



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



Thankyou to everyone that joined us for our Macmillan coffee morning this morning!

It was a great turn out and we are excited to share with you what we have raised for this great cause.

## REMINDER

The school will be closing at 12:30pm next Friday 4th October. Please help us by collecting your children promptly at this time from the usual collection areas.

### Bikeability

Our year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to practice their biking skills this week by completing a Bikeability course.

The children did so well and we were really proud of their successes.

Here at Brook, we aim to provide opportunities for personal development and as a life skill we felt that this was an exciting activity for our children to try. We hope they enjoyed it!



### Parents evening

Parents evening slots are now available to book. Please login to your School Life account to make your booking.

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

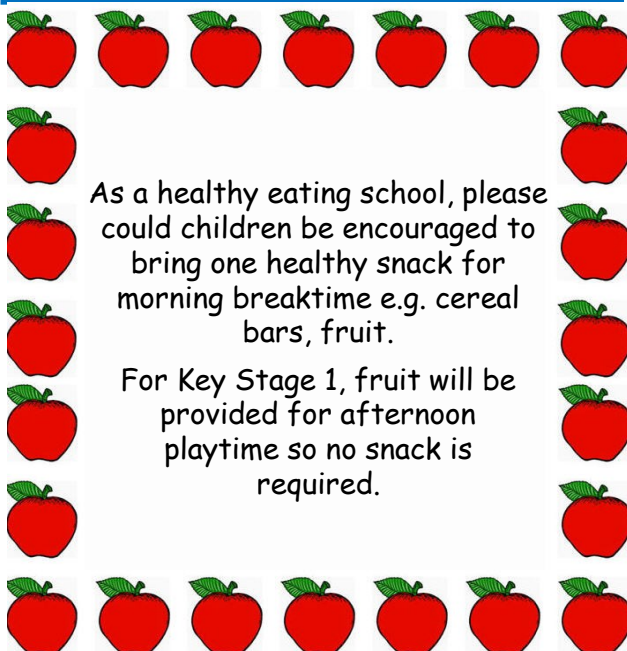
**Monday 7 October: 3.40pm - 7pm**

Butterflies Pre-School and Key Stage 2 (Butterflies, Class 3S, Years 4, 5 & 6)

**Wednesday 9 October: 3.40pm - 7pm**

Class 3F

**Thursday 10 October: 3.40pm - 7pm**



As a healthy eating school, please could children be encouraged to bring one healthy snack for morning breaktime e.g. cereal bars, fruit.

For Key Stage 1, fruit will be provided for afternoon playtime so no snack is required.

The Reflexions Team are offering a FANTASTIC series of sessions during the October Half Term holidays for KS1 and KS2 to support children with worries. Booking details are on flyer - book now to avoid disappointment.

