



# BROOKFIELD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

'Happy New Year' – Welcome back and let's hope 2017 is a good year for Brookfield!

## Dates for your Diary: -

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| 16/01/17 | After-school activities start                             |
| 31/01/17 | Year 6 parents meeting about SAT's: 6:00pm                |
| 01/02/17 | Year 1 & Year 2 visit to South Yorkshire Transport Museum |
| 09/02/17 | Year 6 parents meeting about Residential Visit: 6:00pm    |



School closes for half term on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** and re-opens on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Welcome:

I would like to welcome Mr Batley, Mrs Mahoney and Mrs Briggs to Brookfield as Year 5, Year 3 and Year 3/ 4 teachers respectively. Hopefully most of you have had chance to at least say 'Hello' to your child's new class teacher. However, recognising parent's evening isn't until after half term, we are organising 'welcome' meetings so staff can introduce themselves and discuss how we can work together to help your child achieve their very best throughout this year.

Please look out for invitation letters coming home with your child.

## Attendance: 97% challenge.

We all recognise that school attendance is important but also acknowledge that at times children are ill. The government now expects children to attend for 96.7% of the year so, working in partnership with Rotherham Education Welfare Service and WCAT, we have launched the 97% attendance challenge.

Children have already taken part in an assembly explaining the 97% challenge and the importance of good attendance. Each Friday, during celebration assembly, we celebrate the class achieving the highest attendance for the week – with the winning class earning an extra 5 minutes playtime!

However, when a child's attendance falls below 97% , our school EWO (Mr Andrew Yates) will monitor their attendance and you may be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to achieve the 97% challenge.

### **School Milk**

The school milk is now provided by 'Cool Milk' – if you would like your child to continue to receive milk you need to register.

School milk is provided free for children under five years old and pupils entitled to free school meals – but you still need to register. For children over 5 years of age, milk is available at a cost of around £15 per term.

You can register online via [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or by picking up a registration form from the main school office. If you require any help or assistance, please speak with the office staff happy to help.



### **Playground Leaders and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:**

I am pleased to inform you that some of our Year 5 pupils have recently completed Playground Leader and Anti-Bullying training; helping to make playtimes a safer place to be.

Thank you to all the Year 5 pupils who represented Brookfield on the Playground Champions training this week and we look forward to you working with our existing Year 6 playground leaders in organising safe and healthy playground activities making playtimes a happier place for everyone.

### **Safeguarding Audit:**

Rotherham Council has recently undertaken an audit of Safeguarding procedures at the school and whilst we await their formal written report, I am pleased to inform you that they judge the school's safeguarding procedures to meet statutory requirements with elements of 'good' practice.

We recognise there are still many areas for improvement, following the Ofsted inspection in September, but it is pleasing to receive recognition that this important aspect of the school's work has improved.

### **After School Activities:**

After school clubs begin next week – please remember to return your reply slips so your child can secure a place!

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time, if you have any questions, queries or concerns please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

Mrs J. Mills  
Executive Headteacher