior*

### **Year 5**

Please bring in empty cereal boxes on Monday as we will be doing some block printing for tree week next week.

**Year 6** have really enjoyed creating their end product for Aerodynamics. The children will be applying their learning from this half term in their assessment week next week. Please ensure children are well rested for next week!