



BROOKFIELD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



17th February 2017

Dates for your Diary: -

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| 03/03/17 | World Book Day – dress up themed day |
| 24/03/17 | Comic Relief Day |
| 27/03/17 | Y5 Bike-ability week – look out for a separate letter. |
| 27/03/17 | 3:30 – 5:30pm: Parents Evening |
| 28/03/17 | 6:00 – 8:00pm: Parents Evening |
| 03/04/17 | Y6 Residential at Kingswood Activity Centre – all week |



School closes for Easter on **Friday 7th April** and re-opens on **Monday 24th April**

Good Luck and Thank you to Mrs Webb

As we approach the end of this half term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Webb who will be retiring. I would like to formally record my thanks to Mrs Webb for her long and dedicated service to Brookfield – I know she will be sadly missed by many.

May I wish Mrs Webb a very happy retirement and some well-deserved family time. Thank you!

Foundation Stage Building Improvements:

We have received confirmation that building work will begin during the half term holiday in our Foundation Stage. Whilst this will cause a little disruption for the next 6 weeks or so, the improvements to the Foundation Stage provision will be worth it.

Can I ask parents to be extra vigilant when entering and leaving the site, as contractors will be working within the foundation area and may need entrance through the front gates. There will of course be the necessary safety fencing and regulations in place to ensure site safety, but your support will be most appreciated.

100% Attendance

Well done to the **83 pupils** who have attended for 100% of the time this half term – we are very proud of you.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in improving attendance at the academy. This has been particularly challenging given the recent outbreak of chicken pox and flu type virus.



Friends of Brookfield / Parent Voice:

Thank you to our Parent Voice group for purchasing our new playground equipment shed – this is most appreciated and valued by the staff and children.

Internet Safety Day:

The children took part in a number of activities as part of Internet Safety Day last week. PCSO Nicolaou led an assembly with children in Key Stage 2, looking at how to keep yourself safe on the internet and then all pupils undertook work in their classes on keeping safe and cyber-bullying.

Look out for the internet safety posters the children created displayed around school.

You can help keep your child safe when on the internet by monitoring the sites they are using, setting filters on all your devices (including your mobile phones) and regularly reviewing the internet use by checking the browsing history. Of course, you can also ask your child how they can keep themselves safe!

Golden Time & Always Event:

Many parents and carers are telling me how much the children are enjoying their 'Golden Time' and that you can see an improvement in your child's behaviour as they try to keep their 'Golden Time' by following our 'Golden Rules'.



Well Done to the **140 pupils** who kept all of their 'Golden Time' this half term and took part in our Art & Craft 'Always Event'. I'm sure there will be even more pupils next half term – well done to this half terms 'Always Children'.

World Book Day:

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March** by focussing on a class theme and asking pupils to come dressed as a character from their class text.

- Year 6 will be reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom', so may want to come dressed as WWII evacuee.
- Year 5 will be travelling 'Around the World in 20 days', so may want to come dressed in traditional costumes from a European country or the countries they have visited.
- Year 4 will be reading 'Noah Barley Water', so may want to come dressed as their favourite toy or puppet character.
- Year 3 & Year 3/4 will be reading 'Varjak Paw', so may want to dress up as one of the animals on their many adventures.
- Year 2 & Year 1 will be learning lots of Julia Donaldson Poems, so may want to dress as a character from a Julia Donaldson book.
- Foundation Stage are learning all about 'Once upon a Time', so may want to come as a character from a traditional story.

Staff will be sharing their favourite stories during the day and we hope to have a video link to a famous author!

Toys and Equipment from home:

Please can I ask for your support in discouraging your child from bringing toys and equipment from home to school.

If your child has something special they want to share with the class then please pass this to your child's class teacher so that it can be kept safe. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you for your continued support, if you have any questions, queries or concerns please speak to myself or your child's class teacher. Have an enjoyable half term holiday!

Mrs J. Mills