



# Brookdale Primary School Newsletter, May 2017

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## Liverpool University Partnership

I am delighted to say we have established a partnership with Liverpool University. The aim of the partnership is to raise awareness and aspiration about attending university later in life. There will be many benefits to the school from the partnership including—

- Healthy eating workshops.
- A Professor Fluffy Roadshow - an introduction for children to university life.
- Street Law programme—An exploration of law through debate and discussion.
- The opportunity to take part in research studies including topics such as language development and food advertising.

The University also offers a number of Saturday and holiday workshops that may be of interest to your child. I have attached information about upcoming events on our [website](#).



## SATs

Children in both Year 2 and Year 6 have recently taken their SATs. We are proud of all the children and the hard work they have put in during this test period.

## Staffing News

We were thrilled to recently get a visit from Mrs McIntyre and her twins William and Vincent. All the family are doing well and the boys were certainly not short of cuddles on their visit to Brookdale.

## Sun Safety

We have recently enjoyed some glorious long overdue sunshine. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have developed the school's '[Sun Safety](#)' policy. This to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.



## Parent Panel

Thank you for those of you who have been involved with the Parent Panel. We still have spaces on the panel and you are welcome to attend. The next meeting is on 30/6/17, 2.30pm. Further details about the panel can be found on the school [website](#).





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## Growth Mindset

On Wednesday 5th July, 9.30am we are holding a parent information session about Growth Mindset. The session will help answer the following questions—

- What is Growth Mindset?
- Why it is important at Brookdale?
- What does Growth Mindset look like at Brookdale?
- How can parents help with our Growth Mindset culture?



## Parking

After a number of near misses we would ask you to use the school car park with extreme care. When dropping off children for Paintbox in the morning the car park is very active with staff and deliveries arriving, the fewer cars there are around the better. Thank you for your support with this.



## PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for their ongoing support and money raising activities including the Table Top Sale which raised £300. The money is being split between the PTA, Claire House and the School Council. My thanks also go to the PTA for funding the bibs worn on Sports Day.

## Governors Update

### So who are the governors?

We are a group of dedicated volunteers from various walks of life with the different skills and qualifications needed to perform the governor duties. Our present Governing Board consists of 2 parent governors, voted into the position by parents, 1 staff governor, the Head Teacher governor, 1 Local Authority Governor, a governors' clerk and 8 co-opted governors. Governor profiles can be seen on the school [website](#).

### What is the role of the governors?

The Governance Handbook 2017 says, 'All governing boards should have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent'

As governors, we support the school in a strategic role, rather than with management of the school. Governors can be contacted via the school office and email or written communications will be forwarded to the Chair of Governors.

In addition to formal governor meetings, governors attend events such as parent workshops, pupil performances and fund raising events and love to be involved in school life. You will recognize us in school wearing our governor badges so please say 'Hello'.

**Governors**



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## Manchester

I'm sure that like us, you were shocked to hear about the news of the tragic events in Manchester this week. Please do join me, the staff and the children in offering your thoughts and prayers for all those affected.

Our children may be upset, confused or anxious about what happened and struggle to come to terms with it. They might also be worried about future events and repercussions. Please can I reassure you that we will continue to work with and help the children make sense of the world around them. If you are concerned about your child's feelings or behaviours following these events, please do let us know.

For your information, the Childline [website](#) has some useful resources regarding dealing with feelings and worries.



## Sports Day

Today we held our annual Sports Day and we were certainly blessed with the weather. All the children competed really well and had great fun doing so.

Our winning team this year was the Tudors.



## Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers will no longer be issued but if you have any lying around school would welcome them up until June 30th. The vouchers will be used to buy some much needed PE equipment.



## Dates for your diary

- **5/6/17**—Back to school
- **Wb 5/6/17**—Year 6 residential
- **8/6/17**—School council voting day
- **Wb 12/6/17**—Year 1 phonics screening check
- **16/6/17**—PTA Fathers' Day Wrap
- **Wb 19/6/17**—Visiting German school at Brookdale
- **20/6/17**—F2 class assembly
- **28/6/17**—Whole School Photo
- **30/6/17**—Parent Panel
- **30/6/17**—PTA Summer Fayre
- **4/7/17**—Year 1 class assembly
- **5/7/17**—Parent Growth Mindset Workshop
- **6/7/17**—Year 5 and 6 Production
- **11/7/17**—Year 5 reading workshop
- **14/7/17**—Leavers' Disco
- **18/7/17**—F2 Teddy Bear's Picnic
- **20/7/17**—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- **21/7/17**—School Breaks up for Summer