

The Brook Breakfast and After School Club

Newsletter 5 - 26.04.2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you all had a lovely Easter break. Hopefully you got a chance to enjoy the lovely sunshine!



Our last half term was full of fun! We kicked off the term celebrating Spring by painting some lovely watercolour flower pictures. The pictures were amazing! We are all always so impressed at how creative the children are. The children brought these pictures home so we hope that you all enjoyed them. We then went on to make daffodil prints using potatoes and got messy with lots of yellow paint! For Mothers Day, children worked hard to make tissue paper flowers cards, they were so excited and proud to bring them home. We then moved onto our Easter theme and as always made lots of lovely cards, pictures and played Easter games.



We had our "It's a Knock Out Week" at the end of March. It was such a fun week as we invited Elite to teach the children Basketball and Dodgeball. Brighton Circus also came in to do a circus workshop which the children LOVED! They learnt how to balance plates, ride a mini balancing bike, juggle, hula hoop, catch, throw fire (don't worry it was pretend fire!) and at the end the children got into groups and put on a show! It really was so much fun and as a result we have decided to invest in some good circus equipment which the children can play with in the club every day.

The children also loved learning about Dodgeball and Basketball. They were taught ball skills including bouncing, dribbling, catching and throwing! Basketball was a definite favourite! They played team games racing to find the stars whilst bouncing the balls along, it was great fun to watch all the children have so much fun.



So as always, we have lots planned for this half term too! Last week we made some lovely St George's Day flags and all children have been offered the chance to grow broad beans in jam jars. These have all now gone home, so fingers crossed for lots of growing at home. Over the next two weeks we will be exploring colours including colour palette mixing, ice cube painting and marble rolling.

We will finally then be exploring life cycles and mini beasts. We will be making butterfly and spider headbands, symmetry printing, finger butterflies and looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar.



We are also very excited that Nicola will be bringing in her two pet Tarantulas - Emilia and Mango to meet the children!

Next half term, we will be throwing our end of term Summer Party! More details to follow. 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.



Polling Days

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.

We have also been informed that there will be another Polling Day on 23rd May - all voting will be in a portacabin so clubs **WILL NOT** be affected on this day and will both remain open.

Movie Night

The Brook PTA is holding a Movie Night for Brook School children on Tuesday 21st May 2019. If you do not want your child to attend ASC this day, please note this must be cancelled by Monday 6th May - no refunds will be given after this day for cancelled sessions as we will assume that your child needs their place in ASC. Thank you.

ASC and BFC dates for the second half of Summer 2019

The dates for the second 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:
 - First half of Autumn Term 2019 - dates released on 10th June 2019 at 12 noon
- **Thursday 2nd May 2019 - The Brook is 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