



## **BROOK PARENT/CARER BULLETIN**

Issue 2 Autumn 2014

Head Teacher's Briefing – 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 10 – 12pm

### **A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND AN ESPECIALLY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARENTS AND CARERS!!**

You have to know that every one of you is so important both to your children's education and to the school. It is proven that learning certainly doesn't all happen in school. So much of your child's waking life is spent out of school – your support of their learning is the single most important factor in their lives – we're a real partnership! Just a few first thoughts to make the partnership easier!

**COMMUNICATION:** so important when we don't see you all at the school gate! On reception when you call in will be Amy in the morning and Lee in the afternoon. If they're not there it will probably be Felicia or Uma – just so you've got names to put to anonymous voices. Amy is new and has now visited two classes to get to know your Brook children!! Please also write in the home/school book – it's lovely to hear about your activities at the weekend and let your child share that with their classmates!

**ATTENDANCE:** I know that Felicia Rock, our Attendance Officer, has already written to you about the real importance of your children being in school every single day. I echo her words and also have to say that I am no longer able to authorise any holidays taken in term time so please don't ask!! Felicia is an important part of your lives – she will be ringing you if your child doesn't come into school and you haven't phoned to let us know but she is also always there for you to give advice and sometimes just to listen!! We all do that but Felicia is the front line!!

**LATENESS:** if your child has an appointment which will make them late for school could you please let the teacher know the day before just in case they are going on an educational visit and need to leave someone behind for your child.

### OTHER KEY PEOPLE AS YOU JOIN THE SCHOOL:

Tom Laverty, who is the Lead on the senior team for pastoral care - he leads on the Parent/Carer Partnership; emotional wellbeing and behaviour; therapies, including the multidisciplinary team and volunteers

Cathy Jackson the School Nurse

Class Teachers and their team - but you know who they are already!

PUPIL PREMIUM as you know all your children this year are entitled to a free school meal which is wonderful. However, it is even more important that you fill in the Free School Meals application if you have an entitlement - this means that we will still get the Pupil Premium to spend on our pupils - it amounts this year to £1,300 per entitled child - it is so important that we don't lose this money so Felicia will be chasing you!!

### PARENT GOVERNOR:

Mohammed Lahmil is your new parent governor - thank you Mohammed! We do, however, need one more parent governor - if you feel you can join us on the new governing body just ring me asap!!!

VOLUNTEERING we love to work with parents and carers as volunteers - we often need help in the classrooms and certainly on educational visits and such activities as swimming. If you would like to volunteer an hour or two or more of your time we'd love to have you with us. You would not, of course, be working with your own child - that would very difficult for them! Ring Tom Laverty if you are interested on the school number.

### PARENTS ADVISORY GROUP:

this was a group formed last year to advise the Governing Body. We now have a Federated Governing Body and it will be suggested that we set up the same type of group for this year - I'll keep you posted as to the first meeting date. For those new to the school this was a really important group who had a real impact on the governors.

### FRIENDS OF BROADWATERS:

We have been thinking for some time now about starting a Friends of Broadwaters for the whole learning community. Again, if you are interested just let me know.

Website: we put so much of our information on the website. The Brook School Local Offer and SEN Information Report are there too giving all the information on the school you could wish to know! We really welcome your views on the Website as we are trying to revamp it. Let us know what else you would like to see.

I'm leaving the Bulletin at this point as my Parents Advisory Group told me never to go beyond 2 pages so I'm not! Please contact me with any concerns or just to say hello - email me anytime on [margaret.sumner@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:margaret.sumner@thebrook.haringey.sch.uk)

Very best wishes, Margaret - Head Teacher



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2014-15

### AUTUMN TERM 2014

Date		Time
<b>October</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Head Teacher's Briefing	10-12pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Workers Surgery – by appointment	am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Diwali Assembly – Nightingale Class	2.30
13-24 <sup>th</sup>	Early Days Reviews – you'll be sent an appointment for your child	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Assembly – Daisy Class	2.30
17 <sup>th</sup>	Social Workers Surgery – by appointment	am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents/ Carers Evening (not Reception Classes)	4 – 8 pm
<b>November</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parenting Workshop	10-12pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parenting Workshop	10-12pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Black History Assembly	2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Social Worker Surgery – by appointment	am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parenting Workshop	10-12pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Freedom/International Assembly – Brook and Willow	pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Social Worker Surgery – by appointment	am
<b>December</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parenting Workshop	10-12pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Human Rights Day Assembly – Cricket Class	2.30
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Coffee Morning	10.30
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carols by Candlelight – Brook and Willow	am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Social Worker Surgery – by appointment	am

### Term Dates 2014-2015 - reminder

<b>Autumn Term 2014</b>	<u>Starts</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Term Days</u>
<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Monday 1st September*</b>	<b>Friday 24th October</b>	<b>40</b>
<b><u>October Half Term</u></b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Friday 31st October</b>	
<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Monday 3rd November</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>35</b>

<b><u>Winter Term Break</u></b>	<b>Monday 22nd December</b>	<b>Friday 2nd January</b>	
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Inset/Training Days –Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2014 \**(Children are back on Wednesday 3rd September)*

<b>Spring Term 2015</b>	<b><u>Starts</u></b>	<b><u>Ends</u></b>	<b><u>Term Days</u></b>
Spring 1	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 13th February	30
<b><u>February Half Term</u></b>	<b>Monday 16th February</b>	<b>Friday 20th February</b>	
Spring 2	Monday 23rd February	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	25
<b><u>Easter Break</u></b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friday 10th April</b>	

<b>Summer Term 2014</b>	<b><u>Starts</u></b>	<b><u>Ends</u></b>	<b><u>Term Days</u></b>
Summer 1	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April*	Friday 22nd May	29
<b><u>May Half Term</u></b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Summer 2	Monday 1st June	Monday 20th July*	36
<b><u>Summer Holiday</u></b>	<b>Tuesday 21st July</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195 Days</b>

Inset/Training Days –Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 \* *(Children are back on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April)*

Inset/Training Days –Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July \* *(Children finish school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July)*

**Inset Days – Children are not in on these days**

- Monday 1st September 2014
- Tuesday 2nd September 2014
- Monday 13th April 2015
- Monday 20th July 2015
- **Please note that 1 more Inset Day still needs to be confirmed**