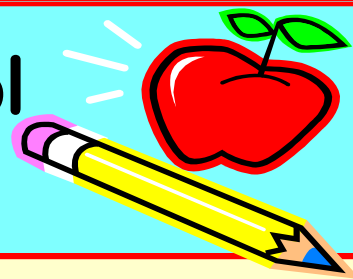


The Brook School and Nursery



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HI ALL,

Welcome back to another fun packed year of learning. I hope you all had a really lovely summer and are all full of energy and raring to go! I would like to give a HUGE welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children who are due to start with us next week. This newsletter has some extra information on Page 3. We provide a feedback form on page 3 of every newsletter should you have any comments either about the newsletter or school/nursery in general. We welcome all feedback.

SPARKLY RIGHTS

Our six sparkly rights are:

- I have the right to be safe and healthy
- I have a right to have a voice and be heard
- I have a right to be different and be me
- I have a right to play and have fun
- I have a right to learn
- I have a right to be a part of this world

Please remember that we celebrate these in Celebration Assembly on Fridays. If your child is receiving an award, you will be invited to attend this assembly by text. We will now be telling your child on the day before the assembly that they are the Sparkly Fish for that week so that they are ready for the assembly.



SNACK & MILK

Please can we remind you to make sure you have ordered milk for your child if they are having it. We have had many children this week who would like milk but are not on the list. See the office for order forms. Children may also bring in their own snack for mid morning. This can be fruit, vegetables, plain breadsticks, plain rice cakes or cheese. Please make sure it is in a container clearly labelled. We will continue to provide fruit and vegetables each day.



STARTING SCHOOL & NURSERY

The Friends will be providing tea and cakes on Wednesday 12th September from 8.30am to 9.15am for Nursery and Reception parents. Please come and have a cuppa, a slice of cake and make new friends. It will be in the hall.

PARENT MEETINGS

We will be holding an informal parents meeting for Year 1 & Year 2 and a phonics meeting for Reception on the dates below. Each meeting takes place in our hall. The meetings are to give you some general information about the learning that will be taking place over the year and any specific information relating to each year group. Do please try and come along. Unfortunately we cannot offer a creche and do ask that you try and find alternative care for younger siblings.

- Year 2 - Tuesday 18th September at 2.00pm
- Year 1 - Wednesday 19th September at 9.00am.
- Reception - Wednesday 26th September at 9.00am.

SUMMER FUN DAY & BBQ

We will be having a Summer fun day and BBQ on Saturday 22nd September from 12.00 to 3.00pm. We will have refreshments, a BBQ, a bar, inflatable's & bouncy castles, stalls and lots more. Please come along and join us for an afternoon of fun and support The Friends in raising money to buy resources for the school and nursery.

We need donations of cakes for our cake stall. Please can these be brought in on Friday 21st September. We desperately need volunteers to help even if it is only for half an hour. If you could spare some time that day to help with a stall, please email The Friends at pta@brook.w-sussex.sch.uk. We look forward to seeing you all on September 22nd for a fun filled afternoon.

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

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 so why not pop along and find out what they do. The Friends will be having their annual AGM on Tuesday 25th September at 7.00pm in the hall. This is open to all new members both from nursery and school and is followed by a normal PTA meeting. We will be serving wine so why not pop along and enjoy a glass and find out all about how you can help.



The Friends upcoming events:

Wednesday 12th September - tea and cake from 8.30am

Saturday 22nd September - Summer fun day & BBQ 12.00 - 3.00pm

Tuesday 25th September 2018 - The Friends AGM at 7.00pm in hall

Thursday 4th October 2018 - Movie night at school from 3.15 to 5.00pm - Y1 & Y2 only

Monday 29th October 2018 - Halloween disco 3.15 - 4.45pm

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

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

Holidays

Half term - Monday 22 October 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018

Christmas break - Thursday 20th December 2018 to Thursday 3rd January 2019

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

Easter break - Monday 8th April 2019 to Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Half term - Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Summer break - we break up on Friday 19th July at 1.15pm

DIARY DATES

10.09.18 - Staggered start for Nursery & Reception

11.09.18 - Spanish club starts

11.09.18 - Yogabugs starts

12.09.18 - Friends providing tea and cakes from 8.30am

13.09.18 - Year 1 and Year 2 music classes start

13.09.18 - Badgers start swimming

18.09.18 - Year 2 Parent talk at 2.00pm

19.09.18 - Year 1 Parent talk at 9.00am

22.09.18 - Welcome BBQ 12.00 - 3.00pm

25.09.18 - Friends AGM at 7.00pm

26.09.18 - Reception Parent talk at 9.00am

26.09.18 - Year 2 to The Hawth

04.10.18 - Movie night 3.15 - 4.45 Y1 & Y2 only

29.10.18 - Halloween disco - change of date

02.11.18 - Flu Spray for all children

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

30.11.18 - Play tickets go out

01.12.18 - Christmas Fair at MJS

03.12.18 - Lighting of the Christmas tree at 6.00pm

06.12.18 - Dress rehearsal

07.12.18 - Christmas play am - Y2 & Nursery parents

10.12.18 - Christmas play am - Reception parents

11.12.18 - Christmas play am - Y1 parents

12.12.18 - Christmas play pm - Y2 & Nursery parents

13.12.18 - Christmas Panto trip

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

INSET DAYS 2018 - 2019

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Monday 3rd June 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

GREET WITH A SMILE AND A CHAT

Please try greeting your child as they come out of school or nursery with a huge smile and have a chat about how their day has been. Recent research showed that many parents tend to be on their phones when picking up their child and that those opportunities for conversations are being missed.

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

PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ABSENT

Please can we make you aware of the school procedure for children who have unexplained absences from school. There have been public cases in the past where schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are off school. It has then transpired that there have been tragic and fatal circumstances around these absences, e.g. illness of a parent and a child unable to seek help. We will do everything we can to prevent such situations occurring as I am sure you would agree that your child's safety is paramount to us all.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office or email the school to report their absence. Please do this before 8.40am on the first day of the absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9.10am then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have 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 haven't 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.

If you would like to talk to Miss Dowley about this please make an appointment to see her

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.....