



Brockhampton Primary Academy

Newsletter 3

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A much belated Happy New Year to you and I hope you have all had a happy and peaceful break over the Festive period – although by now, I'm sure it feels a long time ago!

Many thanks for your patience, understanding and support for staff with the disruption of staff absence these last few weeks, not least with the resultant delay to the website being operational. It has been undergoing significant change and whilst it is still not fully populated, it is close to being ready in terms of the statutory information schools have to present and those logistical details around the running of the school that parents need. We are hopeful that it will be back up by the end of next week at the latest.

There has already been a great deal going on in school this term, some details of which you can see below, or follow on our Twitter and Instagram feeds (brockhamptonpr4). These feeds, and the new website, will continue to grow and more accurately reflect those aspects of school life that go beyond books and written work: those activities and moments where the Brockhampton School Curriculum provides different, exciting and creative opportunities to inspire and enrich the children's learning.

A school's curriculum is designed to achieve those things we want for our children by the time they leave us for the next stage in their education and at Brockhampton, **we present those aims as want we want for our children academically and pastorally**. The curriculum also maps out **how** those academic and pastoral aims will be achieved. Children, parents and staff should have a sound understanding of what we are trying to achieve and why, how we go about doing it and whether it's working or not ie have we achieved it for **all** our children? At the end of this newsletter there is an overview of our school curriculum. Over the coming weeks and months, our newsletters, website, social media platforms etc will continue to share details and an explanation of our school curriculum, so that this understanding can be developed.

Please contact head@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk at any point with any comments or queries regarding anything to do with our school curriculum.

Financial Climate and Fundraising

Before Christmas, we had built momentum in engaging with the goodwill and of our parent community, exploring ways to support the school financially; either through fundraising, donations of time, skills, resources etc, lettings and local business "sponsorship". You will see elsewhere in this newsletter examples of how successful that has been so far, thanks to the kindness and generosity of our parents.

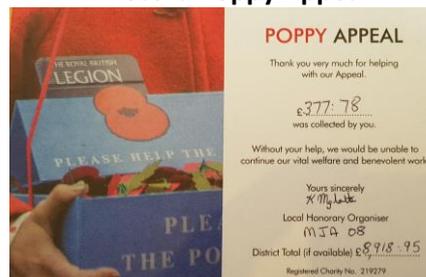
On Thursday 10th February at 8.00pm, we want to take one aspect of this strategy further by hosting an initial PTA Meeting at school, where we will establish how the PTA will be organized and run and produce a calendar of events for the year (including Community Groundworks Days to help us maintain and develop the site), all with the experience and support of previous PTA members who will be on hand to offer their insight. Those of you with any interest in finding out more about the PTA, please come along and see if it is something you would like to get involved with. It is important to make clear from the onset that no-one is interested in having parents signing their life away and having to attend all events/meetings etc. It is about contributing as little or as much as you want in any way that suits you – anything and everything will help make a difference to the children at our school, so have a think and hopefully we'll see you on the 10th.

FREE 'Learn to Swim' lessons

During half term, at Ross and Leominster Leisure Centres, a FREE 5 day intensive course is being run for children wanting to learn to swim. The course is aimed at complete non swimmers unable to swim 10m (4 years old +). Swimmers attend the same time slot every day, Monday-Friday. To find out more information or book please visit

<https://www.haloleisure.co.uk/activities/herefordshire/childrens-activities/holiday-activities>

A Record Poppy Appeal



Brockhampton received thanks recently from the Royal British Legion for the £377.78 raised, the largest school donation in the area. Well done to all of you who helped.

Netball Fun



A huge thank you is owed to Megan Evans for organising the new Netball session that runs every Sunday morning at Bromyard Leisure Centre. If you haven't yet joined in, but would like to, please see [Bromyard Netball on Facebook](#) The money raised from the Netball will go towards the schools Just Giving total, so an opportunity for you to do good and feel good!

Holiday Club

Our apologies to anyone who was hoping to use the Schools Holiday Club during Half Term in February, as the club will not be running that week. We will however be back for more Forest fun during the Easter break.

Bread Hamper



A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Doughty Cook and all of you who purchased tickets for their fabulous Christmas Bread Hamper. We are pleased to advise that over £150 was raised from this one event. If you have any fundraising ideas or feel you might be able to donate a prize in the future, please do contact the Head to discuss further.

The Queen's Green Canopy



Year 4 have been fortunate enough to take part in a tree planting ceremony this week, to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Year 4 were joined by representatives from the Queen's Green Canopy, as well as the Mayor and Town Crier.



Film Night



We are pleased to advise that the postponed Christmas Film Night's have now been rescheduled for Wed 16th Feb for KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) and Friday 18th Feb for KS1 (Y). Any child who would like to attend and has not yet purchased tickets, can do so via ParentPay. Timings for both nights will be 15:00 – 17:30. We hope to see many of the children there.

Forthcoming Dates

Thur 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day – various activities will be run throughout the day
Weds 2 nd Feb	Y5/6 visit to Birmingham Central Mosque
Tues 8 th Feb	Safer Internet Day-various activities run through the day
Thurs 10 th Feb	Reception Class Maths Stay and Play
Thurs 10 th Feb, 8pm	PTA Meeting
Fri 11 th Feb	KS2 Hereford FC Coach Visit
Weds 16 th Feb	TAG Rugby Club – cancelled
Thurs 17 th Feb	Reception Class Superhero Dress Up Day
Fri 18 th Feb	Wear red for Heart Heroes Day – more details to come
Mon 21 st – Sun 27 th Feb	Half Term holiday
Mon 28 th Feb & Weds 2 nd Mar	SEND Parent Meetings – more details to follow
Tues 1 st & Thurs 3 rd Mar	Parents' Evenings – more details to follow
Thurs 3 rd Mar	World Book Day – more details to follow

Our School Curriculum Vision/Aims
What we want our children to know, understand and be able to do by the time they leave us

National Curriculum

LEARN: Academic Aims

- high standards of attainment and progress in reading, writing and maths so that children are fully prepared for the next stage of their education
- ambitious teaching and learning provision in all curriculum subjects to enable children to find their passion and potential
- teaching and learning pedagogy that develops children's long-term memory enabling them to retain, recall, transfer and apply their knowledge, understanding and skills to a range of contexts independently

GROW: Pastoral Aims

- grow independence: children develop resilience, determination, fearlessness to become confident, self-reliant and responsible individuals
- contribute to communities: children develop an understanding of their school, local, national and international communities and how they and others contribute to them
- promote physical and mental health: children understand how to maintain good physical and mental health and the benefits of doing so



Curriculum Mapping

- planned sequences of learning for what children need to know, understand and be able to do by the end of each half-term, in each year group
- plans ensure learning has continuity, progression and is cumulative (builds on previous learning) towards end points
- plans implement the full breadth of the National Curriculum for all children
- plans ensure opportunities for all children to achieve Pastoral Aims through meaningful, relevant and enriching learning opportunities

Teaching and Learning Pedagogy

- staff train and conduct paired action-research projects to develop their professional understanding of best pedagogical teaching and learning practice
- staff continually reflect and adapt provision to meet the needs of all children
- a focus on meaningful outdoor learning opportunities and enriched curriculum experiences (visits, visitors, community links, specialist teachers) throughout all year groups