

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

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:

Weds 7th Jan Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum

Thurs 8th Jan Year 5 trip to Harry Potter Studios

Weds 14th Jan Year 3 trip to Holdenby House

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, I feel my child's learning is individualised.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been fabulous - we have seen our school family grow, our website flourish, worked in partnership with Volkswagen, put together the best lantern festival yet and taken HUGE steps in our learning! What an achievement!

We need to say a heart felt thank you to everyone who has supported us through the Autumn Term, volunteers, parents, governors and our community - we couldn't have done it without you! On behalf of the children, we'd like to say thank you to the PTA for another great end of term disco - the children enjoyed it immensely.

We are looking forward to igniting our learning in January and I know that we have some exciting things planned.

We return to school on Monday 5th January. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Wednesdays: Polish Friends of Brooklands Farm

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

New Community Group—Polish Friends of Brooklands Farm: This is a new group that will be a perfect place to meet families in our community and also an opportunity to introduce Polish culture, literature, history and language to your little ones during activities that will be supervised by a qualified child minder. This group is open to everyone on Wednesdays from 8:40-9:40 in the school community café. Please join us for our first session on 7th January.

School Car Park: Please be considerate when using the car park and do not park across the disabled bays. These bays are used everyday by families who require them and are finding it very difficult to access these spaces when others are blocking them. Please park in marked bays only. There are drop off bays located in the staff car park at the rear of the building.

Years 5 & 6 Football Team: The Years 5 & 6 football team have won their last two matches 3-1 and 8-0! They all played brilliantly! Well done.

Online Curriculum: A new online curriculum called Sumdog has been put in place for years 3-6, which has replaced Mathletics. Individual user names and passwords have gone home in book bags today.

Lost Property: All named lost property has now been distributed back to classes. However there is a fair amount of unnamed items that still needs claiming such as coats, jumpers and jogging bottoms.

School Website: Please continue to visit your child's class page for posts and leave comments.

Care Club & Activity Clubs: Please remember to complete a new form for the new term if you haven't already done so to avoid disappointment.

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 5th January are:

Monday 5th Jan @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin) Georgina U, Nieve M, Luca W, Reyansh T, Varsha U, Kady C



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: sxsfenquiries@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)

A huge thank you to everyone that helped at the school disco, without your help these things cannot happen. We would love some new members to come on board. If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends please contact Sam Vernon at samantha.vernon@sky.com.



Small School News

Early Years

Foundation 1

Wow, didn't this term go quickly. Nursery children have been busy making stick men and rehearsing for the songs around the Christmas tree.

Can all children please bring in a photo or souvenir from something they do over the holidays to share in their groups when they return in January.

Our project for Spring 1 is 'Jouneys' and we will starting with *The Train Ride*. Have a great holiday!

Foundation 2

We have had an excellent term in Foundation. Thank you for all your continued support, Merry Christmas and have a lovely restful break. We look forward to welcoming you back for our first topic *Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Infant School

Year 2 are certainly experts on the Baobab Tree after completing their fantastic information reports this week.

The children have also enjoyed designing and making their own special chocolate treat.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have had a fantastic week printing their campaign t-shirts. The t-shirts will need to be set before washing, to do this place a tea towel over the pattern and iron on a hot setting.

Upper Junior

Year 5

Tree week has seen year 5 being very creative in literacy and art. Focusing on the oak tree, we have created poems and block prints as well as developing our sketching skills. Well done for growing in your relationships and learning this term, you are definitely becoming individuals. We are very excited to start our next project in January. Hope you all have a lovely rest!

Year 6 have been applying their learning in Geography and RE to a Bodhi tree explanation text and art gallery on the middle stair case for tree week. We are very proud of what we have achieved!