

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

09/24

Friday 15th November 2024



Brockley's Kindness Day

A Celebration of Compassion and Care

At Brockley, kindness is at the heart of everything we do. We believe that small acts of kindness can make a big difference, and we are always striving to create a caring, supportive environment for everyone in our school community.

This year, we celebrated **Kindness Day** as an opportunity to reflect on the power of kindness and to inspire our children to continue spreading positivity in their everyday lives. Whether it's a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word, we know that kindness has the power to brighten someone's day and make our school a better place for all.

On Kindness Day, the children participated in a variety of activities both in school and online with Kindness 52 that focused on showing empathy, appreciation, and respect for one another. From creating kindness cards to writing notes of thanks to friends and staff, it was heart-warming to see our children embrace the spirit of the day with such enthusiasm.

At Brockley, we always strive to be kind, not just on special days like this, but every day. Our staff work hard to model kindness, teaching the children that it's not just about doing something nice for others but about creating a culture where kindness is part of our daily actions and interactions. We encourage our children to look out for one another, to help when someone is in need, and to celebrate each other's successes with joy and generosity.

Kindness is a value we hold dear, and we are so proud of the way our Brockley community continues to live it out. We know that when we all work together with kindness in our hearts, we can create a school environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and valued.

Thank you to all of our children, staff, and families for helping to make Kindness Day such a memorable event—and for making Brockley a place where kindness truly shines every day.

#bekind

Attendance for Autumn Term 2

School attendance is a legal requirement and with the new Penalty Notice Fine Procedures in place it is vitally important that your child attends school on time daily.

Each week in the newsletter we'll report on the attendance for each class so as a community you can see how well our children attend school.

The national attendance target for all schools in England is at least 96%

90% + below	In-between 90% & 96%	96% + above
--------------------	-------------------------------------	--------------------

Zebra	98.71%
Monkey	95.52%
Giraffe	95.86%
Elephant	97.5%
Lion	95.56%
Overall	96.49%

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

Social Media

Follow us Facebook: [Facebook](#)

School website for all policies and information

www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School email address

info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Headteacher's direct email address

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding Reports and Queries

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

[Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership \(ddscp.org.uk\)](http://Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk))

15.11.2024

Check the Diary Reminder!

Wow, this week has flown by, but it's been another fantastic one! It's been so lovely to see the children take pride in their work and celebrate all their hard-earned achievements. As we approach the festive season and the busy stretch of this packed half term, please check the diary! We've got lots to look forward to—The Christmas Fayre, nativities and Santa's grotto, Christmas dinner day, party day, Chatsworth and the panto and so much more. It's going to be a full and exciting schedule!

You can check out the full festive calendar on our website at [Calendar - Brockley Primary School](#)

We also know that the excitement of the Christmas season, with all its sparkle and festive cheer, can sometimes make it harder for some of our children to stay focused. We just wanted to reassure you that our staff are well-prepared to help the children manage any distractions. They're highly skilled in supporting self-regulation and will be there to offer a helping hand whenever needed, especially when things get loud or routines shift.

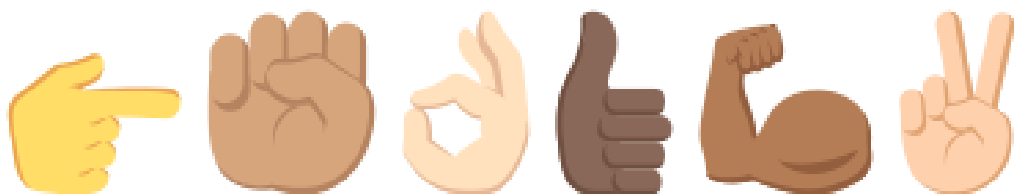
A big thank you to Mrs. Leivers for organising Brockley's very first Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice SEND coffee morning. Although the turnout was a little smaller than expected, we're optimistic that future meetings will attract more parents. The aim was to create a welcoming, supportive space to share experiences and provide information on additional support for families.

Staff continue to offer support through a range of planned workshops around the following topics (check the calendar for the next one):

- Maths
- Reading
- Phonics
- KS2 SAT's
- Y4 Multiplication Check

However, if there's something you or child need help with please get in touch as we're always more than willing to offer support and advice and if we don't know the answer we can usually find someone who does!

Remember Team Work Makes the Dream Work!



TEAMWORK

Only my best is good enough

Safeguarding and Child Protection at Brockley

Safeguarding legislation and government guidance says that safeguarding means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome
- Safeguarding includes child protection, health care plans, health and safety, site security, safety on school trips, anti-bullying work and so much more.

At Brockley Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every child in our care is safe, supported, and able to thrive. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) oversees all safeguarding concerns, and parents are encouraged to contact the DSL or safeguarding team if they have any concerns.

You can email safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk and a member of the safeguarding team will get in touch.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Responsibilities and Availability

Our Safeguarding team is committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment. The DSL and Deputy DSLs are responsible for responding to safeguarding concerns, supporting students and staff, and coordinating with external agencies to provide timely interventions.

We have a dedicated team of DSLs and Deputy DSLs, ensuring that there is always someone available to address any concerns the same day. This structure allows us to act quickly and effectively, providing the highest standard of safeguarding support for our school community.

Brockley's Safeguarding Team consists of:

- Mrs Rodgers- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Headteacher SENCo
- Miss Wheeldon- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Saxton – Safeguarding Support
- Mrs Elliott – Safeguarding Support
- ALL STAFF!

All DSLs and Deputy DSLs can be contacted using their school email address or our safeguarding email address: safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Parents play a crucial role in safeguarding, as recognising signs of harm such as physical or emotional abuse, neglect, or unusual behaviour changes can be essential. To support children's safety online, we advise setting boundaries, using parental controls, and fostering open communication. Our school, works closely with families to address concerns early, including offering Early Help – P4YP support to

15.11.2024

prevent issues from escalating. We understand that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and together, we want to foster a safe, supportive environment for every pupil.

The school adheres to the following three DFE safeguarding documents:

[Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2023\)](#)

[Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2024\)](#)

[The Prevent Duty](#)

The school has a suite of Safeguarding documents which are reviewed regularly. These are:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour Recovery Policy
- IT Acceptable Use policy
- Looked After Children Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- School Site Security Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Single Equalities Policy
- Educational Visits Policy
- Whistle-blowing Policy
- Recruitment Policy

All staff receive annual Safeguarding training and are aware of the procedures for passing on concerns within school. We also highlight key issues and discuss safeguarding at our weekly staff meetings. If any members of the school or local community have concerns about the welfare of a child in the school, we ask that you contact our school Safeguarding Team via email: safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire and a member of the team will be in touch.

Useful Websites for Parents:

[Lucy Faithful Foundation – Support for sexual abuse](#)

[Amparo – Suicide Support](#)

[NSPCC Support and Advice for Parents](#)

[Barnardo's Support for Parents and Carers](#)

