

BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 23 September 2021

Collective Worship

Next week in Collective Worship our theme will be: Being ready and making a new start.

Story: The Parable of counting the cost Luke 14:25 – 33

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' **Luke 14:28-30**

As a school, we have reviewed and updated the behaviour policy. The updated policy follows a clear and consistent approach that promotes positive behaviour through example, acknowledgement, praise and reward. We have introduced three promises that allow for a clear and consistent whole school approach. These three memorable promises for every child are:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

We have refined our rewards so we acknowledge those pupils who go 'above and beyond'. These rewards include:

- **A simple 'thank you'**: All staff will look to thank children (with a reason if possible) for positive behaviours whenever possible as this highlights to all children what we are looking for.
- **Star of the week**: Teachers will nominate one child from their class, who has consistently gone 'above and beyond' in modelling our values, rules and expectations. Each teacher will share with the school the reasons why they are nominating the child in Celebration Worship on a Friday. Each child nominated will receive an invite to Hot Chocolate with the Head the following week. In addition, each child will have their name and reason shared with the whole school community via the newsletter.
- **Achievement Award**: During Celebration Worship each Friday, one child in every class is awarded for standing out in a specific curriculum area during the week. The areas are themed each week eg mathematician of the week or athlete of the week
- **House points**: Any adult within the school can give House Points to pupils. Adults give house points to pupils if they have demonstrated excellent conduct or behaviour (ready, respectful and responsible) or shown the school values. House points will go towards who wins the House Cup each term.
- **Merits**: Pupils will receive merits for the following reasons linked to learning: improvement in effort or focus, progress, producing or creating a quality piece of work or consistently demonstrating effort/focus and or producing quality work.

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- **HT Golden Book:** Adults can send pupils to the Headteacher or another adult for a sticker and their name added to the Golden book if they have: Produced an outstanding piece of work, worked with excellent effort or achieved something special either in or out of school.
- **FS & KS1 Sunshine board:** Each class in FS and KS1 has a sunshine board as a visual reminder about behaviour expectations and the sanctions cycle to identify those who go 'above and beyond' and to keep on track.

The sanction process has also been reviewed but still includes a restorative solution focused approach.

The full policy is available on the school website.

Congratulations to the following pupils awarded star of the week over the last two weeks and had the opportunity to join me for hot chocolate. Any child who has missed their turn due to absence will be able to join me at a later date.

Reception - Austin

Year 1 – Frank & Lara

Year 2 – Chase & Lillie

Year 3 – Lenny & Maggie

Year 4 – Learhna & Charlie W

Year 5 – Charlie K & Olivia P

Year 6 – Hattie & Carlos

PGL Information Evening – Year 6

The children in Eagles will be bringing home a letter today about a PGL information evening in the school hall on **Tuesday 5 October** at 6.00-7.00pm. To allow for social distancing, we ask that only one parent per child attends the meeting and no children. At the meeting, you will be able to find out 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.

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 cash or cheques (made payable to By Brook Valley School) Thank you.

School Photographs

Colorfoto photography will be in school on **Tuesday 5 October** to take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform on this day. If they have PE on this day, please send your child in with their PE kit in a named bag. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Service for KS1 and KS2

We will be holding a Harvest Service for KS1 (Owls, Falcons and Kestrels) and KS2 (Ospreys, Hawks, Kites and Eagles) on **Wednesday 6 October** at St Margaret's Church in Yatton Keynell, **9.30am** (KS1) and **1.30pm** (KS2). Please could we ask that only one parent per family attends the service.

This year we are also collecting for the Corsham foodbank.

If your child is able to bring a donation into school, please can they do so on **Monday 4 October**. Below are some suggested items:

- Fruit Juice (long life carton, 1 litre)
- Breakfast cereal (small packets, 1kg packets, variety packs)
- Soup (tinned, 400g) Baked beans (tinned, 400g and 200g)

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- Tomatoes (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Tinned Vegetables (assorted, 400g and 200g)
- Instant Mashed potato
- Meat (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Fish (tinned, 100g)
- Fruit (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Rice pudding (tinned)
- UHT milk (long life, 1 litre and 2 litre)
- Sponge pudding (tinned, 400g and 200g)
- Pasta (various, 500g)
- Cooking Sauces (tins or packets)
- Sugar (500g)
- Tea Bags (40s,80s,160s)
- Biscuits (large packet, small packet)
- Snack Bars (e.g. cereal bars)
- Chocolate bar (single bars or multipacks)
- Baby foods (tinned, jarred)

Pupil Information Forms for Next Academic Year

We are still missing some pupil information forms so will be sending them home again today. 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.

French Certificates

Six children in KS2 who have been learning French on Tuesday afternoons with *La Jolie Ronde* have received their certificates for completing another part of the course.

Félicitations! is how we say 'well done' to Tabitha K, Corey E, Harry R, Ella P, Zac L and Chloe S.

Lesley Thomas runs the classes and if you are interested for your children, please contact her on 01249 783434 or peteathomas@msn.com for more information. There are currently spaces in some KS2 groups.

Flu Vaccination

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that, due to an underlying medical condition, are at increased risk from the flu virus – if you believe that your child is in the category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic please contact our single point of access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best wishes

School Aged Immunisation Team

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
29/9/21	4/10/21
6/10/21	11/10/21
13/10/21	18/10/21

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Netball After School Club - Year 3 and 4

PH sports still have availability in the Netball after school club on a Monday, 3.15pm – 4.15pm for the rest of this term. If you would like a place for your child, please use the link below to book your place.

<https://phsports.co.uk/online-bookings/>

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 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

The FoBBVS team are meeting for the first time this term with the challenge of coming up with some Virtual Fundraising ideas; Tuesday 28 September, 7.30pm at Rachel Avent's house. If you would like to come along to the meeting please let Rachel know by email: fobbvs@gmail.com. You can also join the event via Teams if you can't make it in person.

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2021/2022 Diary Dates

September

Friday 24 Y5/6 Trip to REME Museum

October

Monday 4 Foodbank Donations
Tuesday 5 Colorfoto – Individual & Sibling Photographs
Tuesday 5 PGL Information Evening – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 6 Harvest Service – KS1 9.30am, KS2 1.30pm
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

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**

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Monday 25

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TD Day – school closed for pupils

**TD Days for next
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4 January 2022

18 February 2022

27 May 2022

25 July 2022

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