

# BROOK INFANT SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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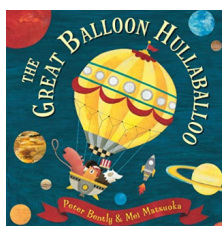
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Christmas seems like a life time ago now! We had a wonderful run up to the festive period, with the amazing Woodland Wonders Team making the outdoor space very magical, full of fun, mugs of hot chocolate and hot, buttery crumpets cooked on the fire. Our party went with a swing, with many prizes being won, party bags and food enjoyed by all. Popcorn was a hit during movie night, and was a great time to relax and unwind after a busy term.

The start of this term is bitter sweet for us. With the new lockdown rules in place, we are very much open and are here to support families of critical workers or vulnerable children. There are only a few children in club, but we want to do our part to support the community and those families that need us in this difficult time. We do however, really miss those that are at home at the moment and cannot wait to see them back in club sometime soon. We are really keen to ensure that we maintain a connection with those children at home and want to find a way to support you as much as we can. We are therefore launching a Facebook Group this week to stay in touch, we are hoping to fill it full of videos, craft ideas and some good old fashioned fun. Please see later on in the newsletter for details.

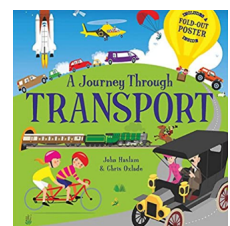
We start our new Spring Term 2021 with the topic of 'On the Move'. Using books helps us to create activities based on book themes, characters and stories, that will take the children of all ages on a journey. These include:-



The Great Balloon  
Hullabaloo



Emma Jane's  
Aeroplane



A Journey through  
Transport

We have some very exciting activities planned including making transport shadow puppets, creating our own hot air balloons to fly around the galaxy, making maps of the world and discovering how we could get there in our personally designed vehicles.

The half term ends with Chinese New Year, the year of the Ox. We shall be making money wallets, lanterns and dragons, and looking at the wonderful story that is celebrated around the world at this time of year.



As always, as well as the planned activities listed above, we always have lots of outside play and games, as well as construction and crafts available for the children to enjoy.

## **Our New Telephone System**

We have a new phone system now in place, which means we have our own landline in the hall, so no more crackly mobile! To contact us during opening times, please call the school number 01293 886521 and follow the instructions. During the day, you will be directed to the school office.

## **We are Launching a Facebook Group just for Club!**

We are launching a new Brook Infant Breakfast and After School Club Facebook Group, which we want to use to stay connected with all our children at home. We will be posting some fun videos, activities and craft ideas for you all to do at home. You will find us as a group on the Brook Infant School Facebook page. We will email later on this week with our launch date! Please email Caroline if you have any questions. Please either search for Brook infant School and Nursery on Facebook or use the following link to find the school page and once launched, the group will appear on there ... <https://www.facebook.com/brookinfantschool>.

## **Keeping our Children Safe in Club**

We continue to implement our extensive risk assessment which covers all aspects of club life and meets with updated government advice and guidance on how to keep children in club as safe as possible during the current pandemic. Some of our measures include:

- All children use antibacterial hand gel on arrival into club, when they come into the hall from play and also before they leave to go home. As always, hand washing is undertaken before any food or drink.
- We are keeping schools separate in the school hall and are encouraging as much outside play as possible - please ensure your child has a coat as it is extremely chilly!

- All toys and equipment have now been divided between infants and juniors, we continue to clean after each use with antibacterial spray and books are wiped down. Resources are never used twice without being thoroughly cleaned.
- Parents are reminded to wear a face covering on site and to drop off and collect children from the side hall door.
- Parents are asked not to enter the hall at any time and instead will be met by staff at the door. Club staff will now sign the children in and out of club, but the children can also do this if witnessed by a member of staff.
- If you need to chat to staff, please do this by email via [brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school](mailto:brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school) or telephone the school office on 01293 886521.

## Test and Trace

It is important that children and staff do not attend club or school if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days. If anyone in club or school becomes unwell with a high temperature; a new, continuous dry cough; or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the stay at home guidance. They will be expected to be tested for Covid-19 – Follow this link to find out more about getting a test ... <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Finally the NHS state that a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. In line with the guidance, we will NOT notify parents and carers when we have someone sent home with potential symptoms of Covid-19 as this potentially panics people for no reason. Instead, we will carefully follow the protocols given to us. However, if we have a confirmed case within the club or school; or if a member of staff or child has been with someone who has a confirmed case; or if we have information coming direct to us by 'Test and Trace' we will strictly follow the test and trace processes.

Please also inform us immediately if you have been contacted by Track or Trace or have been asked to isolate.

## ASC and BFC dates for the second half of Spring Term 2021

The dates for the second half of the Spring Term 2021 will be made available from today - please only book if you are from a critical worker or vulnerable family and your child is currently in school. We will open bookings up to the wider community as soon as Government guidance allows. Please click on the link below to make your bookings:

<https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>

Please email Caroline if you have any questions on [brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school](mailto:brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school)

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd February is an Inset day.  
Term Ends on Thursday 1st April at 1pm.

## Booking your Session

To book your sessions or manage your account, please go to:

**<https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>**

## Who is who in Club?

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