

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 22nd September 2023 Newsletter 1

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

A very belated welcome back to you all and a special hello to our new Nursery and Reception families – it is good to have you with us and we welcome you to the Broke Hall community.



It is a pleasure to be able to write to you with three great pieces of news celebrating the brilliant work we have been doing at Broke Hall. Firstly, we are pleased to announce that we have been granted the Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award from Unicef. This is a nationwide scheme which uses the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to help give children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens. We are now well on our way to achieving the Silver Award.

We are also delighted to let you know that we have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag status in recognition of our work to improve the school environment and to highlight ways in which we can protect the planet.

One of these ways is to grow our own food and our work on the school allotment has meant we have earned Level Two in the Royal Horticultural Society's School Gardening Awards. This year we aim to cultivate even more produce for our wonderful new Head of Kitchen, Mrs. Helen Gale, to turn in to something yummy.



Now we are back to business as usual, we are all looking forward to an action-packed term full of learning and fun.

Mrs. Fairs

School Uniform



We would like to remind you of our expectations surrounding uniform and PE kit. For the colder months, children may wear trousers, culottes, a pinafore dress or skirt (grey or black), which should not be too short or tight fitting; a red, white or grey blouse or polo shirt; a red sweatshirt or cardigan (this can be branded with the school logo or plain); red, white, grey or black socks or tights and flat, black shoes (no boots or trainers).

The following items are not acceptable as school uniform– cycling shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, jogging bottoms and sports shorts. Children are also not permitted to wear any make-up or nail varnish. Jewellery should not be worn but a watch and one pair of **plain** stud earrings is permitted.

Please also ensure that uniform is marked with your child's name.

Children in Years 5 and 6, are asked to come to school dressed in the correct PE kit (suitable for the weather) but wearing their **school jumper** and **school shoes**. They should bring their plimsolls or trainers to change into before the lesson. This not only promotes good hygiene by not getting their school shoes sweaty during exercise, but helps keep the school clean if they have been doing outdoor PE on the sometimes muddy field.

More information, including where uniform can be purchased, can be found on our website or by clicking on this link:

<https://www.brokehall.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=28>

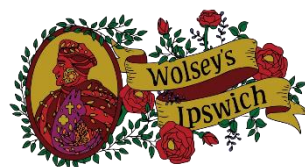
Wearing school uniform helps children feel part of the Broke Hall community and is practical for children to play and learn in. Thank you for your support with this.

School starts at 8.50am

With the challenging start to the school year, it has been difficult to get into the new routines relating to the earlier start time. The school gates now open at 8:40 and registers close at 8:50. The end of the school day remains the same.

Wolsey550 project

You may have noticed one or two events happening around town commemorating the birth and rise of Thomas Wolsey. From humble beginnings in Ipswich, he went on to become one of the most powerful figures in the Tudor world. This multi-faceted project is designed not only to highlight the Cardinal and his links to our town, but to raise aspirations in our children and young people with the idea that you don't have to be great to begin, but you have to begin to be great! Last term, some of our pupils contributed to the launch video, which can be seen in full here:



<https://youtu.be/a3AxAdA1NYI?si=pZYMIPil-DyjALze>

Keep an eye out for more events across the town by visiting the project's website:

<https://www.thomaswolsey550.co.uk/>. We will keep you updated on how Broke Hall is involved in the project, too.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thank you to all parents who have attended these information sessions; we hope you found them useful. If you were unable to attend, you will find the presentations on the year group pages on our school website.

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 25 th September	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Thursday 5 th October	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Thursday 5 th October	Suffolk Schools Boys Football Tournament
Thursday 5 th October	Open Evening for prospective parents – if you have any friends or family with a child due to start school in September 2024, please let them know.
Sunday 8 th to Wednesday 11 th October	Year 5 Residential visit to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Tuesday 10 th October	Suffolk Schools Girls Football Tournament
Monday 16 th October	Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 th October	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 17 th , Weds 18 th , Thurs 19 th October	Year 6 visits to The Hold
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October: Half Term	