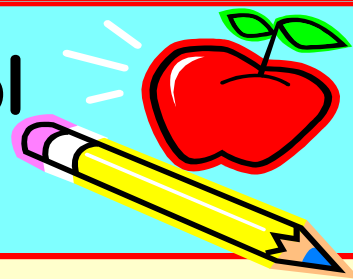


# The Brook School and Nursery



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**HI ALL,**

This is a very busy newsletter as we have a lot of events coming up. There is a third page which tells you all about our Christmas play.



## **FIREWORKS NIGHT**

Please remember it is our joint Fireworks night at Maidenbower Juniors tonight. Doors open from 6.00pm and you can pay on the gate. Fireworks are due to go off at 7.15pm. It is a really fab night so please come along and support our schools.

## **PARENTS EVENING**

We will be having Parents evening next week on Wednesday 7th November from 3.20 to 7.00pm and Thursday 8th November from 3.20 to 5.30pm. This is where you book a ten minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss how they are getting on. The online booking system went live yesterday so please make sure you sign up for a slot.

We do ask that you stick to the 10 minute appointment slot. If you need more time please make another appointment to continue the discussion. We will be running a creche on both evenings in our spare classroom which is down towards the nursery. This is for nursery and school aged children only. We cannot accept younger children as Miss Dowley is in there on her own. Please sign your child in and out of the creche.

## **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Graham Latham will be coming in to take individual and sibling photos on Tuesday 13th November. Nursery parents will be given details about what time they need to pop in if children do not attend a session on that day.

## **SCOOTERS & BIKES**

We love that children bike or scoot to school and it helps as part of our WOW (Walk once a week) project. Please can we ask that when they go over the bump or through the gate that they then walk their bike or scooter to the scooter parking area and not ride them around the playground or car park. Many thanks.

## **SPONSORED READ**

We will be running a sponsored read for school and a sponsored listen for nursery between Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The project is being organised in conjunction with our local **Usborne Organiser**, Amanda Saunders, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for the Brook School. Please help us to raise money by getting as many people as you can to sponsor your child to read. Amanda will be introducing our sponsored read/listen with the children on Monday during assembly. Amanda will also be selling books at our Parents evening next week. On Wednesday she will have a stall from 5.00pm and Thursday she will be there from 3.20 until 5.30pm

If you know of any businesses that would be willing to support us by undertaking the community book pledge to help us raise extra money for books, a letter is attached with this newsletter that can be passed onto them. Thank you for your support with this.



## **POPPIES**

This year marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. On Friday 9th November we will be having a Remembrance Assembly at 11.00 and we will be holding a two minute silence. We will also be remembering this important event with some poppy related activities across the school and nursery. We are selling poppies in school. If your child would like to buy a poppy please send them in with a small donation. The poppies come round to the classes each day or pop in to the office and buy one there.



## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

We will be holding our annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Tuesday 4th December at 6.00pm. We will be selling refreshments including mulled wine and flashing toys. We have some Christmas songs for you all to join in with so please do come and join us. It really is a very special evening. Wrap up warm though!

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

## CHILDREN IN NEED



Children in Need is on Friday 16th November and we will be asking the children to come to school in their own clothes and to bring a small donation for Children in Need. Thank you.

## BAD HAIR DAY

On Friday 23rd November we will be having Bad Hair Day. Your child can come in their own clothes with the maddest baddest hair that they can create. We only ask that in return you donate a gift for the Secret's Room at the Christmas fair. This year we are asking for presents for a dad or male relative. Remember that what you put in could come back to you! Thank you.

## LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Our library is now open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3.00 to 3.30pm. Your child will get a free book mark on their first visit. Do pop along and choose some lovely books to read. A big thank you to our parents giving up their time to run the library.

## FRIENDS OF THE BROOK

Thank you to our Friends and volunteers for the fantastic Halloween disco. The children had a very spookylicious time!

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 so why not pop along and find out what they do.

