

Thursday 8 February 2024!



BY BROOK VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Henshall

The KS2 School Councilors held a whole school assembly to introduce Safer Internet Day and to discuss the importance of online safety. They reinforced how important it is to talk to a trusted adult if you see anything online that worries or upsets you. This was followed up with Safer Internet Day activities in class during the day.

The highlight of the week was our visit from our local police officers. The police came in to talk to the children all about their job and how they keep us safe! The children prepared questions to ask as well as got to try on uniform and see the police car! They found out why there are different sirens and what they mean!

Thank you to everyone who brought items from the Eco Warrior uniform sale last week, they made £47.66 so thank you for your donations. The year 2 cake sale also did well and made £117.60 which will be put towards new books for the school.

Head Teacher Recruitment Process

Please be aware that the governing board is commencing the permanent head teacher recruitment process.

Flip it Friday!

Just a reminder that tomorrow is our '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.

KS1 and Reception – Cotswold Wildlife Trip

Please could we ask that permission and payment for the trip is made online through ParentPay by **Monday 19 February**. Thank you!



End of Term 3 and Start of Term 4

School finishes for the February half term holiday **tomorrow** 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**.

Climbing Frame

Please could we remind all parents that children should **not** be using the climbing frame before or after school as we are not insured during these times.



No PH Sports Club - Tuesday 26 March!

Please note that we have been informed by PH Sports that there will be **no** Tag Rugby after school club on **Tuesday 26 March** due to a PE conference. Please ensure you collect your children at normal time on this day. Thank you!

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World Book Day – Thursday 7 March

This year for World Book Day we will be holding a host of activities in school during the week. Firstly, each class will be decorating their classroom door as a book for all the other children to see and then we will be holding reading swaps throughout the week where the teachers will read to different classes.

We would like the children to make a hat showing their favorite book and come to school wearing them on **Thursday 7 March** for World Book Day. We hope the children have lots of fun making them and can't wait to see their wonderful creations.

Children will also be bringing home a £1 book token which allows them to 1 free world book day book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more.



Bikeability

The children in year 6 will be bringing home a letter today about the up and coming Bikeability courses which have been arranged. The cost of the two day course will be £6.07 per child, please could we ask that payment is made via ParentPay and all paperwork is returned back to school by **Thursday 22 February**.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property this term. If you know your child is missing items, please check the box outside the office.

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
Runs 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	

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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
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.

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.

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2023/2024 Diary Dates

February

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
Friday 8	Year R Cake Sale
Monday 11 – 12	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 13 – 14	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Friday 22	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 26	KS2 Easter Service at Biddestone Church – 1.30pm
Wednesday 27	Last day of Term 4

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

TD Days for next

Academic Year

19 February 2024

3 June 2024

4 June 2024

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



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