

Brooklands Bulletin

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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
important is it to learn
about the world religions
and beliefs?**

Last week's results:

**96% of parents rated be-
haviour at BFPS a 4 or 5.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending parents evening this week. Our new format for reporting to you appears to have provided a clear indication of where your child is in their learning journey. Obviously we have all had to come to terms with new terminology such as 'against the standard' and 'on track to achieve'. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about our new systems. I welcome questions as it can only make our system stronger.

Next week we are planning a series of early morning assemblies to celebrate some enrichment activities, sing songs around the Christmas tree and celebrate children's work.

Mon 15th Dec Year 1 @ 8am Breakfast followed by songs around the Christmas tree

Tues 16th Dec Years 2 & 3 @ 8am Breakfast followed by singing, music and dance

Wed 17th Dec Years 4, 5 & 6 8am Breakfast followed by singing, music and dance

Wed 17th Dec F1 & F2 Songs around the Christmas tree @ 2pm
Nursery PM, Grasshoppers, Caterpillars and Ladybirds

Thu 18th Dec F1 & F2 Songs around the Christmas tree @ 9am
Nursery AM, Bumblebees, Dragonflies and Butterflies

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:

Apologies we do not have attendance figures ready for you this week.

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 15th December are:

Monday 15th Dec @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin) Janiah A, Sarina L, Ellie K, Alfie H, Eleanor M

Wednesday 17th Dec @ 8:40: Year 3: (Gold pin) Sean C **(Green pin)** Josie P, Noah H, Alberte L

Thursday 18th Dec @ 8:40: Year : (Purple pin) Aziza M **Year 6: (Gold pin)** Jahiem J

Friday 19th Dec @ 8:40: Year 2: (Gold pin) Loriana K **(Blue pin)** Naomi L



In Our Community

Upcoming events:

Xtra Special Families, a small local charity organising fun activities for families living with disabilities has an event over the Christmas Holidays.

Celebrate the New Year on Sunday 4th January from 4pm to 6pm @ Broughton Pavilion

Xtra Special Families will be hosting a party to celebrate the new year, come and join us for party food and the fantastic magician 'Colonel Custard'. For more information email: sxfenquiries@gmail.com.

This event is open to the whole family, those with disabilities and siblings without. It is free of charge but a donation would be appreciated.



Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

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.



Small School News

Early Years

Foundation 2 are creating fabulous work for our tree project based on the Christmas trees that we cut down at Rushmere Country Park. We've switched on our Christmas tree, been beavering away creating models and pictures of trees and we have even had an elf visit us!

Please can we have lots of small recycling boxes, bottles, yoghurt cups and bottle lids for after Christmas.

Infant School

Year 1 have started bringing spelling books home. Remember to check your child's book bag so you can practise their spellings with them daily. The children will be learning a mixture of tricky and decodeable words that will help them to develop their reading and writing.

Year 2 have learnt lots of facts about the Baobab Tree, ready to write our own information report and in Maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes and explaining their properties.

We have also had lots of fun practicing our songs for our performance next week.

Lower Junior

Year 3 will be visiting Holdenby House next term on Wednesday 14th January to experience the life of a Victorian servant. Trip letters have gone out via ParentMail along with costume suggestions. Please sign and return the permission slip no later than Tuesday 6th January.

Year 4 have had an exciting start to their tree week, trekking through a wood and finding the weird and wonderful habitats of different animals and insects. They have been looking at fairy tales this week and trying to write the narratives from the trees perspective.

Upper Junior

Year 5 parents are invited to our Plague cinema night on Monday 15th December from 3.30 - 5.30pm. You will have the opportunity to watch the children's Horrible History episodes about the Plague and there will be Christmas gingerbread, mince pies and drinks!