

Thursday 25 January 2024!



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

We have been thinking this week about Mary and Joseph having to leave their home with Jesus and flee to Egypt, with God's help they had to persevere through difficult times! Worship with Rachel Avent then brought this into our world as we related to people today that find themselves to be homeless. Rachel who works for Julian House explained to the children all about the work they do to support homeless people in the Southwest and the issues surrounding feeling hopeless when faced with homelessness.

The children produced some great fundraising ideas during assembly, which they may want to talk to you about, together with the themes surrounding homelessness.

Rachel also invited the children, together with their families and friends, to take part in the Big Bath Sleep-Out in Alice Park, Friday 1 March. Please see the flyer which the children are bringing home today for more details.

Please support the children with their fundraising ideas by submitting them to rachel.avent@julianhouse.org.uk or by visiting the website [Organise a fundraising event | Julian House | Homeless Charity](#).

PGL – Year 5

The children in Kites class will be bringing home a letter today. Please could we ask that the reply slips to go to PGL in November are returned to school by **Thursday 8 February**. You do not need to pay the deposit at this time as long as it is paid in full by **Thursday 29 February**.



KS1 and Reception – Cotswold Wildlife Trip

The children in Reception and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will be bringing home a letter today about a school trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park on **Friday 23 February**. Please could we ask that permission and payment is made online through ParentPay by **Monday 19 February**. Thank you!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE



Second hand uniform sale

Just a reminder that on **Friday 26 January**, straight after school, the Eco Warriors are holding a second-hand uniform sale to reduce waste and raise money for books. Please don't forget to bring your pennies at the end of the school day if you would like to buy something. Thank you!

Parents Evening

If you haven't done so already and would still like to book a parents evening appointment with your child's class teacher or Mr Summers, the booking system is still open and will close on **Monday 29 January**. Any changes after this date will need to be discussed with your child's class teacher.



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CAKE SALE



Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who kindly brought cakes from the Kites cake sale last week, they raised an amazing £91.60. The next cake sale will be for the Kestrels class on **Friday 2 February**. Please can Kestrels class bring in some cakes on this day. Thank you!

Swimming Update

The last swimming lesson for Hawks class will be on **Wednesday 7 February**. We currently have some outstanding payments on ParentPay, please could we ask that payment is made online before the last lesson. Thank you!

Parent Volunteers Needed – ‘People who help us’!

We are still 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. The sessions will take place on **Thursday 8 February**. If you are able to come into school, please contact the school office. Thank you!

Flip it Friday!

On **Friday 9 February** the FoBBVS team have organised a ‘Flip it Friday’ day where, for one day only, the children can flip the rules in school. You will be asked to donate £1 for each rule. Please see attached flyer from the FoBBVS team for the list of rules. Please ensure it is only the rules on the poster that get flipped!



End of Term 3 and Start of Term 4

School finishes for the February half term holiday on **Friday 9 February** at the normal times of 3.05pm and 3.10pm, please note that Monday 19 February is a TD day and the school is closed to children. All children are due back to school on **Tuesday 20 February**.

Piano Lessons

If your child is interested in having piano lessons at school, the teacher currently has spaces to teach children in years 3-6, 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.

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After School Clubs in Term 4

The following clubs will be running in term 4. 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	Tag Rugby For KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) Run by PH Sports	Dance Class For Yrs 1 – 6 Run by A Stars Dance	Forest School For Years 1 & 2 Run by Claire Pickman
Monday 8 January until Monday 18 March	Monday 26 February until Monday 25 March	Tuesday 20 February until Tuesday 21 May (Please note this is for terms 4 and 5)	Please contact directly to make a booking: 07815 539693 (Sophia)	Thursday 22 February until Thursday 21 March
To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/bybrook-valley-primary-school-ks-1-multisports-club-mondays/	Club will continue with the same children for the Spring term! Hurry only 2 places left!	To make a booking, please click on the following link: https://phsports.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php	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
31/1/24	5/2/24
14/2/24	19/2/24
21/2/24	26/2/24
28/2/24	4/3/24
6/3/24	11/3/24
13/3/24	18/3/24
20/3/24	25/3/24

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.

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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 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 26 Second hand uniform sale

February

Thursday 1 Parents Evening
Friday 2 Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 6 Parents Evening
Friday 9 Flip it Friday!
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

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
Wednesday 27 Last day of Term 4

TD Days for next Academic Year

19 February 2024
3 June 2024
4 June 2024

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April

Monday 15 First day of Term 5
Friday 26 Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 26 Year 5 Class Assembly

May

Monday 6 Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 10 Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 22 Year 5 Taster Day at Sheldon
Friday 24 Last day of Term 5

June

Monday 3 TD Day – No Pupils in School
Tuesday 4 TD Day – No Pupils in School
Wednesday 5 First day of Term 6
Monday 17 Sports Day
Friday 21 Colour Run
Monday 24 Reserve Sports Day

July

Friday 5 Year Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 11 – 12 By Brook Valley Turnaround Day
Friday 12 Hardenhuish Turnaround Day
Monday 15 By Brook Valley – Open Door
Tuesday 23 Leavers Service Yatton Keynell
Tuesday 23 Last day of Term 6

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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admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk

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