



# Brookdale Primary School Newsletter, October 2017

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## Library

We are lucky at Brookdale to have such a wonderful school library. This excellent facility is open to use for reading, researching or doing homework on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 3.15pm-4.00pm. Please feel free to come and use the library during these times. The library can be accessed via the Key Stage 2 playground.



## Holidays

Holidays in school term time are only permitted under exceptional circumstances. More details about this can be found in the [attendance policy](#).

The following dates are set aside for national tests. No holidays will be authorised during these periods for the children involved.

**Year 1 Phonics Screening**— 11th-15th June 2018

**Year 2 SATS**—1st—25th May 2018

**Year 6 SATs**—14th—18th May 2018

## Facebook and Twitter

The school uses Twitter to post pictures and comments about everyday life. These posts also appear on the school Facebook page. You can follow us by clicking on the icons below.



## Grant Application

In the previous newsletter I shared the news of our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme .

The voting in the scheme remains in stores up until the end of October. We would encourage you and your family to get voting!

The following stores are taking part—  
HESWALL SUPERSTORE  
NESTON EXPRESS  
EASTHAM RAKE EXPRESS  
PENSBY EXPRESS  
LITTLE SUTTON EXPRESS  
SUTTON ARMS ELLESMERE PORT EXPRESS

## Governors

At the last full governors meeting both Dr Tracey Baxter and Mr Pete Smith stepped down from their respective roles as Chair of Governors and Vice-Chair of Governors . I would like to thank them both for their hard work and support over the past twelve months. I am pleased to say they are both staying on as governors. The available positions were filled as follows—

Chair of Governors— Mr John Hughes  
Vice-Chair of Governors—Mrs Ruth Doig



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## PTA

A big thank you to the PTA for continuing to raise lots of invaluable funds for school. They have recently agreed to fund one replacement interactive whiteboard. This support means that during half term we will have a total of three classroom interactive whiteboards replaced. These new boards will greatly enhance teaching and learning opportunities. Our aim is to install new whiteboards in every classroom and by supporting PTA events you can help us achieve this target.



## Curriculum Mornings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for the recent curriculum mornings. We received overwhelming positive feedback with parents stressing how they liked the chance to work alongside their child.

We hope that the information you gained will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

## Grapes

A polite reminder –If you're providing grapes as part of a school lunch, please can you cut them in half, length ways. This guidance follows a number of choking incidents in schools across the country.

## Parking

After a number of near misses we would ask you to not to use the school car park unless for disabled access. Thank you for your support with this.



**Food For Life**

We have just started our journey as a 'Food for Life' school. The Food for Life project is all about healthy eating, creating a dining culture, food knowledge and food sustainability. We are hoping that in 12 months we will have put enough in place to meet the criteria for the bronze award.

As part of the project we are in the process of setting up a committee. The committee will drive the project and will consist of pupils, staff, governors, members of the community and hopefully parents. If you are interested in becoming part of the committee please let the school office know. The committee will meet once every half term.

Further details about Food for Life can be found on their [website](#).



## Dates for your diary

- **30/10/17**—Return to school after half term
- **2/11/17**—Year 6 @ Greasby Methodist
- **17/11/17**—Non-uniform PTA donation
- **22/11/17**—Yr3 Class assembly, 9.15am
- **24/11/17**— Non-uniform PTA donation
- **Wb27/11/17**—Year 6 swimming all week
- **1/12/17**— Non-uniform PTA donation
- **7/12/17**— Year 2 @ Greasby Methodist
- **12/12/17**— Santa Breakfast
- **13/12/17**—KS1 Christmas Production, 2pm and 6.30pm
- **14/12/17**—Christmas Lunch
- **15/12/17**—Christmas Wrap PTA
- **18/12/17**—Carol Service @St John's
- **20/12/17**— Yr3 and 4 Celebration of Christmas
- **22/12/17**—Break up for Christmas