

Zebra Class Newsletter

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Our main priority during the transition days has been to get the children settled happily into school; we are so very proud of them and know you must be too! We have many 'firsts' coming up and aim to make them exciting and fun for your child. Our first topic 'All About Me' will support us in this and enable us to use the children and their pre-school/nursery experiences as a starting point. We will look at the changes from babies through to adults; look at similarities and differences between each other - eye colour, hair colour etc; talk about our families and our birthdays and maybe even learn a little about the changing seasons. There is lots to do so we had better get cracking!

P.E.

Our PE day is Wednesday. Please can children come to school ready in their kit which they will remain in all day. White tshirt and black shorts/joggers and trainers with Velcro rather than laces or PE pumps are preferable!

Phonics

At Brockley, we follow a scheme called Supersonic Phonic Friends. In Little Zebras (Nursery) children will learn a range of pre-reading skills such as: speaking and listening, phonological awareness and oral blending and segmenting. In Big Zebras (Reception) children will begin to learn letter-sound correspondence right from week 1. We will send home weekly phonics newsletters on Seesaw to detail what we've been learning and how you can support at home. If you ever need any support with this please don't hesitate to contact us!

SUPERSONIC
Phonic Friends



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our families! Thanks for all your support from home in making the transition to Nursery or Reception as smooth and exciting as it can be! We pride ourselves on our partnership with parents and we want to work together to achieve the best outcomes for your child. **'The Brockley Way - Only My Best is Good Enough!'**

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Breakfast club is available free of charge Monday-Friday at 8am in the school hall via main school entrance.

After School Club with Miss Bradley is charged at £7 per session and runs until 4.45pm (collect your child from main school entrance)

- Mon - Cooking club
- Tues - Games night
- Wed - Craft club
- Thurs - Film club
- Fri - No after school clubs.

For breakfast/after school clubs please book your child's place a week in advance via the school office.



CONTACT US:



Speak to us at drop off/pick up, message us via Class Dojo, or contact the school office on 01246 823344.

Mrs Elliott:

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Mrs Rodgers (Headteacher):

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Birthdays!

If it is your child's birthday and you are considering sending in treats, we kindly request 'Haribo' sweets.

Uniform:

(Detailed information is available on the school website.)

Grey or black trousers or jogging bottoms suitable for outdoor play, White or red polo shirt, Red pullover, sweatshirt and/or fleece jackets, Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore (smart shorts are permitted in the summer), Footwear must be suitable for outdoor play in all weathers. During summer children are permitted to wear, a red and white gingham check dress and grey or black shorts or jogging shorts.

Please note for PE all jewellery including earrings must be removed at home.



Attendance

As you know every day counts! Thank you for bringing your child to school on time between 8.30 and 8.40am. If your child will be absent from school please contact the school office on 01246 823344 before 8.45am on the day of absence.



Safeguarding

We kindly ask at hometime for you to wait at the green gates for the staff to call your child over and dismiss them to you. This ensures a safe handover for every child.

If someone different is collecting your child please let staff know in the morning or by calling and informing school on 01246 823344. If you have any information regarding your child and their development please contact us and we will arrange a meeting.

HELP AT HOME:



- Send your child to school with a **named** water bottle everyday and a change of clothes that can stay on their peg (doesn't have to be uniform).
- Please don't bring in toys from home as they often get lost causing upset.
- We offer a wide range of snacks each week. We request a contribution of £1 a week to help cover costs. This can be paid via ParentPay - Thank you!
- Encourage your child to put on their coat and clothes independently (including zips).
- Encourage your child to write their name (showing the children the correct formation copying over a yellow highlighter can help them to build confidence forming the letters in their name).
- Share a range of stories with your child asking questions throughout the stories. What do you think will happen next? Why did they do that? How do you think he/ she feels?
- Encourage your child to extend their sentences to develop their vocabulary. Child: I want ball. Adult: Would you like the big blue ball?
- Practise counting and number recognition during daily routines such as counting the shopping, or spotting numbers on houses or buses.

