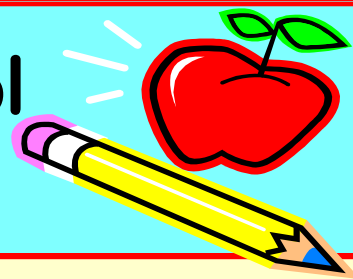


The Brook School and Nursery



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HI ALL,

I cannot believe how quickly this year is going. Luckily the snow wasn't as heavy as forecast but please wrap up warm this weekend as it is so cold out there.

GOODBYE

Mrs O'Keefe will be retiring on Friday 15th March. Mrs O'Keefe has been at The Brook since the first day it opened (20 years almost) and has seen so many of our families pass through. We will miss her so much and we want to thank her for all her hard work and support she has shown this school. We wish her all the best in now taking time to be with her grandchildren and family.

WORLD BOOK DAY & CRAWLEY WORD FESTIVAL

World Book day is on Thursday 7th March. However, due to swimming and music happening on this day, we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March. On this day your child can come dressed to school as their favourite book character and we will be having lots of lovely reading activities during the day. We will also be handing out World Book Day book vouchers which you can redeem at various stores.



In March Crawley holds its very own Word Festival. This year, on Thursday 7th March World Book Day will be kicking off at WH Smiths in town where there will be some fun activities including Oriels very own Samba band. You will be able to pick up some more World Book Day vouchers.

On Saturday 16th March there will be a family fun day from 11.00 to 4.00pm at Crawley Library. They will have different children's authors and story tellers and some fabulous fun activities. So please go along and have some family fun for free.

PARENTS EVENING

Please remember to book online for Parents evening on Thursday 7th February and Monday 11th February. Please remember to stick to your 10 minute appointment so that teachers do not run over. If you need more time, your teacher can make another appointment.

We will be running a creche in the Den (next to Nursery and the Reception classes) for all school aged and nursery children. Unfortunately we cannot accept any children under 3. You will need to sign your child in and out of the creche.

NEAR MISS

Last week we had a near miss involving a car and a scooter on the corner of Moorlands Road and Salterns Road opposite the school. A child stopped but their scooter kept on going and went into the road and hit a car. Luckily nobody was hurt but please can we remind everyone to take great care. If your child is scooting ahead, ensure they have a stopping place which is before the corner of the road so they have plenty of time to stop. Please can we also remind drivers to drive very slowly around Salterns and Moorlands Road. Thank you.

FLU VACCINE

Well done to all of you. We achieved 83% take up for the flu vaccination compared to West Sussex's overall figure of 65%.

THE BROOK WILL BE 20 YEARS OLD

The Brook opened in September 1999 and this year sees our 20 year anniversary. The juniors also celebrates 20 years as well. We are hoping to have a carnival to celebrate between all 3 schools. If you would like to be on the working party to help us organise this fantastic event, we will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 26th February at 7.00pm here at The Brook. Come along and share your fantastic ideas.



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

WELLIES

Today we could only let children with wellies play in the snow. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school so that they can enjoy future snow days.


CLASS PHOTOS

We will be having our class photos on Wednesday 24th April. Please make sure your child wears a school jumper or cardigan on that day. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE BROOK

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 or put a note in the Friends red post box in the office reception area.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 14th February - Valentine's disco 
- Tuesday 26th February - Carnival planning meeting at 7.00pm at The Brook

INSET DAYS 2019 - 2020

Monday 2nd September 2019
 Tuesday 3rd September 2019
 Friday 20th December 2019
 Monday 1st June 2020
 Monday 20th July 2020

HOLIDAYS 2019 - 2020

School starts Wednesday 4th September 2019
 October half term - Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 31st October 2019. School starts on Monday 4th November 2019
 Christmas - Friday 20th December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020 - school starts on Monday 6th January
 February half term - Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020 - school starts on Monday 24th February 2020
 Easter - Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020 - school starts on Monday 20th April 2020
 May half term - Monday 25th May 2020 to Monday 1st June 2020 - School starts on Tuesday 2nd June 2020
 Summer - Monday 20th July 2020

DIARY DATES

07.02.19 - Parents evening 3.20 to 7.00pm
 11.02.19 - Parents evening 3.20 to 5.30pm
 14.02.19 - Valentines disco 3.15 - 4.45pm
 15.02.19 - Miss Hack's last day
 15.02.19 - Break up for half term at 3.00pm
 25.02.19 - School and nursery starts
 26.02.19 - Carnival planning group at 7.00pm
 08.03.19 - World Book Dress up day
 21.03.19 - Year 1 music presentation at 9.00am
 21.03.19 - Year 2 music presentation at 11.00
 05.04.19 - Break up for Easter at 1.00pm
 23.04.19 - School & nursery starts
 24.04.19 - Class photos
 02.05.19 - Polling Day - Nursery & School closed
 06.05.19 - May day bank holiday
 24.05.19 - Break up for half term at 3.00pm
 04.06.19 - School & nursery starts
 11.06.19 - New Reception Parents evening at 6.30pm
 14.06.19 - Sports morning
 14.06.19 - Celebration assembly at 2.20pm
 18.06.19 - New Nursery parents evening at 6.30pm
 21.06.19 - Provisional Sports morning if previous one cancelled
 04.07.19 - Y1 Forest Schools trip
 08.07.19 - Summer disco 3.15 to 4.45pm
 10.07.19 - Reception trip to British Wildlife centre
 11.07.19 - New Year 1 and new Year 2 stay and play session 3.15 to 4.00pm
 16.07.19 - Year 2 Leavers assembly at 9.00am
 18.07.19 - Party day
 18.07.19 - Year 2 Leavers disco
 19.07.19 - Thank you assembly for all parent helpers, Friends of The Brook and governors.
 19.07.19 - Break up for Summer at 1.00pm

INSET DAYS 2018 - 2019

Monday 3rd June 2019
 Monday 22nd July 2019
 Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Holidays 2018 - 2019

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
 School starts on Wednesday 4th September



TALKING TIP

- 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.

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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.....