



BROOKLAND INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

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Welcome!

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday and are refreshed.

We would like to welcome any families who are new to our school. We have 90 new reception children and 60 new nursery children who have started with us and some children who have joined Y1 or Y2. We look forward to getting to know you and your children during the school year.

All of the children seem to be settling really well into their new classes. The new children in reception have made a good start; they seem very happy around the school and are coping well. Our new Nursery children are also settling well into Cherry Class.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Alison Atkinson
Headteacher

Diary Dates

September

Friday 22 nd	Jeans for Genes day
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October

Monday 9 th	Individual and sibling photos (of children in infant & nurs)
Tuesday 10 th	Y1 WOW day
Weds 11 th	Y2 WOW day
Tuesday 17 th 4:00-6:30pm	Parents Consultation
Thursday 19 th 5:30-8:00pm	Parents Consultation
Friday 20 th 9:15am	Oak class sharing assembly - Oak parents invited to watch

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

Site Manager

We are sad to announce that our Site Manager, Tony Mizon, is leaving us at the end of this month to work at another school.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position in our school they can apply online through Teach In Herts

<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?jobtype=3&keyword=Caretaker>

New Staff

I would like to welcome our new members of staff: Faye Bezant who is teaching Rowan class and Banu Barissal who is teaching Magnolia class.

Non Class Based Staff

Headteacher - Mrs Alison Atkinson
Deputy - Mrs Debs Marshall

Business Manager - Mrs Jane Allen
Office Assistant - Mrs Jacquie Korcelik
Office Assistant - Mrs Fiona Mason

CLASSES

Each class has a teacher and support from a teaching assistant (TA) and sometimes a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) as well. The role of the TA and LSA is very much a teaching role and they work with groups of children or individuals and support their learning within the classroom.

Class	Yr	Teacher	Teaching Assistants	Learning Support Assistants	Midday Supervisors
Maple	Y2	Mrs Jan Foster Mrs E. Cully	Mrs Sarah Davies		Ms Jenny Fitzgerald Miss Sarah Smith Miss Sophie Davis Mrs Louise Taylor Mrs Rosa Ingrao Mrs Tracey Cole Mrs Clare Sorce Mrs Michelle Jeffrey Mrs Caroline Hanna Mrs Mary Walsh Mrs Helen Cartwright Mrs Emma Ashton Mrs Julie Woodthorpe Mrs Vickie Reeves Mrs Kelly Mehmet
Oak	Y2	Miss Helen Bevis	Miss Michelle Cross		
Hazel	Y2	Mrs Carol Porter	Mrs Nicci Newman	Miss Sophie Davies	
Ash	Y1	Mrs Emily Bell Mrs Kelly Mathew	Miss Jenny Wright		
Beech	Y1	Miss Louise Jones	Mrs Denise Smith		
Magnolia	Y1	Miss Banu Barissal	Mrs Zoe Kharsa	Mrs Debbie Jennings	
Holly	YR	Mrs Nicola Dant	Mrs Sue Williams	Mrs Natalie O'Brien	
Rowan	YR	Miss Faye Bezant	Miss Alessia Noto		
Mulberry	YR	Miss Lucy Workman	Miss Nicki Roberts		
Cherry	YN	Mrs Debs Marshall	Mrs Melanie Rowbotham Mrs Sarah Watson Mrs Wendy Pinnell		

Staff Working Across the School

- ❖ Mrs Ann Wood-Walsh works as a LSA with children across all the classes particularly on speech and language programmes for individual children and running SEAL groups (Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning).
- ❖ Mrs Rita Inzalaco works as a Learning Support Assistant mainly across Year 2.
- ❖ Mrs Lynn Winter works as a Learning Support Assistant mainly across Year 1.
- ❖ Mr Tom Pritchard works as a Forest School & PE/Sport specialist across the school.

All teachers are entitled to have Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time and this is covered in various ways and by various staff. Mrs Michelle Morgan (Supply Teacher) covers Beech class on Wednesdays.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As you will know, the Government made changes to the school attendance regulations which came into force from 1st September 2013. The regulations have removed references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days.

The amendments make it clear that **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are very exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Reminders

FUNDING

Schools are funded on a formula basis and one element of the formula is the percentage of children entitled to Free School Meals under the old system (ie if family are in receipt of benefits)

This element of the funding is still in place for schools and so it is important that we still try to gather this information from our families so that our school does not lose out on available funding.

If you are in receipt of benefits please come to the office and we will give you a form to fill in that will let us register your child and this will trigger additional funding into the school budget.

You could make a difference to the budget that we are given to run our school!

TEXTING AND EMAILING TO PARENTS

Please keep your contact details updated in the office so that we can make the best use of this service.

COLLECTING CHILDREN

If somebody different is collecting your child from school, please let the class teacher know or ring the school office. We will **NOT** let your child go with anybody different unless you have informed us.

JEWELLERY

Due to health and safety reasons we ask that children do not wear any jewellery to school, unless it is for religious reasons (in which case please speak to your class teacher) If earrings have to be worn, for your child's safety, we ask that they are small studs only, as hoops and dangly earrings could potentially lead to ears being damaged if they are caught on anything.

BIKES & SCOOTERS

Bikes and Scooters are left in the grounds at your own risk, we cannot be responsible for them. If your child does bring a scooter or bike to school, please ensure they dismount and walk it through the school grounds for the safety of others.

Disclaimer

The school often receives letters and flyers from organisations, agencies and charities asking us to pass information on to parents. Whilst we may pass this information to parents, this does not mean that the school or the LEA approve or recommend the activity. The school is only acting as a distributor.