



BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head Teacher's End of Term Message

Term 2 ~ December 2015



Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of an extremely busy term and we have enjoyed sharing our Christmas events and festivities with you. I thank the PTFA for the decorative tree in our hall and for their organisation of the Christmas Disco, Christmas raffles and Secret Garden; thanks also to our school cooks for their delicious Christmas dinner and to Family Trust for their seasonally amazing panto.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations, the Anti-Bullying show, our special musical assemblies and the Yr4 Christmas performances. We send a particular thank you to parents and families who generously donated to the retiring collection ~ altogether we raised £101.55 for Text Santa charity. The children and the staff always work really hard to produce such creative performances and I thank all my colleagues for encouraging the children's talents in this way.

I have also been impressed with the examples of creativity that I have seen with the entries for the School Council's Christmas table decorations competition.

This term we introduced the homework projects ~ which have also showcased some extremely creative talents and I have been pleased to award many Head Teacher Commendations for the children's efforts ~ I thank you for your support and encouragement in this way, it is much appreciated.

Recently we have also enjoyed sharing our learning experiences with other visitors to our school, including The Mayor and Mayoress of Tonbridge and Malling ~ who thoroughly enjoyed our Maths Day challenges and our delicious school dinners. You may well have seen the write-up in the Kent Messenger recently.

On the subject of school dinners ~ we remind you that the cost is £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week. Contract Dining has also expressed a preference for monies to be paid in advance or on the day that your child has the school dinner to prevent the accumulation of large debts. We thank you for your cooperation in this way.

Today we have been saying goodbye to Mrs Perry who has been with us for a short while; Mrs Atkins will be returning to Nightingale Class in January.

We have also congratulated our 'Super Heroes' who have shown continued effort and enthusiasm ~ always 'going that extra mile' to further their learning experiences. For this term they are:- Maja Olszewska and Charlotte Money-Noriega in Yr3, Jayden Ibbertson and Bradley Ralph in Yr4, Leo Lewis and Oliver Bonner in Yr5 and Abigail Harris and Daniel Brookes in Yr6.

They have all enjoyed a Celebration Tea with Mrs Blewer, bringing an invited guest.

The 223 children who have been well behaved this term enjoyed an extra playtime today as a reward for keeping to our high standards and expectations.

Looking forward to next year and next term, there are some changes that will be taking place within our lessons. As we further embed the government's new English curriculum



we are putting a greater emphasis on the grammar skills, which are sometimes referred to as 'SPaG' (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). The children are expected to show their understanding of these skills within their own writing.

Having looked carefully at our year group data for English in Yrs 3, 4 and 5, our analysis has highlighted that some children are still needing support for their sentence structure, whilst others are needing further opportunities to develop their vocabulary and their extended writing. To address these differing needs we are grouping our children accordingly across the year group for their English lessons during the next 2 terms. When we meet with you again at Parent Consultations in March, we'll be able to share the impact and progress within their books.

In Terms 5 and 6 the children will remain with their class teacher for all subjects.

In Yr6 our children are preparing for the end of Key Stage SATs and will stay with the same class teacher for all subjects.

In the meantime, it just remains for me to wish you and your families a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 5th January ~ Breakfast Club will start on the first day; School Clubs and Crazy Feet start the following week.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

M J Blewer

Mrs M Blewer
Head Teacher

Term 3 Dates for your Diary:-

05/02/16	Yr5 Assembly (2.40pm)
09/02/16	Safer Internet Day ~ parents invited to attend (details to follow)
09/02/16	Yr5 Visit to Harry Potter World
11/02/16	PTFA Valentines Disco (6.00-7.30pm)
12/02/16	Last day of Term

Term 4 Dates for your Diary:-

22/02/16	Term 4 begins
25/02/16	Science Fair ~ plus the Mayor and Mayoress
26/02/16	Science Exhibition ~ parents invited to attend (details to follow)
29/02/16	Book Week
03/03/16	PTFA Mother's Day Secret Room
04/03/16	Bring your Mum to school afternoon
17/03/16	Parent Consultations
18/03/16	Sport Relief Day
22/03/16	Easter Assembly ~ Yr5 parents invited
24/03/16	Last day of Term

