# Newsletter 25 28th March 2025

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Can we remind parents that the correct school PE kit is as follows:

Plain Black or Blue bottoms

Plain white or house coloured T-shirt

Plain Black or Blue Zip up jacket or hoodie

We are noticing an increase in children coming to school in clothing such as football kits, logo items of clothing and their own choice of clothing such as Disney jumpers. This is a reminder that PE days are **NOT** Non-Uniform days where Children can wear what they like, we still have a uniform policy that needs to be adhered to.

We made the decision to still allow children to come to school dressed in PE kits on PE days to ensure that they are comfy and that they have access to a full PE lesson.

After Easter we are going to be more vigilant and we will be phoning parents to bring in correct PE kits or school uniform if they aren't wearing the correct clothing.

We will be monitoring this over the summer term and may need to reverse our decision and have children bring in PE kits to change into if this doesn't improve.

Please support us and ensure that your child wears the correct attire for PE days.

Yesterday evening, we played another football match with some slight changes to our team. The opposition team was Netherbrook who had won every game they had previously played so we knew the match was going to be tough! However, we went out onto the field with determination, battling well and scoring the first goal. We never gave up and the goalkeeper made some fantastic saves! Well Done to all.

Next match is Thursday 10th April



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Well done to Luna from year 3 for achieving her Stanley 7 swimming certificate! After a lot of resilience and determination!



Well done to Hudson in year 2 for achieving his Goldfish 2 badge and for moving up a group in swimming!

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Well done to Rose in Year 2 for achieving her 10 meters certificate! You should be very proud for being able to swim distances with no aids!



Well done to Frazer in year 4 for winning Man of the match showing solid defending and good clearances. After his team finished at the top of their division and winning the league!

Can we please remind parents and carers to be respectful when it comes to parking around school. We have had rising complaints about people parking in front of driveways, blocking access

and even being verbally abusive to residents.

Respect is one of our school values and we need your support to be role models and set an example to our children.



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## Help us become more environmentally friendly!

As a school, we are relishing the opportunity to be more environmentally friendly which coincides with the new regulations for schools in England, who have a legal duty to organise their waste more efficiently. This will mean that there will be a number of new bins around school for parents and children to use.

Waste now has to be separated into the following categories with specific coloured bins:

- Green lid bins dry recyclable materials plastic, metal, glass, paper, and card Brown lid bins - food waste
  - Original bins will be used for **black bin waste** (general waste)

The bins will be labelled to explain this.

The change aims to improve recycling rates and reduce the environmental impact of waste. Please support us on this journey by talking to your children about the importance of recycling and being environmentally friendly. They will also be spoken to in school about this.

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Mrs Whittaker (our catering manager) has also launched a competition for the children. She would like the children to design a recycling poster which will be created and displayed in the school hall to help pupils understand the importance of using the correct bins!

The winning posters will win an Easter Egg! The closing date for posters is Thursday 10 April.



As you are aware, we were very excited to launch our new pirate ship last • Friday, officially named the 'Brook Bounty'. We even made the Express & Star.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that before and after school children have been using the ship unsafely. We really do not want to ban the ship being used as the whole purpose of it was for the children to have fun.

However, it is **ESSENTIAL** that children are supervised by their parents at all times and children should definitely not be climbing over the sides. There is a clear sign on the playground which states that if play equipment is used, it is the parents responsibility to supervise before and after school.

Please support us with this.

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<u>Social Media</u> As you are aware, here at Brook we have an open door policy and we're always keen to speak to parents and listen to their ideas and opinions. Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that there have been derogatory social media comments made by parents, regarding incidents that we knew nothing about. All that we ask, is that instead of writing these public comments, please come and talk to us and we will do our very best to help. We are very proud of the excellent reputation that Brook Primary has and we really hope that this can continue. Many Thanks <section-header><section-header><text><text><text><text>

## Easter holidays sports camp

Our ever popular Easter holidays sports club is back!

We will be running the club over both weeks of the Easter holidays, excluding the bank holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday) :

Week 1: Monday 14th | Tuesday 15th | Wednesday 16th | Thursday 17th April Week 2: Tuesday 22nd | Wednesday 23rd | Thursday 24th | Friday 25th April

Times of the course: 9am - 3:30pm (Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm)

Holiday club costs:

## 1 day = £20 | 2 days = £35 | 3 days = £50 | 4 days = £70

Our sports providers, Sports Plus, will be facilitating our Easter Physical Activity and Sports Camp. The Sports Camp will be led by Highly Qualified and Experienced Sports Coaches who work within Primary Schools during term time delivering Physical Education Support.

All Sports Plus Professionals are Fully Insured, 1st Aid Trained and DBS Enhanced Checked to work with Children.

Activity: Multi Sports Camp (Reception-Yr 6) A range of activities designed to incorporate team building games, as well as individual skill-based activities. Games will include racket games, ball games and various multi-skills and fun activities. All games are designed to improve children's confidence within a sporting environment with an emphasis on FUN at all times.

The pupils will be split into two groups of 16, a key stage 1 and key stage 2 group dependent upon numbers. There are 32 places in total. Our previous holiday camps have been extremely popular and places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Each child will receive a certificate and medal at our presentation held on the last day of Camp @ 3:00pm

If you would like to register your child's interest in joining the sports club, please complete the following online form. Shortly after, we will reply with a confirmation and further details including making payment.

## https://forms.office.com/e/d8mvMfHq0V

HAF families - We have 12 spaces allocated to any families who are entitled to HAF. Please log onto the HAF website and book your space via their website, then complete the above online form including your HAF reference number.

If you receive free school meals but aren't yet signed up to HAF, please search for Dudley HAF online and sign up on their website!

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