

The Brook Breakfast and After School Club

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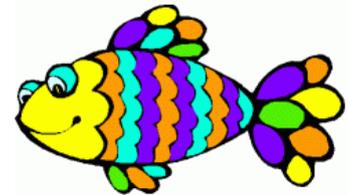
Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you all had a lovely half term break. Although we had a wet and windy weekend the sun was really shining last week and the children loved being out, playing games before and after school. Spring is definitely in the air!



Our last half term was jammed packed! The highlight for all was the Valentines sewing. All the children from Reception through to Year 6 had a go at making some really lovely felt hearts. We have had several parents comment on how lovely they were so we hope you all enjoyed them. We will be doing lots more sewing projects over the terms ahead.

Our first two weeks after Christmas were spent creating winter scenes and developing characters to add to our stories. The children loved adding lots of glitter and sparkles and just generally getting messy! We then moved onto 'Under the Sea'. We drew, decorated and cut our fish and sea related pictures to decorate our display. The children did some more sewing and made fish to hang on our display. Every year we love our Chinese New Year topic as we make paper lanterns and colourful dragons, it is such a vibrant topic to cover.



This half term we will be making some special secret Mother's Day treats as well as our usual Easter Egg Hunts! As it is Spring, we are hoping for warmer weather and lots of fun outside activities. We will be starting to do some growing; we are hoping to make some faces with crazy cress hair that the children can grow and experimenting with mixing different colours and making daffodil pictures from potato shapes. We will also be doing some planting in the outside areas and will be doing some pond dipping in Clawson's corner, hopefully we may see some tadpoles! We also are very excited to have another themed week called 'It's a Knock out' - please see below for more information.



Please note - There will be no Breakfast or After School Club on Thursday 2nd May 2019 as The Brook School is closed for Polling. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

As always, in addition to our focused activities there are 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 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.



It's a Knock Out!

Monday 25th March to Friday 29th March 2019

The Brook After School Club is planning another fantastic week of FUN!!

Monday 25th March 2019 - DODGEBALL DAY!!

Elite Development are running a fun filled Dodgeball session! There will be sessions for the older and younger children and children will learn how to play Dodgeball and other ball skills.



Tuesday 26th March 2019 - CRAZY CIRCUS WORKSHOP!

We are so excited that Circus Brighton are joining us to teach us how to juggle, balance, throw, catch, twizzle and spin!



Wednesday 27th March 2019 - BASKETBALL

Elite Development will be coming in to teach us some brilliant basketball skills! Children will have fun learning how to bounce, pass and shoot!



Thursday 28th March 2019 - TRACK AND FIELD EVENT!

After such a week of fun there will be a track and field evening with lots of events for the children to take part in including javelin, running, throwing, jumping, hopping, skipping and much much more!



Friday 29th March 2019 - FUN TIME FRIDAY!

After our exhausting busy fun week we will be finishing off with a movie and popcorn for those who want to relax.



To book your place - We are very excited about our It's a Knock out Week! and really hope that the children love it. To book your child's place 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. 3pm to 5pm 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.

Thank you.

ASC and BFC dates for Summer 2019

The dates for the first half of Summer Term 2019 will be made available to book from 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>

Payments on the System

Please understand that 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 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
- **Thursday 2nd May 2019 - The Brook closed for Polling - no BFC or ASC**
- 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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Reminders

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 lay-by 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) bursar@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk
Emma Taylor (School Administrator) schooladmin@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk

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