



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all

Welcome

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break. Welcome also to all our new parents and children. We hope you enjoy your time at our school.

Reminder:

School starts at 8.45 am - please ensure your children arrive on time every day.

Staff News

We have two members of staff leaving this month. These members of staff will be missed by the whole Brookland community, and we would like to say 'Good Luck' to them both.

Mrs Ashton - Midday Supervisory Assistant - joined our school in 2016. As well as her lunchtime contract she has worked mainly across Year 2 as a temporary Teaching Assistant. She moving to a Teaching Assistant post in another school.

Miss Korcelik - Midday Supervisory Assistant and SEN Teaching Assistant - has worked at our school since 2014. She has decided to leave so that she can return to University and hopefully then move into teaching in further education.

School Meal Booking System

Please remember to order your child's meals in advance.

- Lunch orders need to be placed or cancelled before 8:30am on the day
- If your child is absent please remember to cancel their meal
- If no lunch order is received, a Jacket Potato/Pasta option will be provided for your child
- You can place meal orders up to 10 weeks in advance

If you need any support with the SchoolGrid system please contact the School Office.



Cancelling Lunches: If your child is absent you must cancel their lunch order by 8:30am. If you don't do this the school will be charged for the lunch and will pass this charge on to you. Parents who do not cancel their child's meal if their child is absent from school will be charged for the meal at the current rate of £2.41.

Even though Infant children are eligible for free school meals under the Universal Free School Meal Scheme the school has to pay for these lunches.

Home Prepared Packed Lunches

Please use the following guidelines when preparing your child's packed lunch:

- NO nuts or nut based foods such as Nutella or some cereal bars.**
- One sandwich or other similar carbohydrate alternative
- 1/3 pieces of vegetable or small fruit eg Strawberries/cucumber or 1 piece of larger fruit
- A small treat such as a biscuit
- No additional drinks, they will use their class water bottle**
- Please only include items in packaging that the children can undo themselves

Year 1 and Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' Parent Workshops

Parents are invited to these information sessions being held in September:

Year 1 - in the Library - 2.45pm	Year 2 - in the Hall - at 2.45pm
Beech Class - Wed 6 th September	Maple Class - Thursday 7 th September
Ash Class - Thursday 7 th September	Hazel Class - Friday 8 th September
Magnolia Class - Friday 8 th September	

PE Timetable

PE Uniform - Children should come into school dressed in their PE Uniform (kit) on their PE days. PE will take place outdoors whenever the weather allows.

- Black shorts
- White or pale blue T-shirt
- Black tracksuit bottoms (joggers) or leggings
- School jumper
- Trainers



Please see grid below for their PE days

The timetable above will start week beginning **Monday 11th September**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Magnolia	Beech Ash	Beech Ash Magnolia Maple	Maple Hazel Mulberry Holly	Hazel

GC Sport will be delivering some of our PE lessons this year

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 22nd Sept



We will be supporting research into genetic abnormalities through the [Jeans for Genes day](#). Children are invited to wear jeans on this day for a suggested donation of £2 - we would prefer donations via school gateway **but will accept cash as well.**

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>

Children who have PE sessions on Fridays (nursery, Ash and Oak class) can also wear jeans on this day.

Communication with school

- Parents can email our school office via admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk or telephone our school office on 01992 629485. Please do not use our admin2@ email address as this is not monitored regularly.

When emailing or leaving answerphone messages please include your child's name and class to make it easier and quicker to deal with your message or query.

- KS1 parents can continue to contact class teachers on the class email address but this should **not be used** for messages that are urgent or about pick up arrangements or absences. Class teachers will aim to check these emails weekly in term time but will not be expected to check these emails during weekends and school holidays.

maple.class@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk ash.class@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk
hazel.class@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk beech.class@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk
magnolia.class@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk

Reception and nursery parents can communicate via Tapestry - details of logins for Tapestry will be available soon

Reminders

Start and Finish times - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child has their **NAMED** water bottle (containing only water not juice) with sports cap with them everyday.
Please mark it with their name and class.



Uniform, coats, shoes, hats etc

Please ensure you name everything your child wears or brings into school.

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 they are on your collection form or you have informed us.

Bikes and 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.

Playground equipment and MUGA - Early Years Garden and Main School Playground

The MUGA, climbing frames, trim trail and other outdoor equipment is for supervised use only during the school day. **Parents must not allow their children to use these items before or after school.**

Diary Dates

Please note: dates below may be subject to change at short notice

September 2023

Wed 6 th - 2.45pm	Beech Class - Parents 'Meet the Teacher' workshop - dining room
Thurs 7 th - 2.45pm	Ash Class - Parents 'Meet the Teacher' workshop - dining room Maple Class - Parents 'Meet the Teacher' workshop - Hall
Friday 8 th - 2.45pm	Magnolia Class - Parents 'Meet the Teacher' workshop - dining room Hazel Class - Parents 'Meet the Teacher' workshop - Hall
Friday 22 nd	Jeans for Genes Day

October 2023

Monday 16 th	School Photographer in school
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Wow day - details to follow
Wed 18 th & Thurs 19 th	Parent Consultations

Half Term
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th

November 2023

Mon 6 th & Tues 7 th	A-Life workshops
Friday 17 th	Children in Need

December 2023

Monday 4 th	Occasional Day - School Closed
Tuesday 19 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas parties
Tuesday 19 th	Last session for nursery afternoon children
Wednesday 20 th	End of Term - school closes at 1.30pm

Disclaimer

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