

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

04/24

Friday 4th October 2024



Reminders for the Week

Tribe visits for all children at Brockley

Reception Children +Yr1 - Monday 7th October

Yr2 + Yr3 - Tue 8th October

Yr4, Yr5, + Yr6 - Thursday 10th October

Kit List

Packed lunch (if you haven't ordered one and snacks

Outdoor clothing – for all weathers

Waterproof coat

Hat Outdoor trousers (not jeans)

Jumper or sweatshirt-layers are a good idea

Thick socks Walking boots or wellies

Backpack

Water bottle

Gardening gloves

There will be no teacher run after school clubs next week due to the Tribe days and staffing. Brockley After-School Clubs and Breakfast Club are still running as normal. Brockley after school club on Monday will be film club instead of cooking.

Attendance for Week Ending

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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%

Zebra	95.02%
Monkey	93.68%
Giraffe	98.56%
Elephant	98.95%
Lion	94.23%
Total	96.01%

Please Remember Lateness Affects Your Childs Attendance

Reminder green gates open at 8:30am as school and learning starts at 8:40am. Please remember lateness can be considered absence and you could receive a fixed penalty notice. (See page 2)



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))

Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools

National Threshold A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by ALL schools in England, this is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period• These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence• <u>For example</u>, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold• The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years
Who may be fined? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school• <u>For example</u>, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines
First Offence The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days• If not paid within 21 days, the fine will increase to £160 per parent, per child, payable between the 22nd and 28th day
Second Offence (within 3 years) The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £160 per parent, per child – payable within 28 days
Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice WILL NOT be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500• Cases found guilty in a Magistrates Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate (Disclosure and Barring Service) due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'

School Attendance – Illness and Being on Time

We would like to remind you about the importance of regular attendance at school, as well as inform you about the new penalty notice policy for **unauthorised absences** that came into effect in **August 2024**.

Attendance Expectations:

- Regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success, social development, and overall well-being.
- The national attendance target is **96% or above**, and we expect all students to attend school punctually every day unless there is a valid reason such as illness.

New Penalty Notice for Absences:

- As of **August 2024**, updated government guidelines state that **any unauthorised absence** may result in a penalty notice being issued to parents. This includes missed days and lateness.
- A penalty notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. After 21 days, the fine increases to £120 per parent, per child, which must be paid within 28 days.
- Unauthorised absences include holidays taken during term time, lateness after the register has closed, or any other absence without appropriate reasons or prior approval from the school.

We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances, and we encourage you to communicate with us if you have concerns or require support with your child's attendance.

Regular school attendance is vital for your child's future success, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that they attend every day.

[leave-of-absence-during-term-time-policy-statement-sept-24.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

[attendance-policy.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

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Friday 11th October

(this has been moved due to the Tribe days)

Every year, thousands of schools, companies and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds.

Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Because we stand brighter, together.

Whilst we won't be asking for donations, you can if you wish support the charity via their online links.

All children and staff are encouraged to wear yellow - it can be anything tops, bottoms, hats, socks, shoes anything you already have!

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/.../fundraising/helloyellow/>



Kindness Crew Leadership Team

We are so proud of Kindness Crew who hosted their first Zoom alongside 12 other schools across the country to discuss all things kindness and share their ideas and plans. Alexis, Isla, Seren and Harleigh also led Mrs Rodgers assembly on Thursday talking to the whole school about their ideas and plans to ensure Brockley is a safe space and everyone Kindness Crew.

Only my best is good enough

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'Help Your Child Love Maths!'

As you may be aware, this year the school is working with the independent charity National Numeracy on an exciting project which encourages children and families to do maths together. As part of this, we have been using National Numeracy's Family Maths activities and scrapbooks – and now there are more ways for parents and carers to get involved.

We know that maths can sometimes seem daunting but engaging positively with children's learning can make a big difference to both children's and parents' confidence with numbers.

Therefore, we are inviting all parents and carers to a unique workshop, **'Help Your Child Love Maths!'** held at the school on **Tuesday 8th October at 1pm**

The workshop is not a maths lesson, nor does it teach any maths, but it is focused on **fostering positive attitudes towards numeracy** and tips for ensuring your children develop these too. This is critical to their success in building strong numeracy skills. The session will cover the importance of maths in the real world, being positive about maths and how to boost your own number skills.

In previous workshops, 96% of parents and carers said that following the workshop they would feel more able to support their child with maths learning, and 96% said the workshop had given them a more positive view of maths.

We hope that you take the opportunity and make the most of this exciting project.



Multiplication Check Information meeting



15/10/24

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

In 2024, schools must administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

Mr Beastall would like to invite all Year 4 parents to an information meeting at **3.15pm on 15th October 2024** to provide you with all the information you need and advice on how you can support your child.