



Message from Mrs Fellows



So here we have the last newsletter of the 2021-22 academic year! It certainly has been an interesting year! We started with

limited covid restrictions and it was great that the children were back in school.

Unfortunately, we were hit again by the pandemic in early spring and classes were closed, but our amazing school team worked tirelessly to keep things going.

The summer term has been hectic, but it has been great to get back to normality with school trips, Brookfest, assemblies and performances. This week has been especially rewarding; to see staff, parents and pupils together at Brookfest, Butterflies graduation brought a tear to my eye and finally the reflection of Year 6 and their time at Brook in their final celebration evening. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Brook Primary school and really do feel privileged to work in such an amazing school.

As the year comes to an end, we will be saying goodbye to some long-term, well-respected staff, who have had such an amazing impact on many of our Brook families. Mrs Blomfield has worked at Brook for 25 years and her hard work and dedication to the school has been second to none. We are going to miss her so much but have no doubt that she will be popping in from time to time.

We wish all of our staff an amazing summer holiday and send lots of luck to all of those staff members moving on to pastures new.

Thinking about leavers....I must mention Year 6- they have faced many challenges over the years and it was a pleasure to celebrate their successes Thursday evening. We are so proud of them and wish them every success as they start their high school journey.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the pupils, staff, parents and governors who have supported the school over the year- it really is appreciated.

Heat

As you are aware some extreme temperatures have been predicted for next week. Please send your children to school prepared covered in suncream, with hats and plenty of water to drink.

Our school summer dresses are perfect to keep the children cool alongside school shorts and polo shirts. If you would prefer, you may send children to school in PE kits.

Unfortunately, we do have children who refuse to take off jumpers, cardigans and unbelievably fleeces so we'd prefer them not to bring these.

We will do all that we can to keep the children cool and if the temperatures do reach 34 degrees, they will not be going outside.



A message from Mrs Knee

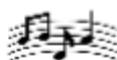
After 20 wonderful years, it is with a heavy heart that the time has come for me to leave Brook Primary School. I have had such pleasure in teaching hundreds of fantastic children here over the years. We've shared fun, hard work, laughter, and the odd tear but I have so many wonderful memories to take with me and it truly has been a hard decision to make. The staff here are amazing, we refer to each other as 'our Brook family' which shows the strong bond between us all which contributes to a great environment for our children to learn and develop.

From September, I am very lucky to have the opportunity to work with DPA and will travel around different schools teaching music (I might even be able to come back to Brook!). Music has been a passion of mine since a very early age so am looking forward to my new role where I can specialise in this area.

Mrs Fellows and all the staff are extremely hard working and dedicated and I know will continue to drive Brook Primary School forward, I look forward to hearing how it develops in the future.

Thank you all for your continued support over the years.

Best Wishes
Mrs Knee



School Fund

There have been many fundraising events this year, which have raised lots of money for school. So how is it being spent?

This year, with your help, we have:

- Subsidised school trips by just over £600
- Spent over £3000 on new, quality texts for our children
- Funded sporting events including cricket & rugby
- Gave children the opportunity to go to the Young Voices Concert
- Purchased new signage for our school garden
- Supported Year 4 in their Art Award
- Provided the whole school with easter eggs

There is still money left and our next project is to develop a sensory room within school.

Thank you so much your donations and support with events, really do help us to provide the very best for our children.



Staffing News

This week two members of staff have secured new opportunities and will be moving on at the end of the academic year.

Miss Hassan has successfully secured a position at Teacher Training college.

Mrs Andrews will be moving to a specialist school working with SEND children.



We wish them both the best of luck- they will be missed!

Mr Chambers is also leaving his post of Assistant caretaker...but on a positive note he is joining us as a full time TA in year 1!

Summer

WELLBEING

7 WAYS TO KEEP YOUNG CHILDREN SAFE IN SUMMER



1

SUPERVISION

Watch young children all the time around water as they can drown in less than 2 inches (6 centimetres).



2

SWIMMING LESSONS

It's never too early to teach your children how to swim.

3

LIFE JACKETS/ LIFE VESTS

Get proper fitting, age appropriate, coastguard-approved flotation devices (life jackets/life vests) and use them whenever your children are near water.



4

FENCE IN YOUR POOL OR POND

Having a fence between the water and your house will help prevent drownings.



5

SKIN PROTECTION

Teach your children to be Sunsmart. Reapply sunscreen frequently, especially if they are getting wet. Wear UV sunglasses, sunhats, and protective clothing. Keep in the shade, especially when the sun is at its strongest.

6

KEEP DRINKING

Babies and young children need to drink plenty of fluids to avoid becoming dehydrated (becoming too dry). Diluted fruit juice, ice, fruit and salads can help to boost fluids. Watch out for the signs of dehydration, which include dizziness, weeing less, feeling sick or being sick.



