

BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 7 October 2021

Collective Worship

Next week in Collective Worship our theme will be:

Thanking God for his provision and reminding us of the importance of sharing food with others – Saying Grace
'Always give thanks to God the Father'

Ephesians 5.20

Message from Mr Pike

A big thank you for supporting the Corsham and Lacock Churches Foodbank through your harvest festival donations. I will be delivering all your generous gifts to Corsham on Friday.

Congratulations to the following pupils for being awarded 'Star of the Week' last week.

Owls – Rufus

Falcons – Tilen

Kestrels – Maximus

Ospreys – Alithea

Hawks – Tabitha

Kites – Simon

Eagles – Harvey

Once we can 'step down' additional mixing measures, the children will have their hot chocolate with the Head.

Also, just a reminder that tomorrow is Children's Mental Health day and the children can come to school in non-uniform wearing something yellow or colourful. Here is a link to some great resources.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Virtual Teacher – Parent Meeting

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to book your virtual teacher - parent meeting. The booking system is now open until **Sunday 10 October 4.00pm**. Please visit

<https://bybrookvalleyce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book. To login you will need to use the email address you provided the school on the pupil information form. For further information, click on the link below or refer to the attached parents' guide.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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Kids Climb Mount Kilimanjaro in a Day

FoBBVS next fundraising challenge will take place on **Friday 15 October**. This is a FREE event and we hope parents and friends can donate and sponsor the children, if you can.

The challenge is for children to climb the height of Mount Kilimanjaro in a Day - 19,341'. This will be achieved by either climbing a 24' climbing wall in the school grounds, or completing a "Reebok Step" circuit or climbing as many staircases at home in 1 go as possible.

Event Higher will be bringing their 24' climbing wall to school at 8.00am, with 2 trained instructors. Each class Year 1-6 will have a chance to climb the wall, with a fun Step Circuit for Reception Class (and anyone who doesn't want to climb)

There will be a recorded video presentation to watch first, filmed by two parents who have already climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, with an inspirational message from a Tanzanian Guide who holds the fastest ascent up Mount Kilimanjaro.

Height and Weight Checks – For Reception and Year 6 Only!

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's class will take part in this year's programme and we will be in contact once we have a date booked.

School Photographs

Colorfoto photography has been re-booked and will be in school on **Tuesday 16 November** 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.

PGL Payments – Year 6

Please could we remind you that the remaining balance is now overdue and if you haven't made this payment, please do so as soon as possible. Our preferred payment method is ParentPay but we also accept cash or cheques (made payable to By Brook Valley School) Thank you.

Pupil Information Forms

We are still missing some pupil information forms so if you haven't done so already, 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.

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
13/10/21	18/10/21
27/10/21 (Don't forget to order your meals for after half term!)	1/11/21

Bags 2 School

The next Bag2School collection will be on **Tuesday 30 November**. Bag2School specialises in recycling good quality second hand clothes. The more we donate to this scheme the more they pay to us. Please bring to school on Tuesday 30 November (before 9.00am) your unwanted Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing plus

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paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. (No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please) The more they weigh the more they pay! - There's no limit!

Please use your own plastic bags and bin liners (these are then recycled too!)

Christmas Plays and Service

We are hoping that this year parents will be able to attend the Christmas plays and service. However, if there is a rise in COVID cases at the time, we may need to 'step up' our measures accordingly and this could affect the planned performances.

Wednesday 1 December - 9.30am KS1 Christmas play

Thursday 2 December - 1.30pm KS1 Christmas play

Wednesday 8 December - 1.30pm and 6.00pm KS2 Christmas play

Tuesday 14 December - 1.30pm KS2 Church Christmas Service at Castle Combe Church

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 2021.

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

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Bubbles After School Club

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

FOBBVS Update

For more information on all of FoBBVS' fundraising activities, please visit the Facebook page [Friends of By Brook Valley School | Facebook](#) or look out for messages from your Class Reps on WhatsApp.

2021/2022 Diary Dates

October

Friday 8	Children's Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow
Thursday 14	Parents Evening
Friday 15	Kids Climb Mount Kilimanjaro in a Day
Tuesday 19	Parents Evening
Wednesday 20	Last day of Term 1

November

Monday 1	First day Term 2
Tuesday 30	Bags2School

December

Wednesday 1	9.30am KS1 Christmas play
Thursday 2	1.30pm KS1 Christmas play
Wednesday 8	1.30pm & 6.00pm KS2 Christmas play
Tuesday 14	1.30pm KS2 Church Christmas Service at Castle Combe Church
Wednesday 15	School Christmas Dinner - TBC
Friday 17	Last day Term 2 – school finishes early 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
Monday 28	First day Term 4

March

Wednesday 30	Colorfoto – Class & Year 6 Leavers Photographs
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April

Friday 8	Last day Term 4 – school finishes early at 2.00pm No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club
Monday 25	First day Term 5

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May

Monday 2
Monday 9-13
Thursday 26
Friday 27

Bank Holiday
SATs week – Year 6
Last day Term 5
TD Day – school closed for pupils

June

Monday 6

First day Term 6

July

Friday 22

Last day of academic year – School finishes early at **2.00pm**

No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club

Monday 25

TD Day – school closed for pupils

TD Days for Current

Academic Year

4 January 2022
18 February 2022
27 May 2022
25 July 2022

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