

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 6th October 2023 Newsletter 2

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

I am casting my eyes over the diary for this term and it is filling up fast with exciting trips, visitors and learning experiences for your children. Enrichment is a big part of our offer here at Broke Hall and it goes hand in hand with our other core foci of academic achievement and personal development.

Our Open Evenings are a chance to showcase the things which make our school special to existing and future families and the turnout on Thursday was very good. Thank you to all our Year 6 pupils who acted as tour guides – you did an excellent job and helped us to show off our school. Of course, there are always things to develop and this year's school development plan outlines the areas that we are working on this year. I have outlined our key priorities later on in this newsletter.

If you have a child due to start school in September, or know someone who does, please contact our admin team, who would be pleased to help you with your application.

Mrs. Fairs

Reading is vital



Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. By now, all children in Key Stage 2 will have been given a new ZPD and access to hundreds of

suitable titles and all children in EYFS and KS1 have a reading book matched to their phonics stage. Please encourage your child to do their daily reading both independently and with an adult – right up to Year 6. If you are able to support school by hearing readers, coming in to assist with changing books, or can offer an hour or two to help run the library, please see your child's teacher or email the office.



School Development Plan

The School Development Plan is a strategic plan for improvement. It is not a fixed document rather it is one that is flexible and adapts based on the needs of the school. The SDP is reviewed by senior leaders on a regular basis and updates are provided to staff to ensure that we are all aware of any outstanding actions.

This year's school development plan can be found here on the school website. Our key priorities for this year informed by our recent Ofsted Inspection are:

- To develop the assessment of foundation subjects
- To develop progression in the EYFS Curriculum
- To have a coherent curriculum from Nursery to Year 6
- To improve writing outcomes

- To improve outcomes in maths (focus on Times Tables Multiplication checks)
- To gain the Silver Rights Respecting School Award
- To work towards gaining the Inclusion Quality Mark

Year 3 Stone Age Day



Yesterday, Year 3 enjoyed a memorable day with our Stone Age Visitors. They visited the tent on the field and especially enjoyed tasting the fish cooked over the open fire! Back in class, they worked on their cave paintings. The Year 3 staff were extremely pleased with how well the children listened and participated in this exciting day.



Parking and traffic around school

This is a perennial problem but lately the traffic situation around school has become extremely difficult, with tempers fraying and the potential for an accident greater than ever. The roadworks around the Gleneagles Drive approach to the school, which are set to remain into November, will only make matters worse. We would like to encourage children to walk, ride or scoot to school but the inconsiderate behaviour of some motorists, including some of our parents, makes this an unappealing option for many families – which in turn, makes the traffic situation worse. May we remind you that there must be NO parking on the double yellow lines, or on the yellow zigzags outside of school, even if a child is just getting out of the car. We know that many of you need to get to work straight after drop-off but the situation in the mornings and afternoons means that everyone ends up getting snagged up and it may well be better to “Park and Stride” from a couple of streets away.

High School Application deadline

Parents of children in Year Six must apply for a secondary school place by 31st October. This will give you the best chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools. Common mistakes parents make during this process is failing to put second and third choices, thinking that this will assure them of a place at their preferred establishment. If you only put one school, the County Council may allocate a place at any school, if your first choice is oversubscribed. Another mistake is not applying at all. Children are not automatically given a place at their closest school, or the one closest to their primary school. If you do not apply or apply late and are given a place at a school you do not want to accept, appeals are unlikely to be heard before June 2024 or even the beginning of the new school year. This can be very distressing for the child, so get those applications in on time.

You can apply and find guidance here:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-2024-2025

Manor Adventure

Earlier in the term, Year 6 journeyed to Norfolk Lakes for a memorable manor Adventure Experience. It was a little damp but spirits remained high and they have benefitted from developing teamworking skills, independence and pushing personal boundaries. What a great way to start their final year at Broke Hall!



Holiday Clubs

Please see the flyer at the bottom of this letter regarding holiday basketball camps for October half-term, Christmas and February half term. Further information can also be found here:

Elite camps – ages 12-18 <https://www.playground2probasketball.com/sessions-store/elite-camps>

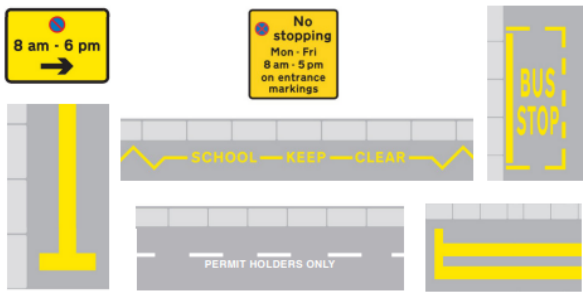
Little Stars camps – ages 6 – 11 <https://www.playground2probasketball.com/sessions-store/little-stars>

Term dates for your diary	
Sunday 8 th October – Wednesday 11 th October	Year 5 children to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents’ evening
Thursday 19 th October	Parents’ evening
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half term break
Thursday 2 nd November	Rock Steady Music in school to give special assemblies
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th , Thursday 9 th November	Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Cafes with parents – details to follow
13 th – 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 20 th November	World Children’s Day
Monday 27 th November – Friday 4 th December	Year 5 Bikeability – details to follow.
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Day in school
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of the Autumn Term



POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK

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2023/2024 UPCOMING CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF TERM
MONDAY OCT 23RD AND/OR TUESDAY OCT 24TH 2023
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BOOK ONE OR TWO DAYS

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CAMP
THURSDAY DEC 21ST AND/OR FRIDAY DEC 22ND 2023
ELITE CAMP AGE 12-18 OR LITTLE STARS CAMP AGE 9-11
BOOK ONE OR TWO DAYS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MONDAY FEB 19TH AND/OR TUESDAY FEB 20TH 2023
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