

THE BROOK BROADCAST

BACK TOGETHER!

It has been wonderful this half term to have our community back together again. We are so proud of our children who have brought so much love and laughter back to the school.

Our new Nursery and Reception children have all been amazing and it is such a pleasure to see how well they have all settled in and learnt the routines and ways of the school and nursery community.

The staff team at school have been amazing and have worked tirelessly to not simply make sure all children can be safely back at school, but to ensure that school life is as 'normal' as possible, but most importantly as fun and active as possible.

Enjoy your half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November 2020.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



Our Wonderful Year One children today treated us to a special film premiere experience. The children spent the afternoon in the hall for a special screening of their own 'Stick Man' films. It was a real privilege to see the amazing films they have created and to see how well they have used the iMovie technology to aid their film making.

This project incorporates much cross curricular and life skill learning as the children had to plan and create their own 'Stick Man' storyboards; create their own sets; make their own 'Stick Man'; as well as work as a team; speak clearly when filming and take turns.

We are so proud of what the children have achieved and we thought you might like to have a sneaky look at one of our blockbusters.

Simply follow the link or scan the QR code to see 'Stick Man around the World by Candy, Perla, Keon, Marcus and Jake H.



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END OF TERM FUN!



All of the children looked fabulous today when they arrived in their fancy dress. It was hard to even tell who was who with all of the masks and face paint. We even had a visit from Batman and Spiderman!

Thank you so much for supporting the school to make this a fun day for the children, whilst also helping to raise much needed money for the school.

Your children should be coming home today with a decorated pumpkin picture. Please display these in a window at home during half term and even though the children cannot go out 'Trick or Treating' they will be able to go on a walk and enjoy spotting all of the pumpkins.



A NEW ARRIVAL IN NURSERY!



This week something very exciting has happened in our nursery. Our classroom Owls, T-Wit and T-Woo have been looking after their egg in a nest that the children built for them.

Yesterday, whilst the children were listening for different sounds they could hear in their environment, they heard a cracking sound coming from the nest and to everyone's delight, they realised the egg was hatching.

A tiny owlet emerged from the egg and the children were all immediately very quiet around the baby. The children are thinking about how to look after a baby owl and they are being very careful with it.

Everyone in nursery wanted to name the new arrival and there were lots of ideas, but today our new little owlet was named 'Pumpkin'.

Welcome Pumpkin to the Owlets!

THANK YOU!



We would like to send a huge thank you to Chris Berry and Neil Gardner who have given up a lot of their own time this week to continue digging out the bramble from our woodland. They have cleared another large section for us.

CHRISTMAS NEWS!

Sorry it is early to mention the 'Christmas' word, but this year we are not able to offer the Christmas Cards of the children's artwork in the way we have done in previous years. This is due to the company having to change their processes due to Covid19 and the timescales being too tight. We apologise for those families who always purchase these cards.



On a more positive note, we have however heard from the North Pole and we are very excited that Father Christmas is still able to visit our school. He is happy to follow our Covid19 Risk Assessment and will be coming to a special grotto in the nursery garden on Wednesday 16th December 2020. This will coincide with our Christmas Jumper, Christmas Lunch and Party Day.

PARENTS CONSULTATION



This week some of you will have received an email invite to your time slot for your Parent Consultation. This is taking our administration team quite a while and so some of the invitations will be sent after half term. Do not worry that you have been missed.

We are, as usual, only able to offer 10 minutes for each consultation and due to using the technology, we really need to keep to time as best we can so that we do not have lots of parents in the 'Waiting Room'.

Please remember, if you have not already, to download the Microsoft Teams App on either an Apple or Android phone, 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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate one of our children, Bea, for becoming the proud owner of a Blue Peter Badge. Bea was awarded her special green Blue Peter badge for her gardening project involving sunflowers.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

From time to time, we have children needing to miss school due to a medical appointment. This in itself is not a problem, but please can all parents make sure that their children don't unnecessarily miss a whole day of school for what might only be an appointment that would take an hour. It is easy for us to arrange a late drop off, early pick up or collection and return in the middle of the day. We simply want our children in school as much as possible.

However, on that note we would like to thank our community for supporting us with attendance. We are proud to say, that even during a Covid19 term, we have averaged 98% attendance every week since September. We think this is remarkable and as a community we should be proud of this. Let us hope that next term is as successful.



REMINDER FOR WOODLAND WONDERS!



After half term, our Woodland Wonders project begins and we just wanted to remind all parents of Year Two children to make sure they come to school everyday in school uniform, but with warm layers, a sensible coat and wellington boots (although these should be in school already).

We will be providing the children with waterproof coats and trousers when necessary.

The woodland programme we have planned for all of the children is very exciting and involves learning about staying safe around a fire; preparing food in the wild and over an open flame; building dens; creating art in nature.

Please be aware that the children may well come home a bit dirty around the edges, but this simply means they have been having fun!

STAY SAFE OVER HALF TERM!

We want everyone to be able to return to school after half term, so please remember the Covid19 restrictions are there to keep us all safe!



IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 2nd November - Back to School

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).

Tuesday 24th November - Forest School Session for Badgers.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Jumper ... Christmas Dinner ... Christmas Party ... and Father Christmas Visit Day

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

Friday 18th December 2020 - Inset Day

Monday 4th January 2021 - Back to School

Monday 22nd February 2021 - Inset Day

Monday 7th June 2021 - Inset Day

