



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

NEWSLETTER

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Enjoyment of learning, achievement for all

Children In Need



Thank you to everyone who supported our [Children In Need](#) appeal.

Everyone had lots of fun on Friday wearing their spots. Anna, our cook, made special biscuits, reception children did their own danceathon, even Rupert (the office teddy) dressed up. There are many more photos on our school App.

We have raised an amazing £579 so far! Thank you for all your generous donations.



Remember it's not too late to donate - just go to <https://login.schoolgateway.com/O/auth/login>

Christmas Fayre

We are looking forward to holding our **Christmas Fayre on Thursday 2nd December**. Everyone involved is working incredibly hard to prepare for it so we hope you will support it.

In class children are making items to be sold at the Fayre so please be sure to visit their Year Group stall. Stalls will be spread out across the school to allow for better social distancing. All adults will be required to wear face coverings unless exempt and we will ensure good ventilation so dress up warm. See the Christmas Fayre flyer for more details.

We have some great raffle prizes with our **star prize worth £100**. Raffle tickets are being **sent home** - if you would like to buy them please follow the instructions on the flyer.

Tombola Non-Uniform Day - we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday this week (26th Nov) so children can wear their own clothes with the donation being an item for our tombola (see flyer that was sent out last week).

Watch out for the Bake stall flyer coming out later this week.



School Meal Ordering System (SchoolGrid)

Thank you for ordering your child's meals on the new ordering system. The children have coped very well with the new system.

If your child is absent from school for any reason and you have ordered a meal for them for that day **you must cancel their meal by 8.30am**. Although there is no cost to you as all our children are entitled to Universal Free Meals, **there is a cost to the school as we have to pay for all meals ordered.**

Parking & Road Safety

Issues with parking continue to be a massive problem on our school site. We ask everybody in our school community to be considerate of other people and if you do need to drive your children to school please drive and park safely and considerately.

Please do not park in the disabled parking bay at any time unless you are a Blue Badge Holder. We have children whose parents genuinely need these spaces to enable them to drop off/pick up their children safely.

Please also stick to the speed limit of 5mph while on our site.

Be Bright Be Seen

Now that Autumn is here and the nights are drawing in, The Active and Safer Travel Team at Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to bring the 'Dress Bright and Be Seen' campaign to your attention. As the days are getting shorter, please remember the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out and about, to make yourself and your children more visible to traffic.



Walk to School

Please walk your children to school whenever possible.

Communication

Teachers2Parents (T2P) - Text Messaging

Some parents are reporting that they are not receiving text messages when we send them from T2P. We have identified one problem where if you have downloaded the T2P app the text messages will go to that instead of showing in your text messaging.

Solutions could be to ensure you have allowed notifications to the App or you could delete the App and you should then find the text messages come through.

We do not put any information on the T2P App as we have our own App.

Email

Please do not reply to emails that we send out via T2P as these replies go to admin2@ which is not routinely monitored by us. **Please ensure all your communication with the school office via email is using admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk as this is monitored daily.**

Please state your child's name and class in emails and answerphone messages.

Reminders

- Please ensure that children are supervised when on the school site before and after school. It is your responsibility to supervise your children when in the playground, and to make sure they are using the MUGA/Trim trail safely and appropriately at all times. (Children know the rules they must follow when using the equipment.)
- Please continue to send any PCR result notifications for your children to admin@brooklandinfants.herts.sch.uk. We appreciate the continued support you have given us with helping to keep everyone safe.
- We strongly advise you to please wear face coverings when on our school site as cases are rising across the County. We would appreciate your support with helping us to try and keep everyone safe for the upcoming festive period.

Emergency Closures

If the school has to close in an emergency we stay in touch with parents by text using the Teachers2Parents (T2P) texting service.

In addition parents can sign-up to receive emergency messages relating to school closures by following the link below:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#>

This link will direct you to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page on the black strip and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information should it change at any time. *Please look under Waltham Cross to find our school.*

You can have 2 devices added for each communication type if you wish to add another contact. They would then receive any messages in relation to our school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties could register themselves separately.

If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

In recent years closures have been due to heavy snowfall, although other reasons may lead to a closure (eg heating breakdown, particularly in cold weather). The decision to close or open the school is never easy. In the case of snowfall the decision is made between both the infant and junior schools and is based on the following:

- Local conditions on the school site and in the access roads
- An assessment of risk
- Direct advice and guidance from the local authority
- Travel safety for staff and parents

Many of our staff travel some distance to work and so we need to take account of whether staff are able to travel in to work safely.