### The Friends upcoming events:

**Friday 2nd November 2018** - Fireworks Night at Maidenbower Junior school

**Monday 19th November** - Friends meeting at 7.00pm at The Coaching Halt

**Saturday 1st December 2018** - Christmas Fair at Maidenbower Juniors and Maidenbower Infants

## DIARY DATES

02.11.18 - Fireworks night at MJS  
 07.11.18 - Parents evening 3.20 - 7.00pm  
 08.11.18 - Parents evening 3.20 to 5.30  
**13.11.18 - Individual photos**  
 16.11.18 - Children in Need  
**19.11.19 - Friends meeting at 7.00pm at Coaching Halt**  
 23.11.18 - Bad Hair Day  
 30.11.18 - Play tickets go out  
 01.12.18 - Christmas Fair at MJS  
**04.12.18 - Lighting of the Christmas tree at 6.00pm**  
 06.12.18 - Dress rehearsal  
 07.12.18 - Christmas play am - Y2 & Nursery parents  
**07.12 - Celebration assembly at 2.20pm**  
 10.12.18 - Christmas play am - Reception parents  
**10.12.18 - OPEN afternoon - 3.00 to 4.00pm**  
 11.12.18 - Christmas play am - Y1 parents  
 12.12.18 - Christmas play pm - Y2 & Nursery parents  
**13.12.18 - Christmas Panto trip**  
**14.12.18 - Christmas lunch**  
 18.12.18 - Party day  
 19.12.18 - Celebration assembly at 8.45 - all December Birthdays  
**19.12.18 - School & Nursery closes at 1.00pm**  
**03.01.19 - SCHOOL & NURSERY STARTS**  
**02.05.19 - Polling Day - Nursery & School closed**

## INSET DAYS 2018 - 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

## Holidays

Christmas break - Thursday 20th December 2018 to Wednesday 2nd January 2019 - school starts Thursday 3rd January

Half term - Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019 - school starts Monday 25th February

Easter break - Monday 8th April 2019 to Monday 22nd April 2019 - school starts Tuesday 23rd April

Half term - Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019 - school starts Tuesday 4th June

Summer break - we break up on Friday 19th July at 1.00pm



## A HANDY TIP

Please leave your pumpkins out in your garden as they are a valuable source of food for so many garden animals - squirrels, hedgehogs, birds.

e-mail any comments to - [office@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk) or [head@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk)

### Our Christmas Play

Our Christmas Play this year is called 'Tinsel and Teatowels'. It is about a school preparing for their Christmas nativity when two Ofsted Inspectors turn up! For those of you who were here last year, this was in fact what actually happened so we thought this would celebrate this Christmas perfectly. Costume letters will be coming home soon.

For parents new to the school, we invite you to come and see the show on a certain day. The days are as following:

- Thursday 6th at 9.15 - dress rehearsal
- Friday 7th at 9.15 - Year 2 and Nursery parents
- Monday 10th at 9.15 - Reception (this performance is being filmed)
- Tuesday 11th at 9.15 - Year 1 parents
- Wednesday 12th at 1.30 - Year 2 and Nursery parents

We issue 2 tickets per family for the performance - if you live separately this will be one ticket per parent. These will be on your allocated day. For Year 2 and Nursery parents, we send you home a preference letter where you choose from your 2 allocated performances. Tickets will be coming home on Friday 30th November. Once tickets are handed out parents can then come and swap tickets if they cannot attend on that day via the office. The dress rehearsal is free for any parents to attend and younger siblings. You can pick up tickets from the office from Friday 30th November. Please invite extended family to this too. Some of the juniors also come and watch and they do get the front seats for this rehearsal. Reserved seating - we do reserve seating for those people who help regularly at our school (governors, Friends, parent helpers) as a thank you.

### CRECHE

We run a creche for the main shows. We only allow younger siblings and babies into the dress rehearsal and ask that you make alternative arrangements for little ones. Our creche is dependent on the number of helpers we have and in the case that we have no help, we will inform you the creche that day is cancelled. If you want to book your child into the creche please return the letter sent home. If your child is using the creche please send them with a drink and a snack. Please be aware that if you haven't booked into the creche and you turn up with your little one, you will not be able to go into the show or use the creche. If you can help in the creche please return the form sent home next week or phone the office.

# 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.....