



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Welcome from Mrs Henshall

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the village fete on Saturday – thank you to everyone for supporting the FOBBVS stall. This links well with our Worship this week as we have been thinking about the people we are thankful for. Our Bible verse this week has been ‘Every time I think of you I give thanks to my God’ Philippians 1:3

We are now busy getting ready for our Harvest Festival Celebrations and I look forward to seeing many of you in Church for the KS1 and KS2 services.

Now that the weather is turning cooler, please could we remind all children to bring a coat into school as they will still be going out at break and lunchtimes in all weathers.

Lastly, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the children who are looking very smart in their PE kits, thank you to the parents for following our new uniform policy for PE.

Well done to Ethan W (Year 5) and Tommy I (Y2) for getting into the Golden book for showing excellent behavior and hard work at school!



Also, a big well done to the following children who have been our stars of the week in the first couple of weeks of term!

Emily – Year 1
Oliver – Year 2
Tilen – Year 3
Luke – Year 4
Bentleigh – Year 5
Isobel – Year 6

Year 5 and 6 REME Museum Trip

The children in Kites and Eagles will be bringing home a letter today about a school trip to the REME Museum trip on **Wednesday 4 October** so please keep an eye out for this. Please could we ask that consent and payment for this trip is made on ParentPay by **Friday 29 September**. Thank you!

Pupil Information Forms

Thank you to those families who have completed and returned a pupil information form for your child/ren. We are still missing a large number of these so will be sending yet more forms home today with your child. **Please complete the form tonight and return to school tomorrow!** It is extremely important that we have up to date contact information as we may not be able to get in contact with you in an emergency and you may not be able to book a parents evening appointment if your details are out of date!

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Roots to grow, wings to fly

“They will soar on wings like eagles” Isaiah 40:31

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Year 4 Forest School

A letter will be sent home today about the year 4 children starting Forest School sessions tomorrow **Friday 22 September**. Please could all children bring in appropriate clothing and shoes in a named bag. Thank you!

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who brought a delicious cake from the Hawks cake sale last week. They raised a fantastic £110.52 so thank you to everyone who donated. The money will be put towards some new non-fiction books to support our curriculum.

The next cake sale will be for the Eagles class on **Friday 13 October**.



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 **Thursday 5 October** at St Margaret's Church in Yatton Keynell, **9.30am** (KS1) and **1.30pm** (KS2). All are welcome to attend the service!

This year we will be donating food items to the Doorway food bank in Chippenham. Please see attached the list of foods which can be donated. If **all donations** could be given to your class teacher by **Thursday 28 September** that would be much appreciated. Thank you!



Teacher-Parent Meetings

A letter will be sent home today with your child about inviting you to attend a Teacher-Parent meeting to discuss your child/ren on either **Thursday 12 October** (3.30pm – 6.00pm) or **Tuesday 17 October** (3.30pm – 6.00pm).

The booking system will open on **Thursday 28 September at 12.00pm**. If you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact your child's class teacher.

PGL Information Meeting – Year 6

We are holding a PGL information meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 12 October** at 6.00pm. The children do not need to come as they would have been given the information already. 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.

Keeping Children Safe

We have been informed that after school children have been jumping out into the road on the narrow lanes near the village hall, this is very dangerous and we are concerned for the children's safety and the safety of motorists. Please ensure your child is supervised at all times.



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Healthy Schools

We currently have a healthy schools bronze award and we would now like to work towards our silver award, to do this we would love to encourage our children at By Brook Valley to continue to bring in healthy snacks from home to allow us to achieve this next award. Thank you!

Applying for a school place at Primary or Secondary School

If you have a child who will be 4 years old before September 2024 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 midnight Monday 15 January 2024. 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 2024, you must apply for a Secondary School place. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk and the deadline for admissions is midnight 31 October 2023.



Odd Sock Day

On Monday 13 November the children can come to school wearing odd socks in aid of Anti-bullying week. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.



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
20/9/23	25/09/23
27/9/23	2/10/23
4/10/23	9/10/23
11/10/23	16/10/23

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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.

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

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Medication in School

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. 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**. If you know you are going to be late and unable to collect your child on time from bubbles after school club, please contact the Bubbles team as soon as possible.

2022/2023 Diary Dates

September

Thursday 28 Foodbank Donations

October

Wednesday 4 Year 5 and 6 REME Museum Trip
Thursday 5 KS1 Harvest Festival at Yatton Keynell Church 9.30am
Thursday 5 KS2 Harvest Festival at Yatton Keynell Church 1.30pm
Thursday 12 Parents Evening – 3.30pm
Thursday 12 PGL Information Evening – Year 6 Parents 6.00pm
Friday 13 Year 3 and 4 Trip – Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 13 Year 6 Cake Sale
Tuesday 17 Parents Evening – 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 Last Day of term 1
Monday 30 TD Day – no pupils in school
Tuesday 31 First day of term 2 – all pupils in school
Tuesday 31 Colorfoto Individual and Sibling Photos

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November

Thursday 2	Year 5 and 6 Science Fair
Friday 3	Year 4 Class Assembly
Tuesday 7 – 10	Year 6 PGL Trip
Monday 13	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 15	Flu Vaccinations Year R to Year 6
Friday 17	Children in Need
Friday 24	Year 6 Class Assembly

December

Friday 1	Santa Run
Friday 1	Year 3 Cake Sale
Thursday 7	KS2 Christmas Production – 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Wednesday 13	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 19	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service
Wednesday 20	Last day of term 2

January

Thursday 4	First day of term 3 – All pupils in school
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