



Brockhampton Primary Academy

Newsletter 2

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We hope you all had a wonderfully spooky half-term break and an enjoyable Bonfire Night. Since returning to school the children are a buzz with activities: we have another football tournament this week (good luck Y4/5/6 players and Mr McLaren), after school clubs are all running normally again and we are gearing up for our Remembrance activities on Thursday. Our thanks to Max (Y2) and his Nan, who undertook some research together in the Summer holiday; which means for the first time we will be remembering former pupils of Brockhampton, who were lost in the First World War. This is the first step in our ambition to establish a permanent memorial garden, complete with commemoration board, on the school site. If you have any time/skills and would be interested in helping us achieve this aim, please let us know as soon as possible. On the subject of parents getting involved more in school life and helping with fundraising or by donating time/skills, we would like to invite you all to a "social" in our ***Crooked Village at 8.00pm on Thursday 25th November***. There will be lights, log burners, drinks and the outlining of a new approach to coming together as a community in support of our school and our children. Please come along to find out how you can help. An example of this already happening is the new football kit for our teams that some parents have kindly offered to buy. Thank you. It will make a huge difference to the children – just check Mr McLaren doesn't slip an adult sized kit onto the order please!

Attendance and Punctuality

It is more important than ever that children attend regularly as we make up for lost learning time. If your child is well enough to attend school, please make sure they do.

It is also crucial that they are on time. Children who are consistently 5/10 minutes late are missing social time with their friends (the lack of which we were all highly anxious about during lockdowns) and starter activities, which provide daily practise with key skills in reading, writing and maths. Please do not disadvantage your children further – please get them here on time. KS2 8.30-8.40am. KS1 8.40-8.50am.

Our Football Heroes



Yes, we've only gone and done it again! Another fantastic tournament has taken our Brockhampton Football players to another County victory. We will now be facing a National Schools Tournament later in the year. Congratulations to all of the players who took part and our thanks to the parents and teachers who supported them.

Collecting Children on Time

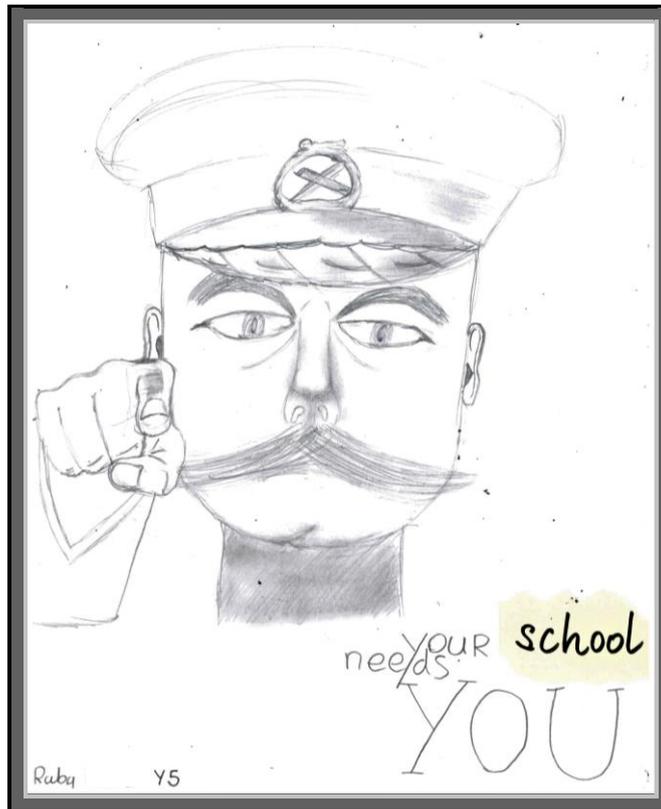
School finishes at 3.00pm every day. Sadly we have a number of children regularly being collected after this time, sometimes 15/20 minutes late. Holding children by the office, which is still a working space at that time, is not viable as there are simply too many children waiting. We are therefore having to arrange for them to be supervised by Teaching Assistants, elsewhere in the school, which is adding an unnecessary cost to the school's staffing bill. Similarly, we do have some repeat offenders in the After School Club being collected late too. So, with regret, from Monday 22nd November, children regularly being collected over 5 minutes late and failing to inform the office will be billed the late collection charge of £5 with an additional £5 for every 15 mins late thereafter.

Covid

As the number of positive cases continues to rise, can we please remind you all to wear face masks at drop-off and pick-up. We all need to continue to do all we can to minimise the risk of transmission – the last thing any of us want is a year group having to stay at home due to a localized outbreak.

Parking

This term there has already been a minor bump and a couple of near misses in the car park. We need all drivers to approach, park and leave the area safely and considerately please. We do not want any accidents involving children or their parents. The council will only respond to parent pressure to improve the facilities. The school will happily support any individual or group of parents who wish to take the issue up with the council on the children's behalf.



Are you a master craftsman, a builder, do you run your own business or are you someone who would just like to donate their time in some way? If you have any skills, resources or time that you would be happy to invest into your child's school, then we would love to hear from you. Please scan the QR code below, call the office (01885 483238), drop us an email (office@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk) or join us at the school social support event (Thurs 25th Nov 8pm in the Crooked Village) and let us know how you could support Brockhampton. Thank you to Ruby (Y5) for her wonderful picture and to anyone who thinks they can support their child's school in any way.



Holiday Club



This Half Term's Holiday Club was well received again, with lots of fun activities. We especially love the lanterns. Further clubs will be running in 2022, we'll keep you updated with the details.

Woodland Toddler Group



If you or someone you know has a little one that loves exploring, singing, reading, painting, messy play and trying new things then come and join our Woodland Toddler Group on Friday's 9:30 -11:00. £3 per child (£1 per additional sibling). All under 5's welcome.

Forthcoming Dates

Thur 11th Nov
 Tues 23rd Nov
 Wed 24th Nov
 Thur 25th Nov
 Mon 6th – Fri 10th Dec
 Wed 8th – Thur 9th Dec
 Fri 17th Dec
 Fri 17th Dec – Tue 4th Jan

Remembrance Day – various activities will be run throughout the day
 School Open Day (9:30 – 11:30am)
 Flu Vaccine for whole school (not including Nursery)
 School social support event (8pm Crooked Village)
 Y2 Phonics Screening week
 Reception & Y1 Nativity – Afternoon (1:45-2:45pm)
 Downs Christmas Walk (1:30pm) Parents welcome
 Christmas Holidays – School reopens Wed 5th Jan