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Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another fabulous term and as we head into the Christmas break we take this opportunity to reflect on the many positive learning experiences that have taken place. As we develop our curriculum one of our priorities is real life experiences, trips out and visitors in.

This term has included:

A Stone Age Workshop: The Museum of Childhood at Sudbury Hall: Water Safety at the National Watersports Centre: Walks around the Local Community: An African Drumming Workshop: Medical Mavericks, a hands on experience: Making Music classes with Mr Walters: Our weekly visits to Alexandra House : Our wonderful Christmas Performances in school and at the Church.

...And so much more...

Year 1 continue their weekly ballet lessons, Years 5 and 6 are coming along well learning to play Ukulele and Guitar and next term Years 3 and 5 will be having swimming lessons. So very busy times in school, and this is only able to happen thanks to your support.

Here are a few photos of various events that have taken place



One of the most exciting events that has happened this term has been our developing partnership with White Hills Park Trust. A small Multi Academy Trust of excellent schools in Broxtowe, who very much share our ethos and values, with children at the heart of everything.

We have been invited to join the Trust as their first Lead Primary School and have begun the application process. With this comes great opportunities for our children and community. Early in the New Year we will be inviting parents into school to find out more and to meet the CEO of White Hills Park Trust, Dr. Paul Heery. We have collaborated with Dr. Heery and the schools for some time now and already benefit from these links.

Attendance

It is very important your children attends school every day, unless they are ill. Here are the figures for each class this year.

Penguin AM	85.49 %
Penguin PM	83.20%
Arctic Fox	94.59%
Sea Lion	95.02%
Snow Leopard	94.79%
Hippo	94.63%
Macaw	94.33%
Gorilla 😊	96.79%
Sloth	94.41%
Polar Bear	95.16%
Tiger 😊	96.60%
Whale	94.44%
Rhino 😊	96.38%
Red Panda	95.45%
Giant Otter	91.95%
Hectors Dolphin	94.75%

Holidays

Spring Term Holidays

Half Term holiday: 17th February 2020 to 21st February 2020 (inclusive)

Easter Holiday: 6th April 2020 to 17th April 2020 (inclusive)

May Day Holiday: Please remember this date has changed and is now

Friday May 8th 2020

We cannot authorise holidays during term time. **However** we have put some of our INSET days together next year to help any families who may have the chance to go away. The school closes for May Half Term on Friday 22nd May 2020 and then we return on Thursday 4th June 2020.

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!



"Friday Cuppa"

Please remember you can come and join me for a cuppa, just book it in our office diary. I love meeting parents and getting feedback and ideas. It's lovely to find out more about our families.



Library books - MISSING -

Please remember to return our Library books to school, once the children have finished with them. We have a huge selection of books, but the more popular ones have children waiting for them to come back so they can read them too. Have you got a forgotten library book at home? Please return these so that other pupils can use them. In the New Year there will be a charge for lost or non-returned books.

Uniform

We expect full uniform from all children, including ties and black school shoes, plain hair accessories (in school uniform colours) and no dyed hair, or tracks. No make-up (including nail varnish).

The children look so smart and feel proud of this. Please ensure your child is wearing full uniform and comes to school equipped with their reading books and their diaries, ready to learn.

PE Kit

School PE Kit needs to be in school all the time. All children should have them now, - it only needs to be taken home for washing either at the weekends or school holidays and returned to school on the next school day. Earrings are not allowed to be worn during PE lessons, this is a Notts. County Council Policy as it is a Health and Safety risk.



If you need any replacement items of Uniform or PE Kit, they can be purchased from the school office.

Please make sure that these are named before the children start to wear them.



Safety Notice - A reminder:

Parking outside of school is limited, and we need to be considerate of our neighbours by not parking over driveways. Entrance to the car park is for school staff only.

Safeguarding

Please inform the school office, before the school day, if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. A message can be left on the answer machine if outside of office hours. We have a duty of care to ensure that our parents and pupils are safe and this information is vital.



Behaviour Awards

Well done to the children awarded our first term's Behaviour Awards they are:

Dexter: in Hippo Class
Megan: in Snow Leopard Class
Jonjo: in Gorilla Class
Isabelle: in Macaw Class
Mya: in Polar Bear Class
Charlie: in Sloth Class
Lucia: in Tiger Class
Maya: in Whale Class
Grace: in Red Panda Class
Liam: in Rhino Class
Charlotte: in Giant Otter
Millie: in Dolphin Class

Helpful contacts over the holidays:

Broxtowe Women's Group - a group to help **women** living in the Borough of **Broxtowe** who are experiencing domestic abuse - **Tel 01773 718555**
<https://broxtowewomensproject.org.uk/>

Eastwood Volunteer Bureau - a Food bank providing food, basic provisions, support and advice for local residents in need - **Tel 01773 535255**
<http://www.eastwoodvolunteerbureau.org.uk/>

NSPCC - The UK's leading children's charity, preventing abuse and helping those affected to recover - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> **Tel 0808 800 5000**

Eastwood People's Initiative - a voluntary organisation and charity for the people in the local community - 01773 770 875

Family Lives (formally Parent line) - offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life - **0808 800 2222**

Please enjoy your time with the children over the next two weeks and do not feel under pressure by TV adverts or competitions over who had the best presents, it really isn't the important part of Christmas.

Christmas Fair

It had brought us joy to see how thoughtful our families are at this time of year. arranging Christmas jumpers; donating to the fair; bringing their children to the fair (we raised over £1,100.00 at the fair, thank you).

Thank you for the very kind donations for our Christmas Fair from local businesses:

DoughNotts
Maisie Pamela Beauty
Advanced Therapies
PMU by Lisa Twigger
Woodside Autocentre
Jakewood Bootcamp
The Tanning Rooms
NUDU Hair Salon
Full Power Fitness
Phil Caudwell Personal Training

You really do make a difference for your children and every minute you take to have a conversation with them over the holidays and listen to them, share family photos, make a jelly together, read a book, watch a funny film, play a game...every minute is priceless. THANKYOU for being the best school community!

Finally it just remains for me to wish Mrs. Boothe well as she leaves us to spend more time with her family. She has been a caring Early Years Teacher and we will miss her. Miss Spick has now completed her Apprenticeship and is moving on to further her career.

And Not forgetting Mr Bradley.

Mr Bradley walks into his new school on 6th January 2020 as a Headteacher. He started his teaching career as a student teacher here at Brookhill in 2009 and we could not be prouder! So proud! And so thankful that he chose Brookhill.

Brookhill Leys is a GOOD school and Mr. Bradley has played a big part in our achievements. We will miss him but feel happy for his new school and already have plans to continue our work together. We wish Mr. Bradley and his family a very happy future.

See you next year! 😊

We return back to school on Monday 6th January 2020

Mrs Sainsbury
Head Teacher

