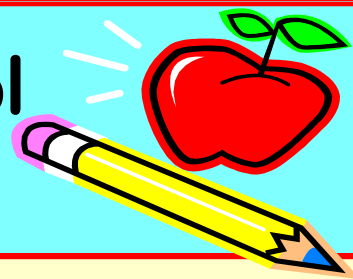


The Brook School and Nursery



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HI ALL,

The countdown to Christmas begins so be prepared...

FIREWORKS NIGHT

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Fireworks night either by helping or attending. It was a hugely successful evening. A special thanks to our Friends, the junior and infant Friends and to Maidenbower Junior staff especially Mrs Jenkins and her premises staff.



FOIL TRAYS

Please can all trays be returned by Monday 26th November ready to be priced before the fair. Thank you.

BAD HAIR DAY

Don't forget that your child can come to school next Friday 23rd in their own clothes and bad mad hair with a donation of a dad's present (or for a male relative) to a value of £2.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

It's our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December from 12.00 to 3.00pm. It takes place at Maidenbower Junior School and Maidenbower Infant School. You can meet Santa, find a present in the secrets room, make your own reindeer food and much much more. So please pop along and support all 3 Maidenbower schools.

The Friends are looking for helpers for the fair. Even if you can only spare an hour, please get in touch with them on pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk or put a note in the Friends red post box in the main office. Thank you.

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!



YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 MUSIC PRESENTATION

On Thursday 22nd November Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a small performance of half an hour to show parents what they have been learning in music. It will be amazing! Year 1 parents presentation will start at 9.00am and Year 2 will start at 11.00pm. Please do try and attend.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We will be having our termly open afternoon on Monday 10th December from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This is a chance to come and look at your child's work, see their classroom and have a look around the school. We do ask that you fill in a small evaluation regarding how your child is getting on. We look forward to seeing you.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Friday 14th December. You do not need to order this - we have ordered enough for every child. The Friends like to help us celebrate by providing every child with a cracker.

PARTY DAY

We will be having party day on Tuesday 18th December. The children have party food instead of a hot lunch so please let the office know by Wednesday 28th November if you want your child to have a hot lunch as well on that day. Party food lists will go up outside the classrooms and in BFC/ASC on Wednesday 5th December. Children can wear party clothes all day and they get a visit from the man in red!

PANTO

A letter came home this week regarding our trip to the panto to see Aladdin on Thursday 13th December. Please make sure you return your permission slip for your child as soon as possible or give permission online. A letter will come home nearer the time giving you more details.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be celebrating Christmas jumper day on Friday 14th December where your child can wear their own Christmassy clothes. We do ask for a small donation on this day which we will be donating to the Maidenbower Park fund.

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

MAIDENBOWER PARK FUND

We are raising money over the next month to support a project at Maidenbower park. They are currently fundraising to install some play equipment that is suitable for children with disabilities as well as a disabled toilet. Our Year 2 class are currently designing pieces of equipment for this project as part of their topic. We will be donating all money raised through Christmas jumper day and collections at our Christmas play towards this. All Maidenbower schools are supporting this project so hopefully we will be able to raise enough money collaboratively.

EARLY FINISH

Please remember that we will be finishing at 1pm on Wednesday 19th December. Please make sure you can come and pick your child up at that time or make other arrangements. There will be no After School Club on that day.

FRIENDS OF THE BROOK

The Friends upcoming events:

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

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

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.



DID YOU KNOW

The Christmas cracker was invented by a London sweet shop owner called Tom Smith. In 1847, after spotting French bonbons wrapped in paper with a twist at each end, he sold similar sweets with a "love motto" inside. He then included a little trinket and a "bang". His "Bangs of Expectation" included gifts such as jewellery and miniature dolls. By 1900, he was selling 13 million a year.

It's technically illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day in England. In the 17th century, Oliver Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, mince pies and anything to do with gluttony. The law has never been rescinded.

e-mail any comments to - office@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk or head@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

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
 07.12.18 - 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



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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.....