

Brockley Primary School Newsletter

Issue 7

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*The Brockley Way –
‘Only my best is good
enough’*



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Attendance Matters – Our Responsibilities

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this term is 94%

Attendance Band	Class Performance This Term
Zebra	97%
Monkey	95%
Giraffe	96%
Elephant	87%
Lion	94%

Important Reminder

We cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days) will be referred to the Local Authority and may result in a fine.

School Contact Information



Report Absences or Ask Questions: 01246-823344

Website: <http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk>

General Enquiries: info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Website: www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Calendar: [Calendar - Brockley Primary School](#)

Headteacher:

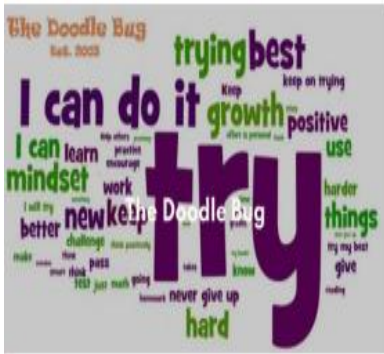
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Safeguarding:

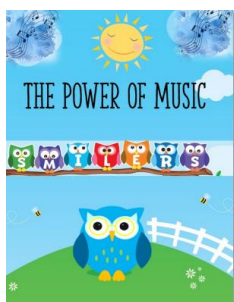
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School Facebook Page: [Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Info: <https://www.ddscp.org.uk>



What a busy term!



What do you think about when I say the word 'music'? Have you noticed how music can change your mood? Music is a universal language that we can all enjoy. Scientific research tells us that music can help to reduce stress, it can help us to feel relaxed, it can create memories, it can support connection and overall can play a part in supporting our health and wellbeing. Below are some activities linked to the SMILERS 7 Ways to Wellbeing that children and adults can try to support their health and wellbeing.

Stay Connected Listening, sharing, or making music with others creates memories.

Activity

Play this game together:

Percussion Level 1 Every time the conductor jumps on your egg can you clap?

Activity Play this game together:

Percussion Level 2 Choose a colour of egg from blue, yellow and red. Every time the conductor jumps on your egg can you clap?

Activity Clap a simple rhythm for the group to clap back. Pass the rhythm around the circle. Can some of the group keep the beat while others clap the rhythm?

Music can boost our mood and take our mind off things. It can make us feel uplifted and is a great way to express ourselves.

Activity Watch the Sing auditions: [Bing Videos](#)

Sing Auditions. How could we support Meena the elephant to try again?

Activity Watch the Diversity audition and how the power of dance and music is used to tell a story. Diversity Semi Final Performance.

What is your favourite song to dance/sing to?



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

10am–2pm on Monday 27 and
Tuesday 28 October.

TO BOOK:

Please scan
this QR code
or visit:

bit.ly/leisure-consent-form



CONTACT US:

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

01246 242571



As part of our commitment to honouring those who have served and sacrificed, our school is proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once again this year.

From Monday 3rd November, children will be able to purchase poppies and other merchandise during the school day. Items available include:

- Traditional paper poppies – suggested donation:
- Zip pulls – £1
- Wristbands – **£1.50**
- Snap bands – £2

All proceeds go directly to the Royal British Legion to support veterans and their families.

We encourage children to bring in a small amount of money if they wish to take part. Thank you for helping us teach the importance of remembrance and supporting this meaningful cause.

We will remember them.



Celebrating Parent Engagement at Brockley Primary

We were absolutely delighted to welcome 89% of our families to last night's Parents' Consultation Evening. The atmosphere was warm and purposeful, with parents and teachers coming together to celebrate children's progress and discuss next steps. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success.

At Brockley, we know that when school and home work together, children thrive. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that effective parental engagement can lead to learning gains of up to +3 months over the course of a year. The EEF's guidance report, *Working with Parents to Support Children's Learning*, highlights that:

- Parental engagement is consistently associated with better academic outcomes.
- Support from home is especially impactful for disadvantaged pupils.
- Simple, practical strategies—like regular communication and shared learning goals—can make a big difference.

You can read the full EEF guidance [here](#).

We're proud of the strong partnerships we're building with our families and look forward to continuing this journey together. Whether it's through consultation evenings, newsletters, or informal chats at the gate, your involvement matters and it makes a real difference.

