



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Welcome from Mrs Henshall

A big well done to all last term's 'Stars of the Week'. We had an extra playtime on the last day of term and had great fun playing different games together. I even got to practise some playground games!

Our 'Stars of the Week' were: Oscar S – Year R Onika P – Year 1 Robin R – Year 2 Oscar L – Year 3 Ellie M – Year 4 Sophia P – Year 5 Bethany R – Year 6	The Winning House last term was: The Yatton Keynell! 	Our reading prizes went to the following children last term: Ned S – Year R Cece – Year 1 Mila – Year 2 Luca – Year 3 Mabel – Year 4 Sophia – Year 5 Oliver – Year 6
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Welcome back to another busy term at By Brook Valley, we hope you had a lovely relaxing half term.

This term our value is Trust. We will be reinforcing with the children about having trusted adults in school and this will be tied in with our anti-bullying week in the week beginning 13 November.

We will be thinking about the message in Ecclesiastes "Two people are better than one...if one person falls the other can reach out to help."

PE Newsletter Blog

Please take a look at our PE Newsletter blog which is updated at the end of each term and can be found on our website at the following link: <https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=414&nid=14>

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who brought a delicious cake from the Eagles cake sale before half term. They raised a fantastic **£95.55** so thank you to everyone who donated. The money will be put towards new books for the classroom. **The next cake sale will be for the Ospreys class on Friday 1 December.**

Height and Weight Checks – Year R and Year 6

The children in Year R and Year 6 will be bringing home a letter today about having their height and weight checked in school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme which your child's class will take part in this year. Please see letter for more details.

Roots to grow, wings to fly

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Hawks Class Assembly

The children in Hawks class will be holding an assembly **tomorrow! Friday 3 November** to show off all of their wonderful work so far this year. The assembly will be held in the hall at 2.30pm so please make your way to the hall door.

Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball After School Club

Our sports providers PH Sports are offering the children in Year 1 and 2 a Dodgeball after school club on a Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm starting on **Tuesday 7 November**. If you haven't done so already and would like to make a booking for your child, please see flyer attached to the newsletter with details on how to make a booking.

Santa Run Volunteers

This year we will be holding our popular Santa Run on **Friday 1 December** and we are looking for volunteers to help during the event. If you are able to help on the day we will have a 'helpers list' in the office for you to pop your name on if you are free. Many thanks in advance!



Poppy Appeal

Over the next couple weeks we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies for a suggested minimum donation of 20p. We are also selling a range of poppy themed items such as snap bands, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands for donations of 50p.

Anti-Bullying Week

We will be starting off anti-bullying week on **Monday 13 November** where the children can come to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.



To finish the week, we will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 17 November**. This year the children can come to school wearing their PJ's for a donation of £1. Instead of bringing money into school, we will be using ParentPay for your kind donations, please use the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12429>



Flu Vaccination

Just a reminder that for those who have given consent for your child to have the flu vaccination in school. The immunisation team will be in school on **Wednesday 15 November**.

If you haven't done so yet and would like to give consent for your child to have a flu vaccination, please use the following link:

<https://schoolimms.hrcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts>

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After School Clubs – Term 2

The following clubs are running in term 2.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Dodgeball For KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Run by Up and Under for Terms 1 & 2 The club will run until Monday 11 December To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks-2-dodgeball-club/	Dodgeball For KS1 (Y1,2) Run by PH Sports Tuesday 7 November until Tuesday 19 December To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/	Dance Class For Yrs 1 – 6 Run by A Stars Dance Please contact directly to make a booking: 07815 539693 (Sophia)	Forest School For KS2 (Y1,2) Run by Claire Pickman Thursday 2 November until Thursday 14 December Please contact directly to make a booking: pickmanclaire@gmail.com or 07814 028636

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
8/11/23	13/11/23
15/11/23	20/11/23
22/11/23	27/11/23
29/11/23	4/12/23
6/12/23	11/12/23
13/12/23	18/12/23

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.

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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.

2023/2024 Diary Dates

November

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
Tuesday 12	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 12	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance at Sheldon a.m
Wednesday 13	KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 1.30pm
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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A huge thank you to everyone that attended the disco at the end of term. We sold an incredible 139 tickets and what fun everyone had! The venue was incredible, the dance floor was full of children partying to DJ Henry's plethora of tunes, with even a few parents seen enjoying the music! The tuck shop was clearly very popular whilst the glitter tattoos and nails looked incredible and were also loved by the kids! A huge thank you to the parents that willingly donated their precious time and helped out on the various stalls. Your help is always much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you. A huge thank you to Grittleton House too who allowed us to host the event in their gorgeous orangery. We are thrilled to confirm that we raised £822 for the school.

This year we would really like the majority of our fundraising efforts to go towards the outdoor areas, in particular the space outside Y1 / Y2 / Y3 and Y4 classrooms as well as areas of the school field. Our first donation to the school has been spent on some new picnic tables which will be placed on the playground to be used both during lesson time and at playtime. If you have any particular ideas for these areas or other areas that we can put our fundraising efforts towards please do email us.

Our next event is a Wreath Making event on Thursday 30 November at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £45 and there are a limited number available - tickets include materials for the wreath & warm festive beverage! Please email us to buy a ticket.

Just before half term the children drew portraits of themselves which we are using to create a Bybrook Valley tea towel which will be available to purchase in time for Christmas.

We have been busy planning our events for 2024 already and will share details in due course. We always welcome any ideas / suggestions so please do get in touch either via your class rep or via email.

From The FoBBVS team
Email - fobbvs@gmail.com

Flyers for this week can be found on our website at the following location:

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Flyers&pid=433>



Website:

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Contact:

01249 783006



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