



Brookdale Primary School Newsletter, March 2017

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Start of School Day

After the Easter holiday we are changing the arrangements for the start of the school day. The school gates will be open from 8.45am and at 8.50am the doors used to enter school from the playground will be open. Children can enter school as soon as the doors are open and there will be no lining up in classes anymore. The doors will remain open until 9am and after this time entry to the school will be via the main school entrance. This change is to cut down on lost learning time and enable a prompter start to classroom activities.

We will continue to run RM Maths from 8.30am for those children invited to attend. If you are dropping a child off at this time please don't wait in the entrance hall after your child enters school. This is a busy time of day with many visitors arriving and children entering for breakfast club. In order to safeguard our school we need to ensure this space is kept clear so we can be vigilant about who enters the main building.



Red Nose Day

Thank you for your support on Red Nose Day, as a school we raised £208. In assembly we shared with children how the money raised is spent to support children less fortunate than ourselves. Our work in supporting charities is an important contribution to our school value of compassion.

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Staffing News

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a teacher to cover Mrs McIntyre's maternity leave. Mr Gareth Jones will be the class teacher in Year 6 for the rest of the school year. He will officially start after the Easter holiday. Mr Jones has already met the children and is working hard with Mrs McIntyre to ensure a smooth transition takes place.

We wish Mrs McIntyre all the best in this exciting new chapter of her life.

Tennis Taster Days

The infants were lucky enough to experience a tennis taster session earlier this week. The sessions were run by the Lawn Tennis Association. They are offering free taster sessions for children between the ages of 3-10. Anyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

Where: Birkenhead Lawn Tennis Club, Oxton

When: 1st and 2nd April, 10.30am-12.00pm and 2.00pm-3.30pm.



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 21/4/17, 2.30pm. Further details about the panel can be found on the school [website](#).



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Growth Mindset

We continue to develop our Growth Mindset culture within school. We were pleased that Ofsted, during their inspection, commented on the positive effect this was having on the children's learning. In addition many children have commented on how it is helping them to work harder and to stick with problems for longer rather than giving up. They are learning that mistakes are an important part of learning. If we are not stretching ourselves in our learning we are not learning anything new!

We have added a number of resources to the school [website](#) to inform you about Growth Mindset and the language we use within school to promote it. In the Summer term we will be running a Growth Mindset evening for parents.



Uniform

As the weather warms up please ensure children are dressed smartly and in line with school policy. In addition please ensure any hair accessories are of a reasonable size and either in school or neutral colours.



PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for their continued hard work in raising lots of money for school. They have recently held the Mothers' Day Wrap and the Easter Event raising a total of £650.

We are currently raising money to contribute to the planned replacement of the existing classroom interactive whiteboards.

Easter

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Easter on behalf of all the staff. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 18/4/17.



Dates for your diary



- **21/4/17**—PTA Film Night
- **22/4/17**—Bridget Kelly abseil down Leasowe Lighthouse on behalf of PTA
- **Wb 1/5/17**—Year 4 swimming all week
- **Wb 8/5/17**—Year 6 SATs
- **17/5/17**—Class Photos
- **17/5/17**—PTA Table top Sale
- **25/5/17**—Sports Day
- **26/5/17**—Non-uniform and Mad hair Day—PTA
- **26/6/17**—Break up for half term
- **5/6/17**—Back to school
- **Wb 5/6/17**—Year 6 residential
- **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
- **18/6/17**—Whole School Photo
- **30/6/17**—PTA Summer Fayre
- **6/7/17**—Year 5 and 6 Production
- **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