



Brockley Primary School

NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2015

Summer Term

As the term comes to an end can I take this opportunity to thank the Brockley Community for all their hard work and support. Since my arrival in January everyone has made a huge effort to help ensure school improvements are on track to achieve success for all our children.

I hope that those parents able to attend the meeting on Friday 18th May found it useful. It was great to see so many of you and be able to hear your ideas and receive your offers of help going forward. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to receive the information shared by staff please pop into the office and leave your name.

Website and App

Don't forget to visit the school website for any important documents and information and to keep up to date with what's happening be sure to download the app!

School Uniform

You will remember that I wrote to you in March about how important school uniform is for a school's identity and the impact it can have on a child's learning.

At the Coffee Moring we shared with you the school uniform and PE kit that we are strongly urging all parents to adopt for their children from September 2015.

There will be an expectation that from September children should be dressed appropriately for PE. Please ensure that over the summer holiday any uniform or clothing intended to be worn for school meets the policy. Please see the school website for details or pop into the office.

Trainers will not be permitted to be worn from September except for sporting activities outside.

Parents Forum

To help strengthen the links between Brockley parents and staff I'd like to introduce a Parents Forum. The idea is that a small group of parents organise a meeting for all parents to attend where everyone is able to discuss what's happening at school changes or developments that would help learning.

The comments and questions are fed back to me as headteacher, I'll share with the staff and then we either respond by actioning the comments or queries or we explain why the process must remain as they are.

If you'd like to lead the Forum or be involved please contact the office.

School Attendance

As a parent you have a legal duty to make sure your child receives education. A child is of statutory school age between the ages of 5 and 16. More precisely this runs from the start of the term after a child's 5th birthday until the last Friday in June in the school year in which they turn 16.

As a headteacher I can only authorise leave during term time in exceptional circumstances. It is very unlikely that a request for a holiday during term time will be authorised unless you can show that there are exceptional circumstances in your case.

Put your request in writing as early as possible. If the request is not authorised and you go anyway, this is classed by the local authority as unauthorised absence. You may then risk a fine or prosecution for non-attendance issued by Derbyshire County Council.

How children Learn at Brockley School

All schools have a duty to adapt the curriculum to the needs of individual children. This is known as differentiation. If your child learns more slowly or in a different way from other children, school can set different work or try different teaching strategies. If you are concerned about your child's progress it is important to talk to the school at an early stage.

Most children will progress well through the school's usual differentiation. Some children will need more help or different help from this in order to make good enough progress at school. These children are considered to have special educational needs. They will receive SEN support.

Special educational needs can cover quite a wide range including physical or sensory impairments, learning disabilities, communication difficulties, emotional or social difficulties.