

Thursday 11 January 2024!

BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Message from Mrs Henshall

Happy New Year and welcome back for the start of our spring term! We hope you had a nice restful break. We would like to say a big thank you for all of your lovely and thoughtful gifts at Christmas, we really appreciate it.

We would also like to thank you for all of your kind food donations through December. Corsham Foodbank were thrilled and overwhelmed by your kind generosity. Here is a picture of all your donations.



Our value this term is Perseverance – such a key value for life and it seems particularly important at this point in the year when the children find themselves facing challenges in their learning and having to ‘dig deep’ and stick with it. And with this we return to the Bible quote ‘I can do all things through Him who strengthens me’ – Philippians 4:13. One area where we will be focusing our perseverance is with reading; reading is key to every area of life and learning – hence the expectation to read 5X a week and why we continue to invest both time and money into this aspect of the curriculum. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Staffing news

This term we very sadly have to say goodbye to Mrs MacDougall our HR and Finance Officer. Cathryn has been with us for almost 3 years and has worked with real determination, keeping our school finances in order – supporting both the staff and the governors in the management of the school. I would like to thank her for everything she has done and we all wish her well as she takes up a new post in Wiltshire Council.



A big well done to the following children who were our prize winners in reading at the end of last term:

Year R – Theo B
Year 1 – Phoebe H
Year 2 – Sienna M
Year 3 – Aelora K
Year 4 – Sam G
Year 5 – Edward L
Year 6 – Learhna L

Roots to grow, wings to fly

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

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Reminder of Coats!

As we come back to school in the depths of winter, please could we ask that **ALL** children come to school wearing a sensible coat for the winter months! The children will still go outside in the cold weather! If a child does not have a coat in school they will not be allowed outside at break or lunchtimes. Thank you!



Reminder of PE Kit

Here is a reminder of our school PE kit.

PLEASE NOTE: PE kit and trainers should ONLY be worn on PE days.

- Black/Navy shorts
- White t-shirt
- **SCHOOL JUMPER** to be worn, **NO HOODIES PLEASE!**
- Trainers
- Dark jogging bottoms for winter

CAKE SALE



Cake Sale

The children in Kites class will be holding the first cake sale of the term tomorrow **Friday 12 January**. Please can Kites class bring in some cakes on this day. Thank you!

Parents Evening

We will be holding Teacher - Parent meetings on **Thursday 1 February (3.30pm – 6.00pm)** and **Tuesday 6 February (3.30pm – 6.00pm)**. These meetings will provide an opportunity for you and the class teacher to discuss your child's learning and their progress this academic year.

A letter will be sent home next week which will include details on how to book your teacher - parent meeting. The booking system will open on **Thursday 18 January** and will close on **Monday 29 January**.



Year 3 Class Assembly

The children in Ospreys class are looking forward to having the opportunity to share their work with family and friends in their class assembly on **Friday 19 January** at 2.30pm.

Year 5 Hardenhuish Taster Day

The children in Kites will be bringing home a letter today about going to Hardenhuish School for a class taster day on **Thursday 25 January**. Hardenhuish are offering all children the chance to try a hot school dinner for free which will include a main meal, a dessert and a drink. The children will need to wear school uniform and bring with them the following:

- A pen and pencil
- Trainers or daps, and a pair of shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms for a PE activity
- A packed lunch if they do not wish to try a hot school dinner
- A water bottle and snack for break time
- A hair band to tie back long hair for the DT and PE activity

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Parent Volunteers Needed – ‘People who help us’!

We are looking for parent volunteers to come into school to talk to our Owls class about their jobs for our topic ‘People who help us’. Any and all jobs are welcome! Volunteers will be asked to talk to a small group of children for about 5 minutes about what your job is and how it helps people. We have not yet confirmed a date but the session would be happening during the last week of term (5-9 February). If you are able to come into school, please contact the school office. Thank you!

Piano Lessons

If your child is interested in having piano lessons at school our piano teacher currently has spaces to teach children in years 3-6 the piano, and all they need is a piano/electronic piano at home and the willingness to practise a few times a week. Lessons are either 20 or 30 minutes (as required) each week and usually occur on Mondays. If you are interested, please contact yvonna20@hotmail.co.uk directly.

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 KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) 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
	Only a few places left!	Capacity of 15		

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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
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

January

Friday 12	Year 5 Cake Sale
Friday 19	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 25	Year 5 Taster Day at Hardenhuish

February

Thursday 1	Parents Evening
Friday 2	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 6	Parents Evening
Friday 9	Last day of Term 3
Monday 19	TD day – no children in school
Tuesday 20	First day of Term 4
Friday 23	YR & KS1 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip --- TBC

March

Thursday 7	World Book Day – Details to follow
Friday 8	Year R Cake Sale
Monday 11 – 12	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1 – Details to follow
Wednesday 13 – 14	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2 – Details to follow
Friday 22	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 26	KS2 Easter Service at Biddestone Church – Details to follow

TD Days for next

Academic Year

19 February 2024

3 June 2024

4 June 2024

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

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



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