



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Head Teacher's Message November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you enjoyed the recent half-term break. Our first term just flew by and it was packed with all sorts of interesting events and activities!!

We have had the opportunity to meet with you on several occasions so far including our Meet the Teacher meetings, Harvest Festival Assembly led by Yr3, Big Coffee morning and Remembrance Assembly led by Yr6.

Plus there was a fantastic response to our Grandparents Day which we combined with National Poetry Day.

It was lovely to see so many of you at these events ~ the children are always so keen to share their learning experiences with you. Thank you to my colleagues for organising and arranging these activities.

Not forgetting my thanks to our PTFA who organised the Autumn Disco, for the children's enjoyment and to raise funds for our school resources.

This year we are taking an in-depth approach to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children and we were delighted that many of you joined our Anti-Bullying workshop ~ 'The Power of One'. The feedback from you and your children has been extremely positive and we welcome your support and engagement with this matter.

During the first term the children showed great efforts, enthusiasm and hard work across the curriculum ~ Well Done!

In particular Mrs Mercanton and Miss Bailey were extremely pleased with the way the new Year 3 children settled in to school life at Brookfield.

In Year 6, 23 children sat the 11+ tests ~ and we are very pleased that 6 successful pupils have been awarded a Grammar School placement for 2016.

At the end of Term 1 the 227 children who had been well behaved all term enjoyed an extra playtime as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

Now in Term 2 we have welcomed Mrs McDonald and Mrs Perry to the staff team; they are teaching in Yr3 and Yr4 during staff absence.

Across the curriculum we promote learning skills that will enable our children to develop their potential and make good progress. In Celebration Assemblies we acknowledge the efforts of our Mighty Mathematicians and Super Spellers. We also congratulate our weekly Learning Heroes who have excelled in their efforts.

We are particularly proud of our 'Super Heroes' who have shown continued effort and enthusiasm throughout Term 1 ~ always 'going that extra mile' to further their learning experiences. They are:- Faith Turley and Jack Miles in Yr3, Abbie Cox and Lily Witton in Yr4, Connor Knight in Yr5 and Angela Anithottathil and Alyssa Noble in Yr6. They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest of their choice.



May I remind you of our Parent Consultation Evening coming soon for parents of children in Kingfisher Class, Redwing Class, Heron Class, Woodpecker Class, Goldfinch Class and Partridge Class. If your child is in Nightingale Class and your appointment with Mrs Atkins was cancelled, then please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Perry if you so wish.

Parent Consultations will be held in our school hall on:

Thursday 26th November from 1.40pm – 8.00pm.

To make an appointment please sign the sheet on your child's classroom door. The sheets will be there from Wednesday 18th to Tuesday 24th November.

Please note that Mrs Down is also available to meet parents to discuss specific additional provision and support that your child may be having. If you wish to meet with her, please make a note in your child's Home:School Communication book.

As timings are very tight, we do ask that you arrive in the hall on time, and we will do our very best to adhere to these timings too! To assist in this process, we ask that discussions are limited to pupil progress and target setting ~ any other business relating to topics/behaviour etc will need to be discussed at another time.

At the meetings we will inform you of your child's attendance percentage to date and share with you some suggestions for ways in which you can support your child's learning at home ~ 'Helpful Home-learning Hints'.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

M J Blewer

Mrs M Blewer
Head Teacher

Term 2 Dates for your Diary:-

19/11/15	Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling Owen Baldock will be joining us for lunch PTFA Film Night (3.30-5.30pm)
25/11/15	Walkabout for Yr2 parents
26/11/15	Parent Consultation Meetings
08/12/15	Maths Activity Day
10/10/15	PTFA Secret Room
14/12/15	Dress Rehearsal for (no parents)
15/12/15	Yr4 Christmas Performance to parents at 6.00pm
16/12/15	Christmas dinner day
17/12/15	Celebration Tea for Parent helpers
17/12/15	PTFA Christmas Disco (6.00-7.30pm)
18/12/15	Last day of Term
04/01/16	Staff INSET Day (no pupils)
05/01/15	Term 3 begins

