



# Brookland Junior School Newsletter

'Be kind, be respectful, be the best that you can be'

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## Happy Half Term

After six weeks of hard work, it's finally time for a well-earned break! Wishing all our wonderful children a happy and relaxing half term! The children have done an amazing job, and now it's time for them to kick back, have fun, and recharge for the next exciting term. I hope you all have a fabulous half term break! The staff and I all look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

## Well done Hawthorn and Sycamore Class

I was blown away by the children in Hawthorn and Sycamore class this week. Both classes performed a brilliant class assembly to their families. The children across Year 3 shared all the learning they have been doing since joining the junior school. The children showcased their learning and skills from a variety of subjects, including: maths, English, science, RE, art, DT, music, PE, history and the list could go on. Although understandably a little nervous, the children did themselves very proud. Thank you to the families who attended, I hope you enjoyed the assemblies as much as I did. Well done Year 3, you little superstars!

## Year 6 SATs meeting

There will be a SATs meeting on Tuesday 25th February at 6pm for Year 6 parents and carers. At this meeting we will share all the information you need in regards to the upcoming SATs and give you a chance to ask any questions. Entry will be via the hall doors. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. The information shared at the meeting will be emailed out to all parents after the meeting.

## OPAL - Trading cards

As part of our OPAL programme, we love to hear suggestions from the children regarding activities they would like to have out at lunchtime. One of those ideas has been cards (pokemon, football etc) and we have listened by allowing them into school. We are currently working on designing a zone which will solely be for cards. Although we love the children having them out at lunchtime, we have noticed that they are causing a few issues and at times coming into the classroom at learning time, which is not ideal. We do not want to take them away as most children are very sensible with them. To support, we have created a do's and don'ts poster for the cards in school. If your child brings cards into school, we would be very grateful if you could share this poster with them over half term. We will share the poster with all the children in whole school assembly when we return after the break. We are hoping by having clear expectations the children can continue to enjoy playing with them but also not have them interfere with learning time. We will assess how this goes over the next half term before making any further decisions regarding the cards. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## PTFA - Tesco's blue tokens

I am delighted to announce that Brookland Junior School received the most blue tokens and have been granted £1500 towards our outdoor sensory area. Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising and to you all for depositing the blue tokens. Well done Brookland!

## Uniform

Please can I remind you all to send your children in to school in full school uniform, including correct footwear. PE uniform should only be worn on PE days (as indicated below in the yellow box). Being in correct school uniform is incredibly important and something we want all children to take pride in. Please support us in ensuring your children are dressed in correct uniform when coming into school. If required, the uniform is listed on the school website. I want to thank you for your support in this matter.

## Thank you PTFA - 'Wear what you LOVE day'

A huge thank you to Jodie and the PTFA for organising 'Wear What You Love Day!' The children looked fabulous in their favourite clothes and enjoyed sharing their reasons for why they wore what they did. I also have to do a shout-out to Mr Tailor who was dressed as a chicken nugget and Mrs Phillips who was a chocolate bar! Well done everyone!

## Well done Albie!

We wanted to say a huge well done to Albie in Year 4. He recently represented Arsenal at a football tournament which his team went on to win. Well done Albie, we are all very proud of you!



## Home Learning

As it is the holidays, we will not be setting any formal home learning for the children in Year 3, 4 and 5. If your child would like to do something, they are welcome to read or complete something from the Spring home learning menu.

Year 6 - you have been sent an email with some optional home learning linked to your SATs revision.

## Key dates:

**Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb** - HALF TERM - school closed

**Mon 24th Feb** - Children back to school

**Tues 25th Feb** - SATs meeting for Year 6 parents @ 6pm

**Tues 1st Apr** - Year 3 & 4 parents' evening - more information to follow

**Wed 2nd Apr** - Year 5 & 6 parents' evening - more information to follow

**Fri 4th Apr** - Last day of term - 1:25pm finish

**Tues 22nd Apr** - Children return to school

**Mon 5th May** - BANK HOLIDAY - school closed

**Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May** - Year 6 SATs week

**Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May** - HALF TERM - school closed

**Mon 2nd June** - INSET DAY - school closed

**Tues 3rd June** - Children return back to school

**Tues 22nd July** - Last day of school - school finishes at 1:25pm

**Wed 3rd Sep** - INSET DAY—school closed

**Thurs 4th Sep** - Children's 1st Day back to school

**HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE!**

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## **PE DAYS**

**Year 3 & 4** - Monday & Tuesday

**Year 5 & 6** - Wednesday & Thursday