

Thursday 14 December 2023



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Henshall

'Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad' Psalm 96:11'

It has been so lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Productions over the last week. There has certainly been lots of rejoicing and much gladness around. We are all very proud of how well the children have performed and we know you must be too. Thank you for all the support in helping with costumes, learning lines and words to songs. It is always such a busy time of year preparing both at school and in our homes.

We just have one final event of the season left at Castle Combe Church on Tuesday 19 December for the Year 5 & 6 Carol Service and I look forward to seeing you there.

We would also like to send a big thank you to everyone who has helped or volunteered this year!

Lastly, the staff and myself would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



A big well done to the following children who are our stars of the week for the last couple of weeks:

Year R – Freddie, Ned, Esme
Year 1 – Bella, Ted
Year 2 – Ewan, Izzy
Year 3 – Amelia, Thea
Year 4 – Chloe, Zach
Year 5 – Lenny, Alithea
Year 6 – Learnna, Jai



Roots to grow, wings to fly

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Breakfast Club – late arrivals!

Please note that the breakfast club staff stop serving breakfast at 8.30am so please ensure you arrive on time for your child to have breakfast before starting school, the latest arrival time is 8.20am. Thank you.

School Job Vacancy – Class TA with MDSA Duties

We currently have a job vacancy for a Class TA with MDSA duties. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role, please click on the following link:

<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=69&action=saved>

School Lunches – Last Day of Term

Please note that there will be no roast dinner on the last day of term, it will be fish fingers and chips instead on this day.

School Lunches – Term 3

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch when they return to school next term, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by **midnight Wednesday 27 December**. If you do not order online, **please send your child in with a packed lunch for the first week back**. Thank you!



Lost Property

Please remember to retrieve any lost items from the lost property box as the box will be emptied at the end of the term and any remaining items will be disposed of or donated to charity. Please do check that all of your child's clothing is named as most items in lost property are unnamed.

Year 5 and 6 WW2 Evacuee Day

Just a reminder that the children will be spending the day as evacuees on **Monday 18 December**. We would like the children to dress as evacuees and would like them to make an evacuee label, identity card and a box to carry their gas mask in. Please don't forget to bring in a small snack for your child.

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol

The children from the Kites and Eagles classes will be holding a Christmas Church Service at St Andrew's Church in Castle Combe on **Tuesday 19 December** at **1.30pm**. Parents are warmly invited to attend the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please note that we are still waiting for the sample hoodies to arrive, once we have them we will let you know. Please do not worry about the deadline date on ParentPay.

Last Day of Term 2

The last day of term is **Wednesday 20 December** and we will be finishing early at **2.00pm**. Unfortunately the bus companies are unable to operate a service at these times so please make alternative arrangements. Please note that Bubbles After School Club will not be open on the last day of term. The first day back for pupils after Christmas is **Thursday 4 January 2024**.

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Swimming Lessons - Hawks

Swimming will restart on **Wednesday 10 January** for Year 4 so please ensure they have their swimming kits in school on this day. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you all for your kind donations to the poppy appeal last month. As a school we raised a fantastic £170.55 for this worthy charity. Thank you!

PE Newsletter

Our PE newsletter can be found on our website, so please take a look at all of our sporting achievements this year.
<https://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk/blog/?pid=414&nid=14&storyid=246>

After School Clubs in Term 3

The following clubs will be running in term 3. Please use the following information to book your child a place, bookings are now open.

MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Multi Sports For KS1 (Y1 & 2) Run by Up and Under for Terms 3 & 4	Performing Arts For KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Run by Miss Reed and Miss Hamilton	Multi Sports For KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Run by PH Sports	Dance Class For Yrs 1 – 6 Run by A Stars Dance	Forest School For KS1 (Y1 & 2) Run by Claire Pickman
Monday 8 January until Monday 18 March	Monday 8 January until Monday 5 February	Tuesday 9 January until Tuesday 6 February	Please contact directly to make a booking: 07815 539693 (Sophia)	Thursday 11 January until Thursday 8 February
To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/products/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks-1-multisports-club-mondays/	It will involve singing, dancing and some acting, with hopes to perform to an audience at the end of term.	To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://phsports.chilcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php		Please contact directly to make a booking: pickmanclaire@gmail.com or 07814 028636
	To make a booking, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter	Capacity of 15		

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Order By	To have meals in week commencing
27/12/23	1/1/24
3/1/24	8/1/24
10/1/24	15/1/24
17/1/24	22/1/24
24/1/24	29/1/24
31/1/24	5/2/24

Procedures for School Closure In The Event of Bad Weather

As the winter is now upon us, we need to advise parents of the procedures in place, if the school is forced to close due to bad weather. The procedure is for schools to notify parents via Heart FM radio. We will aim to text or email parents via ParentPay in the event of a closure.

We ask that parents DO NOT telephone the school. The decision to close the school is based on the safety of staff and children travelling to school and also around the school site.

If the school opens but weather conditions worsen, parents whose children attend Bubbles After School Club will be notified by 2.00pm if Bubbles will not be operating due to the weather.

A member of staff will remain with children until 4.00pm at the latest to allow parents time to make alternative arrangements.

Applying for a school place at Primary 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.

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

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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 to children. Parents will need to 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

December

Monday 18	Year 5 and 6 WW2 Evacuee Day
Tuesday 19	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service
Wednesday 20	Last day of term 2 – finishing early at 2pm (no buses or bubbles on this day)

January

Thursday 4	First day of term 3 – All pupils in school
Friday 12	Year 5 Cake Sale
Friday 19	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 25	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish

TD Days for next

Academic Year

19 February 2024

3 June 2024

4 June 2024

February

Thursday 1	Parents Evening
Friday 2	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 6	Parents Evening

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:

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Email:

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After School Club Reply Slip

Performing Arts Club For KS2 (Y3,4.5,and 6)

My child, _____, in Years 3 – 6, would like a place in the Performing Arts Club on a Monday, 3.15 – 4.15pm starting **Monday 8 January** until **Monday 5 February**.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
