

**Brockley Primary School Newsletter**

**06/24**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**



**Parent Consultation Evenings**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October**

There are two opportunities to meet with your child's teacher this term, however you only need to choose one. You should have received an invite and a link to book a day and time that is convenient for you.

Inside the few minutes you'll have, it is highly unlikely that you will be able to ask more than a couple of these questions.

To help get the conversation started here are some questions to ask at your parents' evening consultation.

- Is my child's progress in line with the teacher's expectations?
- What can my child do to improve?
- How can I help as a parent?
- How can you help as his or her teacher?
- How much time should my child's homework for this subject take?
- Is my child at the expected level for their age and ability?
- Does my child participate well in lessons?
- What are my child's weakest and strongest areas?



**Attendance for Week Ending**

**18.10.24**

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%**

<b>Zebra</b>	<b>84.05%</b>
<b>Monkey</b>	<b>93.45%</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Lion</b>	<b>86.54%</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>90.78%</b>

**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](http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**School email address**

[info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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[headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Reports and Queries**

[safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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

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## HAF Term Booking Now Open

Booking is essential to access the Half Term Holiday Fun offered at Brockley Primary School.

[https://selfservice.bolsover.gov.uk/service/Leisure\\_Services\\_Outreach\\_Consent\\_Form](https://selfservice.bolsover.gov.uk/service/Leisure_Services_Outreach_Consent_Form)



# BROCKLEY

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



**WHAT'S ON:**

Dodgeball, football, cricket, basketball, food preparation skills, arts and crafts, castleball and more!

Sessions are free and lunch is provided. 5-11 year olds only

**WHERE AND WHEN:**

Brockley Primary School, S44 6AF

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October 10am till 2pm

**TO BOOK:**

Please scan this QR code or visit: [bit.ly/leisure-current-form](https://bit.ly/leisure-current-form)



**CONTACT US:**

For more information or to book/cancel a place, please call 01246 242571

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## **School Routine – On time and Ready for the Day Ahead**

The key to a stress-free school run begins with an organised routine. The amount of tension generated by running around the house searching for your children's P.E. kits, homework or school bag – when you should already be on your way to school – is huge. Being persistently late to school, as well as leading to disciplinary action, can affect a child's attainment and ability to settle. The good news is that the frantic morning atmosphere can be avoided, or at least tempered, with a bit of organisation. Much distress can be avoided through helping your child establish a regular routine.

### **Key Points**

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Once your child has started school, make time to talk and listen to your child each day to check how things are going. Just giving attention in this way can help your child feel supported and more confident

### **Get prepared the night before**

A stress-free morning should start with an organised evening routine. Being prepared the night before is key. You'll cut out a lot of unnecessary steps in the morning, which will allow you to focus on the more important tasks like eating, washing and dressing.

Check the school timetable with your child. By getting your children involved in this step, you can encourage them to develop responsibility for their possessions and time management. Together, you can put together a checklist of what you need to prepare the night before which might include:

- School uniform (Inc. shoes, socks, etc.)
- Packed lunches – make any sandwiches and prepare all food so it's ready to go
- Check that all homework has been completed
- Sign any letters or paperwork for the school
- Pack the school bag
- P.E. kit or other special equipment needed on particular days

### **Get Up Early**

In the morning, ensure that everyone wakes up with more than enough time to get everything done. Think about how much time you reasonably need to get ready...then add on another 20 minutes.

### **Plan Breakfast**

Your children will be easier to feed if they are given options. Obviously, there will not be time for specific orders, but a choice of cereals or different spreads for toast will help children feel in control, and encourage them to look forward to breakfast.

Some children don't feel hungry at home, then become ravenous on the way to school. If that's the case, you could give them a cereal bar or perhaps some dried fruit to take with them so they've something to eat before the bell goes. And it's usually a good idea to have breakfast before getting washed and dressed to avoid last-minute disasters needing a change of uniform.

### **Getting dressed**

Getting dressed is another time-consuming task for primary school children, who are often easily distracted by other far more interesting activities! Organising their uniform, the previous evening will get rid of any worries about not being able to find it. However, some children still don't like getting dressed. Resist the temptation to get too involved with helping your child get dressed. If you take over, and always tie shoes or do up buttons, your child is likely to struggle to do it themselves after P.E. and could end up feeling distressed. Getting up earlier on a school day, leaving more time for the children to dress will quickly help them become more independent. Don't worry if they don't do it perfectly at first – they'll gradually get better with practise.

### **Get ahead**

Once being more organised in the morning has become a habit, you'll be amazed to find that you may even have some time in hand before you need to leave the house! This approach benefits both you and the kids and gets the day off to the right start. Now, if something unexpected occurs, such as a lost book or P.E. kit, there will be more time to find it. And when you do the school run, everyone's in a better mood. Once your child has started school, make time to talk and listen to your child each day to check how things are going. Just giving attention in this way can help your child feel supported and more confident. However, resist the temptation to ask too many questions, especially when a child first gets home from school and is likely to be tired, hungry and short-tempered from coping with many new people and things.

18.10.2024



Phonics and Reading Parents  
workshop

Tuesday 22nd October  
3.10pm in the school hall.

This is an opportunity for you to  
come into school and speak to Mrs  
Elliott and Miss Wilders about  
Phonics and Reading in EYFS Zebra  
Class. Your attendance would be  
greatly appreciated as you will  
learn how best to support your child  
at home with their learning.

Can't wait to see you all there!



# OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

**Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b>	
<b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b>	<b>24 OCT</b>
<b>Decreasing Depression</b>	<b>25 NOV</b>
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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If you can't make the date or time  
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday  
25th Nov

19:00 - 20:00  
FREE



## FREE SESSION

### Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday  
7th Nov

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
12th Nov

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday  
18th Nov

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday  
21st Nov

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

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# Times Table Rockstars Day

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

To relaunch the Times Tables RockStars learning platform, we will be holding a Rock Stars day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Children are encouraged to dress up as a rock star on the day, rocking their air guitars! Rockstar hairstyles encouraged! During the day, we will also be launching a half term Times Tables Challenge, inviting pupils to learn their tables over the half term break collecting as many points as possible. If you need inspiration, the website, <https://trockstars.com> has lots of dressing up ideas. We look forward to seeing you all dressed up on the day!