7

KEEP COOL

Keep your children cool and safe during hot weather. Play in a shaded paddling pool. Do not use a blanket or sheet to drape over a pushchair. Run a cool bath before bedtime. Keep your child's bedroom cool during the day by closing blinds or curtains and using a fan. Keep nightwear and bedclothes to a minimum. Monitor the temperature of your baby's room. Your baby will sleep most comfortably when their room is between 16C (61F) and 20C (68F).



For more advice go to
www.dudley.gov.uk/summerwellbeing
or www.lets-get.com/seasonal-wellbeing



Raffle Prizes

The raffle has now been drawn and the winners include:



- 1st prize: Mr Perry
- 2nd prize: Mrs Phipps
- 3rd prize: Miss De Souza
- 4th prize: Mr Fletcher
- 5th prize: Mr Emery
- 6th prize: Mrs Noakes
- 7th prize: Mr Morgan
- 8th prize: Mrs Parrott
- 9th prize: Miss Bradley
- 10th prize: Lorianne
- 11th prize: Mrs Baker
- 12th prize: Mr Middleton



Well done to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and took part!



Achiever assembly

Last night at the Year 6 celebration evening, we recognised the achievers. These children are those who go above and beyond, they contribute to all aspects of school life and are role models for every child attending Brook. This year Harriet and Archie were awarded this prestigious award and we would like to congratulate them on their success.

We will be awarding the children from Reception to Year 5 with their achiever awards next week. If your child received an invite in their report last week, two adults are invited to attend the achievers' assemblies next

Wednesday 20th July

9am- Reception and Key Stage 1
2.30pm- Years 3-5



The Bring the Power Sing Up

This afternoon, a group of children went to Resonance to sing with a group of children from across a variety of Dudley Schools in celebration of the Commonwealth Games. This was streamed live into school and all of our pupils were given the chance to also take part.

Please ask them about this- it was such a lovely experience.

House Team winners

The children have been working hard all year to earn house points, these were also added to at Sports day.

The winning house team will take part in an extra fun fitness/sports activity next week with Mr Franklin!

	Total House points achieved this academic year	House points achieved at Sports Day	Total	Winners
Lions	7773	549	8322	3rd
Sharks	7703	561	8264	4th
Dragons	10263	533	10796	1st
Eagles	8348	499	8847	2 nd

A huge well done to the Dragons team!!!!

BOOK A FITTING APPOINTMENT INSTORE

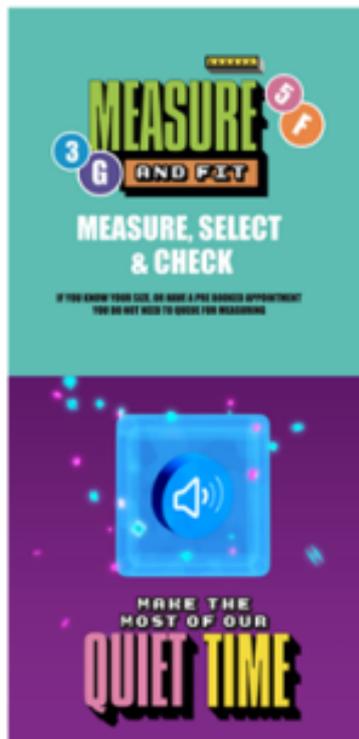


WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults too!

With Hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15 minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.

Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests, from flexing leather 500,000 times to pulling laces to destruction. The results? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.



IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Choose Clarks Dudley Merryhill and a time slot that suits you.

Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment

To book, contact Clarks Dudley Merryhill on 01384 481004

Opening hours,
Mon to Wed 9.00am-8.00pm
Thurs to Fri 9.00am-9.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-7.00pm
Sunday 11.00am-5.00pm

Clarks.

Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers
in each class for the past 7
days!

The top class of the week is...
4AC!

Well done!

1EN	Lily
1GH	Connie
2HD	James
2ME	Ebonie
3MH	Freddie
3ZH	Lucas
4RT	Kaileigh
4AC	Amelia
5JB	Kyle
5HB	Jack
6JW	Sian
6HI	Harriet

Brook Buddies

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.

Thursday 21st July Buddies will be closing at **4:45pm.**

Attendance %
w/c 04/07/2021

4H were the highest
attendeers in KS2 and 2C
were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	82%
Rec R	94%
1EN	93%
1GH	98%
2HD	96.40%
2ME	86.67%
3MH	96.67%
3ZH	98.33%
4AC	98.71%
4RT	90.69%
5HB	97.59%
5JB	91.94%
6HI	94.64%
6JW	97.14%
School Total	93.36%
Target	97%

Uniform



We are looking forward to the new academic year and cannot wait to see the children in their school uniform.



An email will be sent next week reminding you of our school uniform policy to ensure that children return to school wearing the correct clothing.



Thankyou to Lola from year 3 for sending us your picture of your sunflower!

We can't believe how much it has grown!

Keep up the good work!