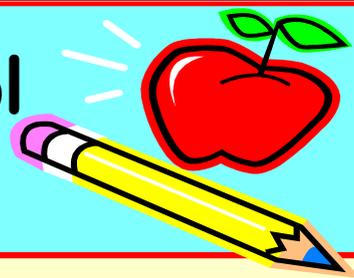


# The Brook School and Nursery



**HI ALL,**

Happy New Year and welcome to all our new nursery children and families that have just started their learning journey with us.

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## CENSUS

It is our termly census on Thursday 18th January and this is where our funding for the free school meals is decided by how many children have lunch that day. Please can we ask that all children try a school lunch this Thursday. If they do not normally have school dinner, please could they try a little bit and then eat their packed lunch. Thank you for your support with this.



## JEWELLERY & FASHION EXTRAS!

Please can we remind you about our rules on jewellery. For health and safety reasons children must not wear jewellery to school. We will allow small studs in pierced ears but these must be small and plain. If your child comes into school wearing large earrings or hoops, we will contact you to come and remove them. For PE all earrings have to be removed. This is a West Sussex health and safety regulation. We will only tape over ears that have been newly pierced and are within the first 6 weeks of settling in. After this, your child must be able to remove them by themselves or we will phone you to come and remove the earrings or your child will not be able to participate in PE. We are aware that at certain times in the year, some children wear jewellery for religious reasons. If this is the case, you must inform your class teacher of this and the reason as to why they are wearing it. If we feel that this may be a health and safety hazard, we may have to ask for it to be removed.

We have also noticed that some children are wearing large or inappropriate fashion extras or nail varnish. Please can we ask that you ensure that your child's nails are varnish free (except after a disco) and that their hair accessories are kept appropriate - no huge hair bands or excessively large hair bows. Thank you.

## PARKING



We have had more complaints about parking. A resident has said that parents are parking on the grass verge outside their house which is now being churned up into a muddy area. There have also been more complaints around the parking near nursery. People are double parking and cars are struggling to get through as well as parents mounting the kerb to park. Please can we remind you to park with respect for our neighbours and with absolute safety in mind for our children. Please do not mount the kerb and drive along when children are on there as they are not looking for cars when they run, walk and scoot along the pavements. We do not want any child to get hurt. Please make sure you also leave enough room for other cars to get through. We do understand that there is not enough parking around the school but ask that you try and walk when you can or park and stride. We will be monitoring the parking around nursery to ensure our children's safety when coming to school and leaving it. Thank you for your support.

## SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

We have 3 sessions this week for Child Protection training for all volunteers and helpers in school. There is a session on Tuesday 16th at 9.00am and at 7.00pm in the evening. There is a 3rd session on Thursday 18th at 2.00pm. Please let the office know which one you are attending so that we can have the correct number of packs ready. Thank you.



## YEAR 1 MUSIC LESSONS

We are very excited that our Year 1 children have begun weekly music lessons with an experienced music teacher. They had a great session and are very excited about all the new musical learning they will be having including learning to play the recorder.

## CLASS PHOTOS

We will be having our class photos on Tuesday 24th April.

There's more on the back.....

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

- We desperately need donations of children's pants, knickers and socks as our supplies are almost out. Thank you.
- Please remember that children cannot come to school if they have had diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

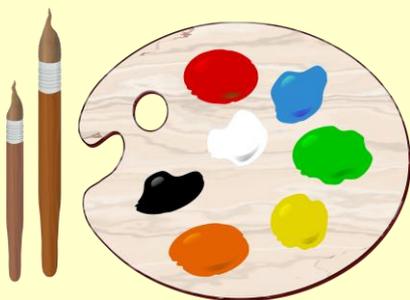
## FRIENDS OF THE BROOK

The Friends of The Brook are our Parent and Teacher Association who raise money for The Brook. All parents from both school and nursery are invited to join and we are looking to recruit new members this year. Please email [pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk) if you are interested. Thank you.

Next Friends events:

- Monday 15th January - Friends meeting at 7.00pm at the Coaching Halt - all welcome
- Tuesday 8th February 3.15 - 4.45- Valentine's Disco

The Friends are always pleased to hear from you with suggestions for money raising events or offers of help, so please get in touch with them [pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk) or put a note in the Friends red post box in the office reception area.



## TALKING TIPS

- Younger children might find it difficult to tell you about their day at school. To support them, try giving choices like "did you paint a picture or play on the activity trail?" or ask "tell me one good thing that happened today". You could say one good thing about your day as well, just to get the conversation going.
- Think out loud - talk to your child about what you're doing and when you're doing it, that way they will begin to match what they hear to the object or the action that you're talking about.

## DIARY DATES

- 15.01.18 - Friends meeting at 7.00pm, Coaching Halt
- 16.01.18 - 9.00am - Child Protection training for parent helpers
- 16.01.18 - 7.00pm - Child Protection training for parent helpers
- 18.01.18 - Census day - please have a school lunch
- 18.01.18 - Badgers swimming
- 18.01.18 - 2.00pm - Child Protection training for parent helpers
- 25.01.18 - Badgers swimming
- 01.02.18 - Badgers swimming
- 08.02.18 - Badgers swimming
- 08.02.18 - Valentine's Disco 3.15 - 4.45
- 09.02.18 - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM AT 3.00PM
- 19.02.18 - School & Nursery starts
- 22.02.18 - Squirrels start swimming
- 28.02.18 - Parents evening 3.20 - 7.00pm
- 01.03.18 - Squirrels swimming
- 01.03.18 - Parents evening 3.20 to 5.30pm
- 02.03.18 - WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP**
- 08.03.18 - 01.03.18 - Squirrels swimming
- 14.03.18 - Internet safety evening at MJS
- 15.03.18 -01.03.18 - Squirrels swimming
- 22.03.18 -01.03.18 - Squirrels swimming
- 26.03.18 - OPEN AFTERNOON 3.00 to 4.00pm
- 29.03.18 - Celebration Assembly at 8.45am
- 29.03.18 - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK AT 3.00PM
- 16.04.18 - School and nursery starts
- 03.05.18 - School & Nursery closed for Polling.
- 25.05.18 - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM AT 3.00PM
- 04.06.18 - School closed for Inset
- 05.06.18 - School & Nursery starts
- 15.06.18 - Sports morning**
- 11.06.18 - Phonics screening week for Year 1
- 22.06.18 - back up sports morning if weather bad**
- 06.07.18 - Reports go out
- 19.07.18 - Party day
- 20.07.18 - School and Nursery break up for Summer
- 13.12.18 - Christmas Panto trip 2018**

# The Brook

## NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Please feel free to write any comments about either the newsletter or other areas relating to school below. We really do value your feedback.

Child's Name: ..... Class:.....

Signed..... Date.....