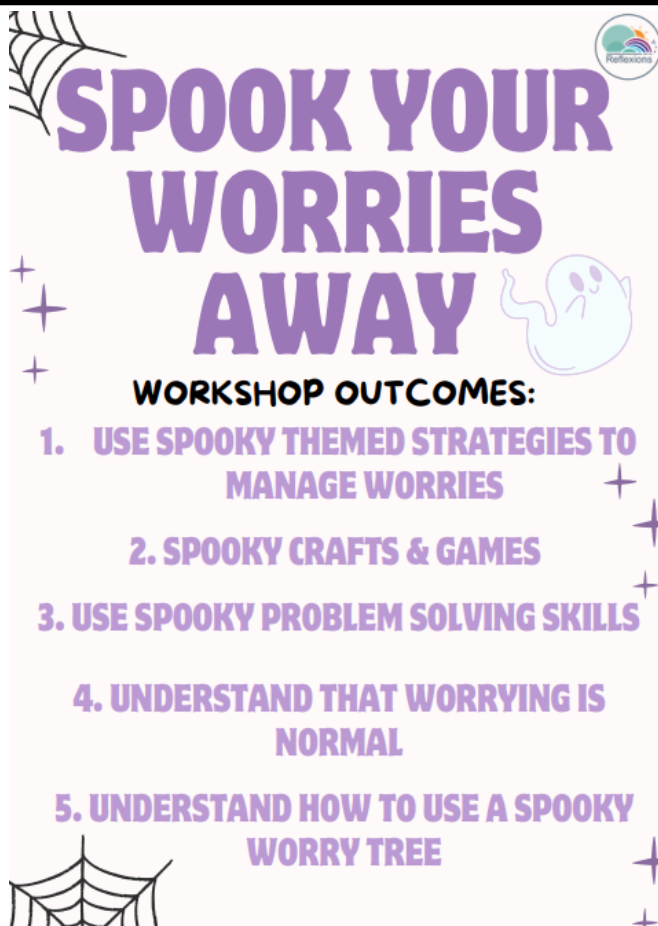


# SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER KS1  
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER KS2  
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER KS1  
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER KS2  
**1PM - 3PM**

**BOOK ON TO AVOID DISSAPPOINTMENT!**  
To book please email:  
[bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net)

28th & 29th: St Thomas Church, Market Street Parish Church Of Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AQ  
30th & 31st: DY1 Building, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT



# SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY

**WORKSHOP OUTCOMES:**

1. USE SPOOKY THEMED STRATEGIES TO MANAGE WORRIES
2. SPOOKY CRAFTS & GAMES
3. USE SPOOKY PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
4. UNDERSTAND THAT WORRYING IS NORMAL
5. UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE A SPOOKY WORRY TREE



**SCHOOL DAYS ARE PACKED WITH MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER AND CONNECTION.**

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE' ON THE EDUCATION HUB

HM Government NHS

Parent and carers can now apply for benefits-related free school meals\* on line by using the My Dudley portal.

If your child is in reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria. However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you will need to submit an online claim in order for your child's school to receive Pupil Premium funding and free school meals.

If you get **any** of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



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.



# SHOPPING LIST

**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/CORNERED 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 QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY**

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INSPIRED  
SCHOOLS

Last week, the successful sport leaders from Yr 5 received training from Inspired Schools. All pupils from KS1 had a taster of the variety of activities that can be played on the markings that were installed last year. A big thank you to the parents, carers and siblings that stayed behind to join in with physical activity! It was lovely to see you participating and hopefully see the benefits that the children will gain during their lunchtimes.



### Be careful what you share

Think before you share: who might see your photo, video or live stream? It's safest just to share your stuff with family and friends you know in person.

If someone you don't know in person asks you to share a photo or video or go on camera, don't reply, and tell an adult you trust.

Worried about something you've shared online or sent to someone? Ask an adult you trust for help.



### Choose who you chat to

It's safer to chat to people you know in person.

It's **always** ok not to reply. If a message makes you feel worried, annoyed or upset, don't reply and tell an adult you trust.

If someone you are chatting to is being mean or making you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult you trust. They will help you block and report them so that they can't contact you again.

### Play Online Games Safely

Never share personal information (e.g. your phone number, school or where you live) with other gamers.

It's safest to game with friends you know in person.

If a gamer you don't know in person asks you to join them on another game, app or website, don't reply, and tell an adult you trust.



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.

We have been informed that there will be more patrols due to the number of complaints.

## Pupil achievements!

A group of friends & siblings from butterflies, year 2 & 3 have recently passed there first gymnastics exam gaining there bronze certificate. A huge well done to Lyla, Edie, Delilah, Sienna, Ava and Ettie!



Attendance %  
w/c 16/09/2024

3F were the highest  
attendees in KS2 and 2C  
were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec B	98.85%
Rec R	98.89%
1D	99.20%
1H	98.75%
2C	99.31%
2T	94.48%
3F	99.67%
3S	98.33%
4HD	96.90%
4W	95.86%
5I	96.21%
5SW	95.93%
6AH	98.97%
6E	96.55%
School Total	<b>97.23%</b>
Target	97%



# 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:

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)

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.

### Advance notice of closure



Friday 4th October due to school closing at 12:30pm

Thursday 7th November due to Brook fireworks



**This week in Buddies we have enjoyed making some funky hands for the display board and we have enjoyed doing some potato printing with the potatoes that we planted in the garden.**