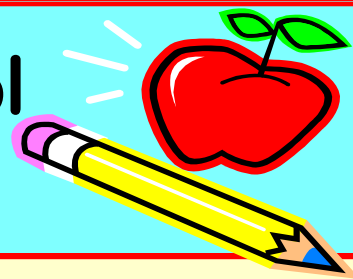


The Brook School and Nursery



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HI ALL,

Welcome back to a new term. There is so much exciting learning happening over this term and Year 1 have already had the circus in!



CONGRATULATIONS

We are so excited that Mrs Hughes is expecting her second baby in June. She will be starting her maternity leave at Easter and her last day will be Friday 5th April.

MAIDENBOWER PARK PROJECT

A HUGE thank you and well done to you all. Our Christmas jumper day raised £135.65 and the Christmas play donations raised a whopping £489.69 giving us a total of £625.34. Absolutely fantastic. Hopefully they have raised enough money to undertake the project to create more accessible toilets and play equipment in the park.

READATHON BOOKS

Another huge thank you to you all as our first delivery of books from Usborne arrived yesterday and Miss Hack spent a lovely afternoon getting them ready to go into book boxes to take home. We are now on our next order of books!

VAPING & SMOKING

Please can we ask that you do not vape or smoke on school premises.

REQUESTS

We have run out of girls tights completely. We also have no socks for the older children - every pair seems quite small. Please can we ask for any items borrowed to be returned and any spare donations you may have of tights and socks. Thank you.

Please can we ask that your child does not bring any toys into school. We would hate for them to get lost or broken.

ABSENCE & ATTENDANCE

It is really important that you let the school know if your child is going to be absent from school and we ask that you let us know each day they are poorly. We have a procedure for children who are absent from school when we do not have a reason why they are off. If we have not heard from parents by 9.10am then we start to call all the contact numbers that have been provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If there are older siblings, we will contact their schools as well. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit. However if we still have not been able to get a response then we will report it to the police as your child will then be classed as a 'missing child'. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school each day they are off. Thank you.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter about our attendance. Our overall attendance last year was 97% which is fantastic so thank you for helping us achieve this. We are however required by the government to review all children whose attendance falls below the government guidelines which has risen from 95% to 97%. The letter outlines the procedures for children whose absence falls below this and does include persistent lateness. This is the same procedure as Maidenbower Junior school. If you receive a letter and you are worried then arrange a meeting with Miss Dowley to discuss this. We do understand that the attendance letters can be upsetting, especially if it is because your child has been poorly.



ZOOLAB

We are very excited to have Zoolab in to visit the classes next Friday. They will be bringing a range of small animals with them such as snails and snakes. They will be going to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

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

BOYS LEARNING

Like many schools, boys are not performing overall as well as girls in reading, writing and maths and we are looking to try and support our boys learn more effectively. One area we know we are struggling with is male role models. As you may be aware, we only have two men who work in the school whilst the children are here and so they mainly see women role models. We are therefore looking for more men to come and volunteer in school with areas such as reading. This could be dads, grandads, uncles or other male relatives. If you can come in and help, please let your class teacher know.

Reception are also holding a fun session first thing in the morning for 20 minutes where they have invited dads, grandads and other male relatives into school to come and join in with reading activities. This is on Tuesday 22nd January at 8.30am and is just for Reception currently but Year 1 and Year 2 will be arranging their own sessions soon.

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



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

22.01.19 - Dads & other male relatives reading session for 20 minutes at 8.30am

18.01.19 - Zoolab in school

30.01.19 - Parents evening online booking opens

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

05.04.19 - Break up for Easter at 1.00pm

23.04.19 - School & nursery starts

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

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 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

Turn your journey to school and back into a talking time. Play 'I spy' looking for objects, what numbers or letters can they find on car registration plates, names of houses or roads, how many red doors can they spot etc.

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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.....