



AUTUMN 1 TERM

NEWSLETTER Week 5 : 2nd October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

COMMUNITY VISIT

All KS2 children visited St Margaret's Church last week and were involved in fun activities. St Margaret's allowed us to preview their scarecrow festival before it was open to the public last weekend. All the children really enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to Father Chris for inviting us and to all the volunteers for making us feel so welcome. We really enjoyed the juice and biscuits too.



ONLINE PAYMENTS

We are looking into systems which would allow us to collect payments online. This would include dinner money, trip money, in fact any payment needed to be made to the Academy could be made online. We would welcome your thoughts if you would like to email the office with your responses. Thank you.
office@brookfield-academy.org

ACADEMY NEWS

FS 1— Children in F1 have had a lovely Teddy Bears picnic today. They have enjoyed counting how many plates, cups and bowls they needed and working out how many items they had left on their plate when they had eaten some. They had a fun time learning! They would like to invite their parents to their FS1 and FS2 ICT stay and play on Thursday 22nd October 09:00—10:00 or 14:00—15:00. Look out for letters with more information coming soon.

FS2—FS2 had a lovely trip to Rotherham Leisure Centre, they were all well behaved and had a really exciting time trying new experiences like climbing the wall, practicing new athletic and gymnastic skills, tasting the smoothies and cycling on the smoothie bike.

Class JW— They had a super visit to the local building site. They learned all about safety around the site and all about the machinery that they use. Did you know that a JCB costs £80,000? They looked at all the different types of houses.

Class JC— They visited the building site last week and had a walk around Swinton this week to look at the different types of homes. The art work and Literacy from both visits have been outstanding.

Class CE, GS & EW— On Monday and Tuesday this week they visited Cusworth Hall to explore life in the Victorian times. Everybody had a real life experience of a Victorian classroom working in a laundry room and explored every day objects. Look out for their 'Victorian' class photos displayed in the classrooms!

Class LH— Have been exploring rationing and propaganda during WWII

Class CG— All the children enjoyed and learned a lot from their visit to 'Crucial Crew.'

School Website

Here is the website address for the academy. Please visit the site as it will be changing regularly with information.

<http://www.brookfield-academy.org>

Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.



HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Please note, following Government regulations, **all holidays will be classed as unauthorised; we will not grant any leave of absence during term time.**

If you go ahead with the holiday when unauthorised, you may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice issued through the Local Authority, per child, this will be £60 if paid within 21 days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120. The July newsletter that was sent out from school had a copy of this years holiday dates on the back. Should you require an additional copy, please call into the school office.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We are aiming to continue to improve our overall attendance and reduce the amount of authorised and unauthorised absences. In order to help us do so, can you please:

- Try to ensure medical appointments, if non-emergencies are made out of school time. If this is not possible, bring your child to school before and after their appointment.
- Ensure your child is punctual; the school doors open at **8:40am**.
- Allow them to return to school after a bout of sickness when you feel they are ready, advice has changed and it does not now need to be 48 hours.
- Do not allow your child occasional days off ie for birthday treats.

If your child is to be absent, please can you ensure that you let school know on the first morning by contacting **01709 570727** so that it can be authorised if appropriate.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

This year we will be a change to Celebration Assembly. We won't be having the weekly assembly on a Friday afternoon, instead we aim to have specific assemblies that parents / carers will be invited to. Watch out for letters soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next week we will send out a list of dates for the whole year so that you will have advance warning from us about the majority of events that will take place.