

BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 9 September 2021

Welcome Back – Message from Mr Pike

What a joy it was to welcome the children back into school last week. It has been amazing to see so many happy, smiling faces and there is such a feeling of positivity throughout the school. A massive welcome also to all our new reception pupils who have started in Owls and pupils who have joined us for the first time in other classes. It is wonderful to welcome you to our community and we really hope you and your children feel welcome.

Collective Worship

This term we are focusing on the value of Thankfulness. This week in Collective Worship we have discussed Thanking God for people who help us and thought about the bible quote 'Every time I think of you I give thanks to God' Philippians 1:3.

Celebration Worship

If your child has achieved something special outside of school, such as sport, drama, music or even taken part in, or raised money for a charity then we would love to hear about it and celebrate your child's achievements with the rest of the school during Worship. The children are welcome to bring in certificates or trophies if they wish. If your child would like to share anything, please email the school office by Wednesday ready for Worship on a Friday.

School Lunches – Owls (Reception) Class ONLY

Hot school dinners are ordered online through ParentPay and you should have received a letter from us about activating your ParentPay account. The Owls children are due to stay for lunch starting Monday 13 September but the deadline for ordering meals online has passed (the deadline is midnight on a Wednesday). If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account please send your child in with a packed lunch for next week. Thank you.

Year 5/6 Trip to REME Museum

The children of Year 5 and 6 are going on a trip to the Lyneham REME Museum on Friday 24 September. The children will be travelling to Lyneham by coach and will need to wear school uniform and wear shoes that will be comfortable for walking around all day. They will also need to bring a packed lunch – no fizzy drinks or sweets. Please also remember to cancel your child's hot school dinner if you have booked one on this day. If you haven't done so already, payment can be made through ParentPay where you can also give consent for the trip.

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PGL – November Year 6

Please could we remind you that the interim instalment of £95 is now overdue and if you haven't made this payment, please do so as soon as possible. The remaining balance of £164.50 is due by the end of September. Our preferred payment method is ParentPay but we also accept cheques (made payable to By Brook Valley School) Thank you.

PGL Information Evening

We are holding a PGL information evening in the school hall on Tuesday 5 October at 6.00-7.00pm for the children and parents of Eagles class. You will be able to find out more about the activities that the children will be enjoying and there will be a chance for you to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pupil Information Forms for Next Academic Year

If you haven't already done so, please complete both sides **clearly** and return to the office as soon as possible. It's important for us to have up to date records in case we need to contact you for any reason. If you need a new form, please pop into the office. Thank you.

Tuck for KS2

As you may be aware we have a small selection of tuck available for children of KS2 to buy at break time if they want to. We currently offer a selection of cereal bars for 20p. If your child would like to buy one of these items please ensure they have no more than 20p with them each day. Alternatively, your child can bring in a healthy snack from home if they wish (cereal bar/fruit/dried fruit but no chocolate please!)

Water Bottles

So that children have access to drinking water throughout the day, children can bring in a named water bottle which can be refilled in school as often as necessary.

School Lunches

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by **midnight Wednesday** for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

Order By	To have meals in week commencing
15/9/21	20/9/21
22/9/21	27/9/21
29/9/21	4/10/21
6/10/21	11/10/21
13/10/21	18/10/21

After School Clubs for Term 1

We are currently finalising clubs for this term and will be in contact about which clubs will be running in Term 1.

Outdoor Play Equipment

We would just like to remind parents that the outdoor play equipment should not be used before or after school. This is so we can comply with the risk assessments that we have to have for this equipment. All the children get equal, fair and safe access to this equipment during playtimes when it is closely supervised. We want them to enjoy it and use it but as an establishment, we also have to make sure that this is done safely and all risks minimised.

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Buses and Taxis – Owls (Reception)

Please could parents of reception class children or anyone else who is starting to use the buses or taxi email the office to let us know on which day your child will start using the bus or taxi. We will then issue you with two coloured bands, one of which must be worn every day that they are catching the bus home from school. Can we also remind parents of older children that your child **MUST** wear their bands if they are catching the bus or taxi home from school. This is a safety issue. If your child is not wearing a band, we will not put them on the bus/taxi as we will assume you will be collecting them. If you have lost your bands over the summer, new ones can be purchased for £1.00 from the school office.

