

Newsletter

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Brook
Primary School



Are you struggling with the cost of living crisis? Regardless if you are pupil premium or on free school meals - if anybody needs help then please come forward and ask. Please don't be embarrassed, we are here to support you with things such as a food voucher - if this would help you then please let us know.

Kids Clothes Project

Kids Clothes Project is a wonderful charity that provides clothing parcels for families in need. If your child/children would benefit from a clothes parcel, please let us know. We can assure you that this will be in confidence.

Miss Jones and Mrs Crump



Free Reading book!

We have been donated lots of copies of 'Faking friends' by Jane Fallon - it is a book for adults to read (and does come with a warning as Mrs Fellows has spotted an inappropriate word!) to help encourage our parents to read just like our children.

Next week there will be a table out on the playground for parents to help themselves!



PLAYGROUND

We have had a couple of complaints this week from parents regarding children's behaviour on the playground.

It has been brought to my attention that some of our children are collected by parents but then they aren't being supervised. Please make sure you supervise your children on the playground to ensure that they are behaving appropriately and also to keep them safe.



Unfortunately, the PRIME fascination has hit primary school. I am sure you have read a lot about it in the press and I'm sure your child may well have asked you to pay the extortionate price for it!

Parents may not realise that the energy drink should not be consumed by children under the age of 18. This is stated on the Prime website. We have made the decision to ban this drink and ask that parents do not send their children into school with it.

Flip and Dippy present the

Greatest Show

Skateboards of DOOM

Ringmasters Surprise

Water Woman

Mischief & Mayhem

Fun tastic Feats

Incredible(s) Magic

An evening of daring stunts, magic & wonder

Date 2nd March Tickets **£4.00** each

ON SALE NOW

Limited tickets...YOU SNOOZE...YOU LOSE

Sponsored by Dudley Zoo

IT'S SHOWTIME

Our school council met a number of times last term and we discussed possible fundraising events. Some children mentioned the school discos that we used to have, but we recognised that there is often no dancing and just lots of crazy running around, so we started to look for other ideas.

Come along on [Thursday 2nd March](#) to see a fantastic family show that we have planned for you all! Refreshments will be on sale on the night as well as items from the crazy clown toy stall! Tickets will go on sale on Parent Pay on Monday, tickets are £4 each and all children are to be accompanied by an adult. The show will begin at 6:30pm and end around 8:30pm.

We have sold 78 so far so there are plenty left! We can't wait to see you there!

SENSORY ROOM

We are very excited to announce that our new sensory room was installed this Wednesday! A few of our children have already had a sneaky peak and it will be opened officially the first week back after half term.



We are still hoping to give the room a special name so if you have any ideas, please let Mrs Fellows know! So far, we have had 'The rainbow drop', 'The Zen Zone', 'Serenity' and 'The nurture nook'.



A massive well done to the Girl's Football Team who played matches on Monday evening. The Girls showed determination, teamwork and won both of their games with amazing scores of 7-0 and 8-0. They have successfully qualified to the final which will be held next month. They also looked great in our new school sport kit!



We have been made aware of children making 'TikTok' videos on our school playground. This is a huge safeguarding concern and we have spoken to the children involved but can I ask everyone to support me with this.



If you see any child using their phone on school premises, please let a member of staff know immediately. I must also add that TikTok requires its users to be at least 13 years old. Despite users having to be aged 13 and up the age rating for TikTok are 12+ on Apple's App Store and "Parental Guidance Recommended" on the Google Play Store.

We would urge all parents to take some time at the weekend to speak to their children about online safety. We would also urge you to check your child's phone regularly.



Pupil achievements

We would like to say a huge well done to Isabella from year 6!

On Sunday her cheerleading team won 1st place in their category at the British Cheerleading competition.

Well done Isabella!

Here at Brook we love to share the success of our pupils so please send us any photos of their achievements so we can celebrate them in our newsletters!



BOOK HOTEL

As you are aware we love to encourage our children to read and part of this we have several 'book hotels' around the school playground.

These book hotels are for children to take books and hopefully return books in exchange so that every child is able to have a book at home.

Unfortunately, it is with sadness that I report that these book hotels are not being looked after. After school, last night this photo was taken, which shows that all of the books had been emptied and thrown all over the floor.

This is really upsetting as parents have donated these books and we want our children to have access to them.

We also encourage our children to love and respect books- this is not demonstrated here.

Please help us by encouraging your children to use the book hotel with respect.

As you might know, Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 6-12 February 2023.

This year's theme is Let's Connect.

What is Children's Mental Health week?

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from the 6-12th of February. During this focus week we strive even harder to improve children's mental health and Wellbeing in our school and everywhere possible.

As Wellbeing Ambassadors our job is to look after our peer's wellbeing and mental health in addition to our own. This year to spread awareness, we have decided to provide opportunities to take part in fun activities in class and with us on the playground to improve our Wellbeing.

The theme this year The theme this year is 'Let's Connect. Connection is vital for everyone's wellbeing and this year we are encouraging everyone to connect and speak more to friends and other trusted people. We try to make sure everyone has somebody trusted to talk to.

We look forward to connecting and spreading smiles!

From The Wellbeing Ambassadors



Exciting news! The WOW Walk of Fame challenge has begun and the spring challenge is taking place now! During February children will need to log their active trip to school each morning on the Travel Tracker. This is our school's chance to top the local and national leaderboards. The reward for the **winning school in the LA receives a certificate and a celebratory visit from Strider, the WOW mascot!** In the Autumn Term, we were awarded 4th place. Can we beat it?



Wow badge competition



Thank you to all who have returned their completed badge design could it be a reminder that we would like to encourage all our pupils to get creative and help us by entering the design competition.

This year's theme is:

THE BRITISH NATURE WALK

Competition entry to be in school by Monday 27th February 2023

Spelling Shed

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

The top class of the week is...4LF - Well done!

RSD	Rose
RHW	-
1ZH	Seth
1CR	Luna
2HD	Thomas
2EB	Daniel
3WH	Jack
3RT	Jasmine
4AC	Abigail
4LF	Chhaya
5C	Ethan
5HI	Isaac
6HT	Mieszko
6AH	Kyle

Attendance:
23/01/23–27/01/23

5C were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1ZH were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	91.43%
Rec H/W	90.69%
1CR	94.33%
1ZH	99%
2EB	95.33%
2HD	96.67%
3RT	90.40%
3W/H	94.17%
4AC	98%
4LF	99.67%
5C	100%
5HI	95.67%
6AH	96.33%
6HT	94.33%
School Total	94.92
Target	96+%

It has come to our attention that we are still having people try to park on the school car park. We only have a small amount of spaces so please remember that our school car park is for **blue badge holders only** and we need to see this prior to any arrangement.

Helen has £400

She spends $\frac{1}{10}$ of the money on a new toaster.



She spends $\frac{1}{8}$ of the amount left on a pair of trousers.

Which item costs the most?

KS2 it is your turn this week to see if you can complete Miss Didlock's mega maths challenge!



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please. These are available from Buddies or the main school office

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

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.