

Brookhill Leys Primary School

Chewton Street
Eastwood, NG16 3HB
Tel: 01773 713 452
Email: office@brookhill.notts.sch.uk
Web: www.brookhillleys.com



Head Teacher: Mrs J Sainsbury

Newsletter

Note from the Head Teacher

14th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this half term together ensuring your children are having access to the best education. This includes them getting to school organised, happy and on time and I know this is sometimes tricky, so thank you!

It has been a good half term with a focus on some interesting curriculum themes. Our new homework focus has resulted in some amazing homework being completed, which really does help the children at school.



Mrs Martin

Mrs Martin is currently unwell and is in hospital. We expect her to make a full recovery and be back with us soon. We all wish her well. We have a temporary teacher Miss Marshall who has been supported by Mr Heritage and has settled in well.

Academy

Thank you to our parents who came to the Academy meeting, in the snow, on Monday.

It was great to be able to share discussions. I am working through phone calls for those requested and also for the second meeting that had to be postponed.

I thought it would be good to share some of the questions and answers we had with you all.

Q - Will our school become a business and forget the children?

A - No. Children will always be at the heart of our school. Joining White Hills, will give them extra opportunities. We chose a Trust that was inclusive of all children.

Q- Will the uniform change?

A- No. Our children chose and designed our uniform and logo several years ago and we are very proud of it. However the school name will change and this will change on the jumpers over time, as they are replaced.

Q- What will the school name be?

A- We are looking at a name change linked to our County history or geographical features, with a positive message. Suggestions are always welcomed, email in or drop into your child's book bag or the office.

Q- Will the curriculum or exams change?

A- The curriculum we follow is The National Curriculum and the exams are determined by the government. This will stay the same.

Q- How will this affect the links with local schools?

A- We love our local schools. As primary schools we work with our friends at Springbank, Priory, Lawrence View and Greasley and we continue to liaise with Hall Park, Kimberley, Selston and Aldercar, our secondary schools, with transition to Year 7. This won't change.

Q-What benefits will it bring?

A- More access to resources that we cannot afford as a stand-alone school :
2 minibuses: a music hub: subject experts: more teacher training: more sports events.

Q- When are we looking at the change?

A - The date set is 1st May 2020 and we will have a celebration launch in September.

Q- What changes will we see?

A- Day to day school will be just the same. It just means that the school is a Trust school and not a Local Authority school. However we will still work with and value our local authority, Nottinghamshire County Council. Eventually some of our data systems, like Tucasi for online payments, will change, so all the Trust systems can link to each other.

Q- Will the homework passwords change so we don't have as many different ones?

A- Unfortunately not. This is a school decision not Trust and all schools issues lots of passwords. However homework is important so needs to be done, we will continue to keep looking for alternatives with less passwords.

Do you have a question? Feel free to email it in to: office@brookhill.notts.sch.uk and we will get back to you.

Golden Book Assembly

Following feedback from Parents Golden Book Assembly after half term will move to 9.00am on a Thursday (instead of 10.45am)

Wanted Reading Volunteers

Children who regularly read at home, manage better at school and make better progress. Every child has a home school diary and they should be reading with their adult at home, at least 4 times a week. This is very important.



Are you a parent or a grandparent who could spare even **ONE HOUR A WEEK?**

We need you as reading buddies in school, to listen to children read. Don't be shy we will look after you. Just ask at the school office and tell them you can help!

SATs for Y6

Our Year 6 after school SATs Booster Clubs are going well. They are on Monday, we want all Year 6 children to attend these sessions, please contact the school office or speak to their class teacher to book your Year 6 child in if they are not already. We would like every child to take up this valuable opportunity and get some extra support from the Year 6 staff. These children will then be invited to our VIP Breakfast Club starting after half term.

SATs tests for Year 6 will be the week commencing 11th May - 15th May 2020.

Y6 SATs

And for Year 5 - SATS in 2021 will be the week commencing 10th May 2021.

Headteacher homework

In the Autumn term children completed some extra homework for me, we had lots of entries and listed are children that were chosen to receive a prize to say WELL DONE!

Oghogho in Macaw Class

Isabelle in Macaw Class

Monika in Gorilla Class

Evie in Tiger Class

Noah in Tiger Class

Vincent in Tiger Class

This half term:

- Write a book review (Our younger children could review their story book with an adult scribing for them).
- Practise telling the time and working out periods of time : 60 minutes is one hour: 90 minutes is an hour and a half etc. Write down what activities you have done and bring them back to school. There will be the prizes of a watch for two children, chosen from a hat, (bring to school by Monday 24th February)



"Friday Cuppa"

Please remember you can come and join me for a cuppa, just book it in the office diary. I love meeting parents and getting feedback. Latest feedback has involved Golden Book time change.

Library Books and Phonics



Please remember to return Library books to school. Books, have children waiting for them to come back so they can read them too.

We are very excited to let you know we have purchased a new reading scheme across school, for phonics. You will receive a letter soon introducing you to the new system. We have also purchased several thousand pounds worth of non-fiction books so watch out for them!

Coronavirus

Based on current evidence, novel coronavirus (2019-n Cov) prevents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.

The risk still remains low in the UK. As a school we are increasing cleaning programs for door handles and surfaces, educating the children and staff on proper handwashing and using tissues, covering mouth when coughing or sneezing. These things should happen anyway.

NHS ADVICE

Do

- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or a sleeve, (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- ✓ Put used tissues in the bin straight away.
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water often or use hand sanitizer gel, if soap and water are not available.

Don't

- X Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

If you have reason to believe any of your family have been in contact, or showing symptoms the advice is to call 111.

Uniform

Please remember we expect full uniform from all children, including black school shoes, **plain** hair accessories (in school uniform colours) and no dyed hair, no tracks in hair and no make-up (including nail varnish).

Trainers are not school shoes and we ask that the correct shoes are worn.



PE Kit

School PE kit should be in school all the time, it should only be taken home for washing either at the weekends or school holidays and returned to school on the next school day. Additional Lessons may be included in the timetable without prior notice. Please make sure that all items are named.

Have a lovely week with your children. See how many new words you can teach your child each day? I remember many years ago teaching the word "discombobulated" (means confused) to my Year 4 class. One child then used it in his writing every week for the rest of the year! 😊

Mrs Sainsbury
Head Teacher