All Together @ 4

Please find attached a document which explains a new exciting service called All Together @ 4. All together at 4 is the churches new intergenerational service – it is a service open to everyone. It is a time for everyone in the benefice to come together to worship together and share in Christ. The first service will be held on Sunday 26 September from 4.00pm.

Morrisons – It's good to grow

The school has signed up for the Morrisons Good to Grow Campaign so we can access free gardening equipment for the school. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, customers will receive one Grow Token that your local school can redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. You can sign up via the MyMorrisons app to take part or visit <https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>.

Free School Meals

You may be eligible on financial grounds for free school meals. Application forms are available from the school office. By registering your child for free school meals our school will then receive extra funding for your child which can be used to pay for school trips and so it is worth registering if you are eligible. To check if you are eligible please go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/free school meals.

Applying for a school place at Primary or Secondary School

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 2022 you must apply for a Primary School Place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or application forms are available at pre-schools. The deadline for Primary School applications is Saturday 15 January 2022. All forms must be returned directly to The School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge.

If your child is transferring to Secondary School in September 2022, you must apply for a Secondary School place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and the deadline for admissions is 31 October 2022.

Contacting School if Your Child is Absent

Please ring the school (01249 783006) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – the school has an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name and the reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. If you have not contacted us by the end of morning break (10.30am), we will try to ring you to enquire about the absence. Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school **48** hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Holidays in Term Time

Since the beginning of September 2013 the rules of taking holiday during term time have tightened even further. You may have seen this on the National News. Now, Headteachers **cannot authorise any holidays** and parents who still choose to take their child out **will** be fined by the local authority. Attendance is seen as a very high priority and a very significant factor in ensuring children attain their maximum potential each and

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every year. Please support your child, their learning and the school by booking your holidays out of school term times. A copy of the absence policy is available on the school website www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk

Head Lice

Please continue to check your children's hair for unwanted visitors. The children work very closely with each other and this gives head lice the chance to spread very easily. Advice and treatment of head lice can be sought from any pharmacy.

Medication in School

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. antibiotics etc. to children. Parents can come into school to give medication if required

Bubbles After School Club

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call 07587 133510.

FOBBVS Update

FoBBVS have planned a year full of fundraising activities for the 2021/2022 school calendar, please keep an eye on the noticeboard as you come into school for more information on what's happening throughout the year and how to get involved.

They will also be using the class WhatsApp groups to get information to you as well as the Facebook page; Friends of By Brook Valley School.

A big welcome to the new parents in the Owls class! If anyone would like to know more on how they can help with any of the events or fundraising activities please contact Rachel Avent fobbvs@gmail.com.

The first fundraiser is at the Yatton Keynell Fete this Saturday 11 September - "Adopt A Teddy". Please bring in to school an unwanted Teddy Bear, in very good condition in a carrier bag by Friday 10 September and it will be given a new home at the Fete, with an adoption certificate. If anyone can donate a jam jar of sweets, please bring this in on Friday as well. Thank you.

2021/2022 Diary Dates

September

Friday 24 Y5/6 Trip to REME Museum

October

Tuesday 5 Colorfoto – Individual & Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 5 PGL Information Evening – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 19 Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 20 Last day of Term 1

November

Monday 1 First day Term 2

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December

Friday 17

Last day Term 2 – school finishes at **2.00pm**
No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club

January

Tuesday 4

TD Day – No children in school

Wednesday 5

First day Term 3

February

Thursday 10

Parents Evening (details to follow)

Tuesday 15

Parents Evening (details to follow)

Thursday 17

Last day Term 3

Friday 18

TD Day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 28

First day Term 4

March

Wednesday 30

Colorfoto – Class & Year 6 Leavers Photographs

April

Friday 8

Last day Term 4 – school finishes at **2.00pm**
No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club

Monday 25

First day Term 5

May

Monday 2

Bank Holiday

Monday 9-13

SATs week – Year 6

Thursday 26

Last day Term 5

Friday 27

TD Day – school closed for pupils

June

Monday 6

First day Term 6

July

Friday 22

Last day of academic year – School finishes at **2.00pm**
No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club

Monday 25

TD Day – school closed for pupils

TD Days for next

Academic Year

4 January 2022

18 February 2022

27 May 2022

25 July 2022

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