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Our guide to half term in Chesterfield

Looking for some spooktacular fun to keep the kids entertained this [half term](#)? You've come to the right place! From eerie ghost hunts through town and Matlock Farm Park's fang-tastic Halloween festival, to a spellbinding Taylor Swift tribute and a vibrant international market, there's something for every little monster (and grown-up ghoul) to enjoy. Use our links below to plan your frightfully fun days and keep the whole family busy!

Browse upcoming events

Make memories together at one of the exciting events taking place over half term. You can cruise down the [Chesterfield Canal](#) or chug along on board [Puffin' Billy](#). There's plenty to get involved in.

See all of the [events taking place this half term](#).



Discover places to visit

If have kids with lots of energy to burn why not spend time in the [great outdoors](#), somewhere like Linacre Waters or Hardwick Hall. Or if you have curious minds to feed, you can find special places like Barrow Hill Roundhouse and Chesterfield Observatory.

[Choose one of Chesterfield's beautiful outdoor spaces to enjoy.](#)

Visit one of our [family-friendly attractions](#).



Explore great spots for eating out

Ever struggle to find somewhere to go together as a family? Chesterfield has lots of great cafes and restaurants to try – some you might have missed before.

Take a look at a [selection of top local restaurants](#).



Chesterfield has everything you need for the perfect [family day out](#). Interested to see what else Chesterfield has to offer?

Follow us on social media for more ideas.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

School Club Update – Autumn 2

School re-opens on Monday 3rd November at 8am for Breakfast Club, it is essential adults pre-book their child's slot in advance to ensure we can safely staff the session.

The new form can be found via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QWWfj4fhaM>

After-School Clubs

All clubs run from 3:10pm to 4:10pm unless otherwise stated.

Monday

☺ Mrs Barber's Club

Time: 3:10pm – 4:45pm

Cost: £7

🎵 Young Voices Choir (Miss Dale)

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Cost: Free

📄 Year 6 Booster Club (Miss Chapman & Miss Wheeldon)

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Cost: Free

Tuesday

☺ Mrs Barber's Club

Time: 3:10pm – 4:45pm

Cost: £7

✂ Arts & Crafts Club (Mrs Hind)

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Cost: Free



Wednesday

🗓 Mrs Barber's Club

Time: 3:10pm – 4:45pm

Cost: £7

Thursday

🗓 Mrs Barber's Club

Time: 3:10pm – 4:45pm

Cost: £7

🎬 Film Club (Mr Beastall)

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Cost: Free

📖 Year 6 Booster Club (Mrs Powdrill)

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

Cost: Free

After-School Clubs booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BcHkqabfki>





Mount Cook

ADVENTURE CENTRE

Exciting Outdoor Learning & Important Update for Year 3 Children Only

We're thrilled to share highlights from our upcoming Mount Cook residential trip for Year 3 children planned from Thursday 26th February until Friday 27th February. This visit is instead of the historical YHA to Castleton. Mount Cook is designed to offer pupils a world-class outdoor learning experience. Mount Cook is a not-for-profit centre on the edge of the Peak District, welcoming over 50,000 visitors since 2016. Pupils will enjoy:

- Engaging activities such as archery, bushcraft, fossil hunting, climbing, and high ropes.
- Comfortable accommodation in glamping pods or indoor rooms.
- Nutritious catering with options for all dietary needs.
- Evening adventures including campfires, team challenges, and guided walks.

This trip is a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, teamwork, and life skills in a beautiful natural setting.

Year 3 parents are invited to attend a presentation on Tuesday 4th November at 3:20pm in the hall where staff will be able to share the details and costs of this fantastic opportunity for the Year 3 children.

Visit the Mount Cook website:

[Mount Cook Adventure Centre | outdoor activity centre derbyshire](http://www.mountcookadventurecentre.co.uk/outdoor-activity-centre-derbyshire)

Half Term Reading Challenge

Your child will bring home the below reading challenge today, please return after half term to receive lots of dojos! Please feel free to send photos of your child completing the challenges to your class teacher via dojo. Enjoy!

LITERACY SHED
FRIGHTFULLY GOOD READING CHALLENGE!

- Read a non-fiction book
- Read with a spooky voice
- Read a book set in the woods
- Read a book that rhymes
- Read late... after bedtime
- Read whilst in fancy dress
- Read a friend's favourite book
- Read a book with numbers
- Read a book set at night
- Read a book about monsters
- Read a classic story
- Read a book with a character who is a witch
- Read a book with an orange front cover
- Read in the bath
- Read a book with a halloween theme

HOW MANY CHALLENGES CAN YOU DO?

How many challenges can you do?