



BROOKFIELD ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



7th April 2017

Dates for your Diary: -

24/04/17	School re-opens
25/04/17	Y5 visit to Mayors Chambers, Rotherham Town Hall
28/04/17	Rt Hon John Healey MP visit to Brookfield
01/05/17	May Day – School Closed
08/05/17	Y6 SATs week
22/05/17	Class photograph day
26/05/17	Close for Spring Bank



Staffing Changes:

Miss Gelder has successfully completed her apprenticeship and will be leaving Brookfield during the Easter holiday. May I wish her every success in her new job – we will all miss her efficient, calm and welcoming approach in the school office.

Mrs Savage has announced she will be leaving Brookfield on 21st April to begin a new career outside of education. Mrs Savage has been a valued and respected member of the staff team and we wish her every future success – she will be very sadly missed.

As discussed with parents in Year 3 and Year 3/4, **Mrs Mahony and Mrs Briggs** will be leaving Brookfield at Easter: may I thank them both for their work and support while at Brookfield.

Mr Cuckson will be joining the staff team after Easter. Mr Cuckson has been in school this week, getting to know the children and planning for teaching Year 3/4 after the Easter holiday. We welcome him to the staff team and I'm sure you will make him very welcome.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Whitworth will teach Year 3 during the summer term: they are both very familiar with the school and children.

Parking on Grass Verges

Parking remains a concern around the school site and may I once again ask parents and family members to park with due care and attention. We have received notification from the local authority that damage is being caused by parents and family members who are parking / driving on the grass verges.

The highway inspector for RMBC would like me to draw your attention to *Section 131 of the Highways Act of 1980*. RMBC is empowered to repair any damage caused to the Highway and all costs reasonable incurred in doing these repairs may be recovered from the alleged offender. The Highways Inspector intends to monitor the situation on Lime Grove and details of offending vehicles may be noted for the purpose of recovering costs associated with any necessary repairs to the highway verges.

If you need to bring your car to school, please park with respect, courtesy and safety in mind.

Foundation Stage Building Work:

We are delighted to announce that internal alterations to the foundation stage have been completed and we are very pleased with the results. There has been a delay with the installation of the external canopy (due to planning permission) but this will be installed during the spring bank holiday. Staff will be busy preparing the classroom in readiness for re-opening after the Easter holiday and we would like to invite foundation stage parents to our coffee morning on **Friday 21st April between 10:00 and 12:00noon**. This will give you and your child a chance to familiarise yourselves with the new classroom before school re-opens on the 24th April. We look forward to showing you your new classroom.

Well Done

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who recently took part in Bike-a-bility training. Everyone who took part passed: this is even more special as the trainers stated that we are the first school they have trained where everyone has passed – well done Year 5!

Well done to Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4 on your fantastic dance performances this week. You have worked really hard on your performances and Miss Wells (dance teacher) was very impressed. We hope parents enjoyed the performance too.

Next Term's Topics:

Foundation Stage: 'How Does your Garden Grow' – plants and growing

Year 1 & Year 2: Literacy Text: 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'

Science: Plants

Geography: Weather

Year 3 & Year 3/4: Literacy Text: 'Iron Woman'

Science: 'Batteries Included'

History: 'Were the Dark Ages Dark?'

Year 4: Literacy Text: 'Moon Man'

Science: 'Shadow Dancers'

History: 'Our Great Britain'

Year 5: Literacy Text: 'Cosmic Disco' (poetry)

Science: 'Growing Pains'

History: 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'

Year 6: Literacy Text: 'The Arrival' & Persuasive texts

Science: 'You Choose' (circulatory system, diet and exercise)

Geography: 'I'm a Year 6, Get me out of here!' (map skills and knowledge)



Thank you

May I take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to all the staff for all their hard work and commitment. Although HMI have not yet visited Brookfield, we have received a number of reviews, including an unannounced inspection from the local authority. All the reviews recognise the work we are all doing to improve the outcomes for pupils at Brookfield, but we still have more to achieve.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your help and support – together we can make a difference.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns please speak with myself or your child's class teacher. Have an enjoyable Easter Holiday – don't eat too many chocolate eggs!

Mrs J. Mills