

The Brook Breakfast and After School Club

Newsletter 2 - 05.11.2018

Dear Parents and Carers



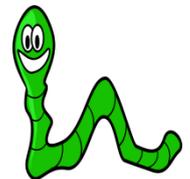
Happy Bonfire night! Welcome to our second Breakfast and After School Club newsletter of Autumn 2018. It has been a busy few weeks! We really enjoyed getting to know all of our new children in September and hearing all of your lovely summer holiday stories. We then had a Castles, Knights and Princesses focus which is always a favourite with the children. We made castles from junk modelling, created sparkly, glittery crowns and fierce shields! The children also had fun making some very spooky Halloween masks, which many of them wore home for some trick or treating. This week we are going to get messy making some fantastic firework pictures. We will be making clay pots for Diwali and clay poppies and colourful poppy paintings for Remembrance Day.

As always, in addition to our focused activities there is always a range of indoor activities such as crafts, construction, board games, laptops and tablets. Every day we also (rain allowing) make full use of the outside areas; we will play tennis, football, parachute, hoops, skipping, chalking, bouncing hoppers and just generally have fun! We also have a movie night on Friday's for those who want to relax after a busy week.



We are also extremely excited about our 'I'm a Celebrity Week!' which is running from Monday 12th November to Friday 16th November. We have so much planned for the children, they are going to have a great week. Here is a recap of what we have planned:

Marvellous Monday will begin with a BANG! Can you win Jungle Stars by completing the Blindfold challenge? Are you brave enough for the Eye Ball Surprise? Can you win the Worm Races as well as lots of creative tasks!



Tremendous Tuesday - Pit your wits against the Dizzy Dodgy Assault Course, create a waterproof den, make vines leaves, snakes and spirals and take them home to make your family jump! Can you complete the Blindfold Water Cup challenge?



Wicked Wednesday will challenge you to the limit! Can you construct the Bush Telegraph? Can you find a key in the Hidden Box Trials? Are you brave enough to try a Caterpillar smoothie? Can you break the secret Jungle Code and test your willpower to be the last one standing in Life On A leaf!



Tasty Thursday is only for the brave! This is the Eating Challenge Day! Have you ever fancied eating pickled slugs, kangaroo eye balls, monkey bogey, minging maggots and frogs spawn! If the answer is yes, then this is the day for you! (Don't worry Parents and Carers it's all edible and can be bought at Tesco's!)

Fun time Film Friday! After our exhausting week of fun, we will be finishing the week with more jungle craft and a showing of the Disney Jungle Book film for those who want to relax.

There are only a few spaces left in our 'I'm a Celebrity' Week - to book one of these places please go to <https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk>. If you have not booked with us before you will need to register your child and then make your booking. As always, 3pm to 6pm is £15 per day (includes dinner) and 3pm to 5pm is £10 per day (does not include dinner). Please contact Nicola on brookclubbookings@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk if you have any questions.

ASC and BFC dates for Spring 2018

The dates for the first half of Spring Term 2019 will be made available to book today from 12 noon. All of our release dates are listed at the bottom of this newsletter and copies are found on our website. Please email Nicola if you have any questions on brookclubbookings@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Remember you can now see all of our weekly planning, food menus, newsletters and terms of reference as well as book your sessions on our website:

<http://www.brook.w-sussex.sch.uk/the-brook-breakfast-and-after-school-club>

Parent Survey of Breakfast and After School Club Autumn 2018

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey. We were extremely pleased with the results and parents were overwhelmingly happy with the clubs and the service it provides. Here are some of the summarised results:

- 94% said it was Very Easy or Easy to find out information about the clubs
- 100% thought it was Very Easy or Easy to book places in the clubs
- 100% were able to book the times and days they wanted
- 100% found it Very Easy or Easy to make payments
- 85.7% found the newsletters Excellent or Good.
- As shown below, you will see that a very low percentage of parents read the weekly planning sheets and food sheets. Even though not many of you seem to read them, we feel it is important information for you to have access to and so will continue to publish them every week - so please just remember they are on the website when you need them, the percentages were:
 - Only 37.5% found the planning sheets useful on the website - the other 62.5% said they had never read them.
 - Only 18.75% found the menu plans useful - again the other 81.25% said they never read them.

