

# THE BROOK BROADCAST

## WOODLAND WONDERS

We have yet another Woodland Wonders update. Some of you will have seen on Facebook this week that last weekend the team managed to clear a lot of the bramble from the woodland and this weekend we hope to finish what we started and also get the official Woodland Wonders camp set up.

There is more space we would like to clear if we had more time or help. If you think you have a spare hour or so during the next week and feel you could help clear back bramble, please let us know by emailing [office@brookinfant.school](mailto:office@brookinfant.school).



It was lovely to see our newest school children enjoying the woods on Monday.

Having more space in our woods means that we can provide even more outdoor learning experiences for the children in a safe, but wild environment that feels magical every time you enter.



## FACEBOOK REGISTRATION



Please remember, if you have a child in either Year One or Year Two, to register for our closed Facebook groups. You should have received the password to allow access to your Facebook group for use if we have to isolate a bubble or find ourselves in local or national lockdown again. **Please note this is not for use now and not for any other forms of communication.**

Please note, you must answer all the three questions listed, including inputting the password provided via text today. You also need to tick the box to agree to our terms and conditions.

If you do not do this, we will be in contact as we cannot grant access without this.

## UNWANTED IPHONES

In school, we currently use iPods to take photographs for inclusion on Tapestry and in the children's learning journals. Unfortunately, our iPods are getting old and are beginning to cause us problems. There is not an option for us to renew the iPods as these are no longer being produced. The iPads we have are too large for the staff to carry on them at all times so we can capture the special moments that just suddenly happen. Therefore we are looking at needing to get iPhones to enable us to continue in this way.

Before we have to plan for a large expense, we wanted to ask if any of our parents had an old, but in good condition iPhone 6 or better without a sim. If you do have a phone you feel you could donate to the school, please email Jo Sutton via [sbme@brookinfant.school](mailto:sbme@brookinfant.school). Any phone donated to school will need to be wiped and back on factory settings.



## GATES

Please can we ask you all to use the correct gate for your child's year group at drop off and pick up. **The only parents that should use the car park double gates are those of Year Two children. Parents collecting children from Nursery, Reception and Year One should be using the pedestrian gate, which means queuing along the pavement.**



Please can we ask that no-one shortcuts the queue as firstly it is unfair to those parents who have been waiting in line for some time, but it is not helping us to keep the bubbles separate, which is important particularly with other local schools having to isolate year groups. We do not want to have to put up more tape as a cordon because we like our school to look as inviting and non-Covid19 as possible, but please try to be fair to everyone. Everyone is in a rush from time to time and everyone is busy so please show your respect for each other.



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS



We are in the final stages of organising the technology behind our virtual parental consultations for next half term. Please note the proposed dates on the date page at the end of this newsletter. We may have to add more dates as using Microsoft Teams might take us longer, but this is being tested and sorted as we write this.

We will be sending out invitations to a 10 minute time slot next week, as it will be difficult to do this any other way. These times will be hard to change, but in an exceptional circumstance we would be able to look at offering a different day and time. We will use the first contact email we have, but if when you receive your invite to the meeting, you would like another person added as you will not be in the same location, please can you notify the office by emailing [office@brookinfant.school](mailto:office@brookinfant.school).



This weekend, if you do not already use Microsoft Teams, please download the Microsoft Teams App on either an Apple or Android, unless you plan to conduct the meeting on a PC, but please be aware that you will need speakers and a microphone (either built in or external) if using a PC. You do not need to do anymore than downloading the app as when the time comes you can join as a guest, so you do not need to set up an account. We have tested this on both iPhone and Android technology and it only worked if the app was downloaded prior to joining the meeting.

Next week, when you receive your invite, please keep the inviting email safe. Then on the day and time of your consultation appointment, click on the link to join the Teams meeting at your allotted time. At this point you can join as a guest. You will be held in the virtual 'Waiting Room' until the teacher joins your meeting. This may not be right on time, as meetings can overrun, but we are endeavouring to keep as close to time as possible.

We appreciate your patience with us at this time.

This first parent consultation will be the same as in previous years and will focus on providing you with information about how your child has settled back into school and nursery life.

## DAILY DRINK AND SNACKS

Please can you help us by ensuring your child only has water in their bottle for drinking throughout the day. We do not allow squash or other drinks in school, unless it is a small carton of something in their lunchbox. Please note that fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. Milk is available for those that have ordered it.

Please also ensure your child only brings in fresh or dried fruit; plain crackers; breadsticks (without sesame seeds) or plain rice cakes for their snack. We do not allow fruit winders (or equivalent). PLEASE CUT GRAPES IN HALF BECAUSE OF CHOKING RISK. Also we do have fresh fruit to offer the children every day. Please do not pack too much for them to eat at snack time, as we only have 10 minutes to eat our snack and have a drink.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Flu Nasal Sprays for all Children.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - Forest School Session for Squirrels - separate letter sent out to Year Two families. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ONLINE PERMISSION FORM.**

Friday 23rd October 2020 - School Breaks for Half Term.

### **Monday 2nd November - Back to School**

Tuesday 24th November - Forest School Session for Badgers.

Tuesday 10th November - Parent Consultations (more information to follow as these will be virtual).

Thursday 12th November - Parent Consultations (more information to follow as these will be virtual).

Monday 16th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

Thursday 19th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

Friday 20th November - ILP Writing Day (more information to follow to families for which this is relevant).

**Thursday 17th December 2020 - School Closes at 13:00.**

**Friday 18th December 2020 - Inset Day**

