# **Newsletter 3** 20th September 2024

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# Our school values

Here at Brook, we understand the importance of keeping our children safe, ensuring our children are happy, providing them with a good education across all subjects and preparing them to be good citizens. To achieve this we have five school values that are very important to us. Please talk to your children about these values, what they mean and why they are so important.

> RESPECT PRIDE RESILIENCE CHALLENGE INDEPENDENCE

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Help us make our coffee morning a success in aid of Macmillan! Whether you get your bake on or donate some cakes we will greatly appreciate anything at all! Obviously we also need you to come along!

Friday 27th September from 9am in Buddies



Census Day is on Thursday 3rd October

School Census day is incredibly important as it informs the local authority of our free school meal numbers which decides how much funding the school receives.

The more meals that are taken on this day, the more funding we can secure for the school which can then be spent on education and resources provided to our pupils here at Brook.

Please remember to book your child/ children's school lunches before the cut off on ParentPay.

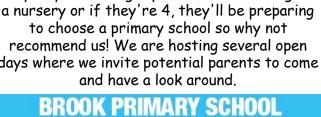
The menu for that day is:

- \* Option 1 Hot Dogs
- Option 2 Quorn Hot Dogs
  - \* Option 3 Beef Burgers
- \* Option 4 Veggie Burgers

All served with salad & chips

Many thanks for your support

Do you know anyone who has a younger child? They may be coming 3 years old and looking for a nursery or if they're 4, they'll be preparing to choose a primary school so why not recommend us! We are hosting several open days where we invite potential parents to come



Monday 30th September - 9.30am Thursday 17th October - 9.30am or 2pm Friday 15th November - 9.30am Wednesday 4th December - 9.30am or 2pm

Brook Primary is a community school, we are proud of all our pupils and what we help them achieve

Why not come and see us in action?

Please call the school on 01384 389888 or email at info@brook.dudley.sch.uk to book a date.



https://brook.sch.life



It's that time of year again where the foodbanks try and replenish their stock ready for the winter, gathering some of the vital items that they need for their food and toiletry parcels.

Mrs Taylor will be taking the Year 3 and 4 school council members to the local foodbank on Thursday 17th October so we would be grateful if any donations are received before this date so that they are ready to take with them. Any donations are very gratefully received - thank you.



BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

### PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- TINNED READY MEALS
   (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND
   CHEESE)

- TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNED BEEF)
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- BARS OF SOAP



PLEASE SCAN THE OR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY





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# Starting secondary school in September 2025

# Why not apply for a place online?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2025 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2024.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at **www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions** or by completing the application form provided by your home local authority. You can include six school preferences on the application form; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

# Benefits of applying online

- . E-mail decision received by 2pm on day of offer
- · It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- · There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- · You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- · It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 September 2024 until the closing date for applications on 31 October 2024.

You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on 0300 555 2345.











We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair

Monday 7th October until Friday 11th October 2024 (3:45 - 4:30)

Please join us after school if you wish to purchase a new and exciting book for your child.

# Parking!

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Once again, we have had numerous complaints from residents of Oak Park Road regarding the inconsiderate parking of our parents/carers at our school. We receive complaints most days about residents having their driveways blocked, their cars blocked in and frequent confrontation when they are asked to move or not block them in.

PLEASE show respect to our neighbours and surrounding community and be mindful of where you park and leave your car. Please do not park over lines, block drives or block cars in.

# Early Collections

We would like to remind you that you should NOT be collecting your child early from the school office unless in exceptional circumstances.

As you know, we are a large school and it takes time to be walking children to and from the office and this is just not manageable due to not being able to leave the school reception unmanned.

Please be aware therefore, that we may not be able to collect your child immediately for this and you may have to wait a while until we are able to fetch your child.

Please remember that all parents/carers must provide notice in advance and with a relevant reason if you are collecting your child early from school. Please note you will be asked to provide proof of appointments.

# Spanish Enrichment Workshops for KS2

In celebration of the European Day of Languages, our KS2 pupils will be taking part in enrichment workshops next week as follows:

### Tuesday 24th September 2024 - Years 4, 5 and 6

Spanish Experience Workshops provided by Kidslingo.

# Friday 27th September 2024 - Year 3

Flamenco Workshop provided by Dance Days (plus additional in-class activities throughout the morning).

Year 3 pupils will need to wear PE on this day. Years 4 – 6 should be in their normal uniform or PE kit in line with their usual timetable.



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# Attendance % w/c 09/09/2024

4HD were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2C were the highest in KS1. Well Done!

87.31%
90.37%
98.40%
95%
99.33%
96.21%
97.67%
98%
99.66%
96.90%
99.31%
98.15%
98.62%
98.62%
96.35%
97%







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:

Full session 3:20pm-**5:45pm** - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Our closing time is 5:45 - if you do not collect your child on time, you will receive a £10 fine and if this happens 3 times your child's place can be forfeited.

Please could we remind parents that if you do not require your child's place in breakfast or after school club, PLEASE cancel the space! We have been very busy since returning to school and have had children not being able to book.

This week in Buddies we have been outdoors lots! We have harvested some fruit and vegetables from the garden and we have enjoyed the carrots and tomatoes for snack.