- 82% thought the quality of dinners were Excellent or Good.
- 94% thought the clubs provided Excellent or Good value for money.

Areas which we will try to focus on as a result of your comments are:

- To review our special diet options to ensure that there is more range in what is offered.
- To review the snacks offered to provide a better range.

We will update you on these in our next newsletter.

Payments on the System

Please understand that most of our staff work term time only, so therefore payments made during the holidays may take up to the end of the first week back before they appear on your account. Your patience is appreciated, thank you.

Dates for your diaries

- Dates for each half term are released on the second Monday of the previous half term at 12 noon, so the dates are as follows:
 - Second half of Spring Term 2019 - dates released on 7th January 2019 at 12 noon
 - First half of Summer Term 2019 - dates released on 4th March 2019 at 12 noon
 - Second half of Summer Term 2019 - dates released on 29th April 2019 at 12 noon
 - First half of Autumn Term 2019 - dates released on 10th June 2019 at 12 noon
- Please make sure you book your sessions for next half term.
- Please can you put your child's name as the reference when you make a booking.

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A Very Long list of Reminders from previous newsletters:

- **Pick up from other clubs:** We try our very best to always accommodate parent requests to collect children at later times, for example after school trips or from other clubs. However, there may be times (even with additional staff drafted in) that we physically cannot meet all requests - an example is when there are 5 different collection times from 4pm to 5pm from different locations. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case.
Please remember that we need 48 hours notice for us to collect your child from another club e.g. 4.15pm pick up from football, cricket or cross country. If we do not have the required notice, we may not have the right amount of staff in place to accommodate the additional pick up and we may have to turn down your request.
- Please remember to let us know if your child is going home with someone else, attending a club or going on a school trip. We will wait at the school until we get confirmation that the child is safe and does not need picking up; so please let us know to save the whole walking bus waiting for confirmation. Thank you.
- Please make sure your children are booked in. We have had a few parents forget to book and then arrive for club. Our worry is that if the club is full we may have to turn you away.
- Sometimes the school has PTA run events after school e.g. school disco. Please note that if you would like your child to attend the event and not ASC, you will need to cancel your ASC booking. As you will all know from our Terms and Conditions, there is

a two week cancellation period for ASC and 24 hours for BFC - refunds can only be given if the cancellation is before the cancellation period.

- Please see our Terms and Conditions if you have any questions about how the clubs run - they can be found on our website.
- We understand that occasionally exceptional circumstances may mean you are late to collect your child, but please always try to be on time. Thank you.
- If your child needs any prescribed emergency medicine for example inhalers, Epipens or insulin then please note that we need to have an individual health care plan in place for them - this takes 10 minutes to do. Please chat to Nicola if this is the case. Children who need emergency medicine must have these medicines on site and in date at all times. Unfortunately we cannot have the children in the clubs if we do not have the medicine that they may need.
- Please make sure your emergency contacts are up to date at all times.
- Finally, please do not park in the car park at drop off or pick up. This car park is for staff only. Please feel free to use the layby outside the school.

Staff - just as a reminder for you, here are the staff in our clubs:

Breakfast and After School Club: Nicola Tomlin (Breakfast and After School Club Manager), Caroline Clack (Breakfast and After School Club Assistant) and Tina Warwick (Breakfast and After School Club Assistant).



Picture left to right: Tina Warwick, Nicola Tomlin and Caroline Clack

Office Support: Jo Sutton (Business Manager) and Emma Taylor (School Administrator)

Contacting the Club

- You can now contact Nicola on brookclubbookings@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk.
- You can telephone the clubs when they are running on 07562 378006 - Nicola has the phone on from 7.30am through to 9am and then again from 1.30pm through to 6.15pm. If you wish to contact us in between these times, please call the school office on 01293 886521.
- You can book your breakfast and after school bookings by visiting

<https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask a member of the BFC or ASC team or email us at brookclubbookings@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Thank you and kind regards

The Breakfast and After School Club Team