

Broke Hall Primary School



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Message from Mrs. Fairs:

It has been a very busy half term with two residential visits completed. Just as school life has returned to normal with all classes back in school, the half term has finished. I must say, however, that we are all ready for a rest before the run-up to the festive period begins. Teachers have started to plan the Christmas performances and activities for children in Reception and Year 1 – see the end of the newsletter for all the dates and get these in your diaries!

Autumn has definitely arrived today but I hope that the weather improves and that you and your families enjoy the half term break.

Mrs. Fairs

Year 5 visit to Aylmerton

Last week, 74 Year Five children travelled to Aylmerton Outdoor Education Centre in Norfolk for fun and learning in unseasonably warm weather. The children learned teamworking, problem-solving, resilience and independence as well as enhancing their geography and environmental knowledge. They saw plenty of wildlife, found fossils and enjoyed a mud walk and boat ride to visit the seals at Blakeney Point. Organising and supervising a residential trip can only be done with the support of the staff, who volunteer for such visits leaving their own families behind, often at the weekends. We are very grateful that they do so, to give your children these opportunities.



Food and Festivals week

This week has been our special Food and Festivals week. Each year group has focused on an Autumn festival from around the world or from that past and our Head of Kitchen planned a special Thanksgiving themed lunch. Festivals we have learned about include: Loy Krathong, Samhain, Sukkot, Diwali, Dias de las Muertos and the Chinese Moon Festival

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended our parent consultation meetings this week. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child's teacher who will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's progress.

Open Evening

At the start of the month we held a success Open Evening for prospective parents. I would like to say a big thank you to our year 6 children, who acted as tour guides. They were polite, eloquent and excellent ambassadors for our school.

Hallowe'en

Before the next newsletter is written, Hallowe'en will have passed. If you are planning to celebrate Spooky Season, please look at these tips to keep everyone safe and happy, published last year by Suffolk Police.

- Never go Trick or Treating alone or split up from your friends
- Always check with your parent or carer first
- Only go to houses where you or your friends know who live there
- Don't talk to strangers on the street or go off with them
- Stay in well-lit areas
- Ensure you can be seen by wearing reflective clothing or carry a torch
- Take care when crossing the roads – it can be hard to see so well in a costume
- Although Hallowe'en is about looking spooky, be careful not to frighten those who do not want to take part

BBC Children in Need



This year, as before, Broke Hall will be supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal. The high profile of this event means that lots of money is raised on the day and goes directly to good causes, including those in Ipswich. In the past, local projects funded by Children in Need have included: Ipswich Community Playbus, Ipswich Youth Steelband, Suffolk Refugee Support, Lighthouse Women's Aid and the Phoebe Centre. With our help, even more children and young people in the local area and across Britain can be reached.

On Friday 17th November children can come to school in non-uniform. They may wear their own clothes, Pudsey ears or any other Children in Need merchandise in return for a donation (suggested £1).

Dates for your Diary

Term dates for your diary	
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October	Half term break
Monday 30th October	Children return to school
Wednesday 1 st November	Year Four to West Stow
Thursday 2 nd November	Rock Steady in school for special assemblies
Tuesday 7 th , Wednesday 8 th , Thursday 9 th November	Times Tables Café – Years 3 and 4 – details in a separate letter
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	HSA AGM 3.00pm in hall
Friday 17 th November	BBC Children in Need non-uniform day
Monday 27 th November	Bikeability begins for some pupils in Year 5 – details to follow
Wednesday 6 th December	EYFS parent SHARE pm
Thursday 7 th December	Yr 1 parent SHARE am
Monday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.15am Reception Christmas Performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Day in school
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term