



BROOKFIELD ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



20th July 2017

Dates for your Diary: -

21/07/17	School closes to pupils at 3:00pm
04/09/17	INSET day – staff only
05/09/17	INSET day – staff only
06/09/17	School opens to pupils for the new academic year

An (almost) year at Brookfield

As I write the final newsletter of this academic year, it feels appropriate that I should comment about my (almost) year at Brookfield.

Firstly, the year has flown by ... and it has been a privilege and pleasure getting to know so many of the pupils and families since my arrival in October – I can't believe it's only been 9 months! Brookfield is incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful, hardworking and eager pupils who are supported so amazingly by their families.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing – there have been many challenges but I feel that the open and honest discussions which have taken place throughout the year have enabled Brookfield to move forward. Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience and understanding while we have worked through some of the challenges but I feel we are ending the year in a much stronger position than we began.

The improvement over the year have been a real team effort – pupils, parents, governors and most definitely staff: the staff team have remained dedicated to making Brookfield the best it can be. Staff have risen to every challenge given (and at times, I have asked a lot) so I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' for your trust and commitment to ensuring every child has the best possible opportunities.

But, there is still more to do and we are ready for the next stage ... but we may need a little rest and recuperation first! I look forward to continuing the journey in September – have a lovely summer holiday!

Summer Fair:

Year 4 won the enterprise competition raising £154.00 on their tombola stall – well done! Thank you to everyone who attended the summer fair – you raised **£950** which will go towards improvements in the playground.

May I say a special thank you to all the parents who helped on the day – both setting up, running stalls and clearing everything away: your support was most appreciated and valued.

There are still a few raffle prizes waiting to be claimed: a list of prize winners is available in all classrooms.

Finally, well done to Ben (Year 6) for funding, organising and running his own cookie stall – great entrepreneurial skills!

Mrs Murray: Fond Farewell

I'm sure I will echo the thought and feeling of so many of you as I wish Mrs Murray a "fond farewell" as she leaves at the end of this week. Mrs Murray has dedicated 31 years to Brookfield and I'm sure has taught many of you or your family members. Her knowledge and skills will be missed and I wish her every future happiness – enjoy your much deserved family time!

Individual Achievements: special mention

Well done to Lydia Herbert who received an award from the Mexborough and District Lions club for her achievements this year.

Well done to Karl Hitchens who has raised £150 for charities this year – well done!

Thrive School: Congratulations

It's not only the children who have been working hard learning new skills this year – Mrs Green has been training as a Licensed Thrive Practitioner and has successfully completed the rigorous assessment.

Congratulations Mrs Green – her skills will continue to benefit your children while at Brookfield.

Year 6 Performance : Dr Dolittle

Year 6 demonstrated just how mature and sensible they have become by producing and performing their very own version of Dr Dolittle.



Well done everyone – so proud of you all.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents who have supported our drive to improve attendance over this year.

This half term we have 88 pupils who have attended 100% of the time – well done.

But a special mention to our twelve '100%-ers', who have come to school every day this year - Well done to:-

Finley Atkinson	Hollie Lloyd
Grace Cawkwell	Sophie Lloyd
Logan Davies	Olivia Meadows
Dylan Hand	Maksymillian Obrosiak
Oliver Hartshorn	Riley Shaw
Alicia Hubery	Ella Wood

Excellent Attendance!

Year 6 Blazers & Ties:

Will current Year 5 parents please make sure we have an up to date telephone number so office staff can contact you when the Year 6 Blazers and ties arrive we anticipate this will be the end of the summer holiday!

Have a lovely summer holiday – enjoy and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs J. Mills