

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 10th May 2024 Newsletter

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

This short week has been most welcome, but the month of May brings with it important and potentially stressful events for our children in Years Six, Eleven and Thirteen as they head into their SATs, GCSE and A' Level examinations. We would all like to wish any pupil the best of luck with their tests and exams, which they, and their teachers, have worked hard for throughout their schooling. Our Year Six children can give themselves the best chance of doing well by getting plenty of sleep, eating well and taking some exercise to boost their mood and calm any worries they may have. We are always very proud of all of our Year Six pupils and their positive attitude towards SATs week. It will all be over very soon and they can look forward to the pay off that the last few weeks of Primary School brings with it.

Mrs. Fairs

Sticky questions:

This week's Sticky Questions are:



Reception: What is the friendliest colour? Why?

Year One: If you could ask an object a question, what would you ask?

Year Two: If you could make one community tradition permanent. Which would it be?

Year Three: Do children understand what its like to be an adult? Do adults understand what it is like being a child?

Year Four: What are the ingredients of a good excuse?

Year Five: Can you be part of a group without being less of an individual?

Year Six: If we are all the same, why are we supposed to be different?

Enrichment at Broke Hall

The past few weeks have seen lots of enrichments and experiences for various year groups. Kicks and Tricks have been in school to create larger-than-life table football, with the children as the little figures. The Suffolk Show Competition Garden is really taking shape thanks to Mrs Abbott and gardening club. The allotment is looking good too – look out for some pop-up plant sales coming soon!

Year 5 have been on a geography field trip to Flatford Mill. The children were able to see the River Stour at three different points and compare the brook with the main river. They measured the velocity, depth and width at the different points. It was a great day, if rather muddy and the children all enjoyed this practical aspect to their geographical learning.





Year 3 are learning about the Romans in Britain. To bring this learning to life, they visited Colchester Castle, which highlights the impact of the Romans in our local area. The children had great fun exploring the museum inside the castle where they saw many artefacts from this time, dressed up as a Roman and rode in a virtual horse chariot race. The children also had the opportunity to build a Roman villa and go down into the volts of the castle.



Walk to school week and parking patrols



The children have had special assemblies this week to learn about the launch of Walk To School Week. We are beginning this on Friday 17th May through to Thursday 23rd May. This is a national week designed to promote happier, healthier children; cleaner, safer streets and purse-friendly travel options. Each day has a different focus and children will earn stickers for walking or wheeling to school under their own steam.

You may have noticed the increased presence of parking wardens of late. This is in response to complaints made to the council and police by parents and local residents about illegal and inconsiderate parking around school. They have had to issue tickets to parents for illegal parking. Please support the school by thinking about how and where you park if you drive to school. It is hard to remember, when you are stuck in traffic that you are, in fact, part of the traffic you are stuck in.

New Football kit



We are pleased that our new Broke Hall football kit has arrived for our boys and girls football teams. Here it is being modelled by some of our Year 6 children and we are sure you will agree that it looks very smart. As well as looking very professional, we hope that it will promote a greater sense of identity amongst the team players to continue with their winning streak.



Term Time Holidays

The law requires parents/carers to ensure their children receive an efficient full-time education, and every minute of every day is important. There are 38 weeks in the pupil school year leaving 14 weeks for holidays. Term holidays cannot be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances and may incur a fine. Please help your child not to miss any of this valuable time in school.

Term dates for your diary

Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 End of Key Stage Assessments (SATs)
Friday 17 th May	Philosophy Day
Friday 17 th May	Charity Bake Sale after school
Friday 17 th – Thurs 23 rd May	Walk to School Week
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 27 th May-Friday 31 st May	Half term break
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens to pupils
Tuesday 11 th June	Yr 2 to Foxburrow Farm
Friday 14 th June	HSA Donations Day for the summer event – non uniform
Thursday 20 th June	HSA Summer Carnival – after school event
Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Days
Wednesday 26 th June	Move up Day in school
Wednesday 3 rd July 3.30 -6.00pm	Opening Evening - all families invited to visit classes across the school, including the current year group and to visit the classrooms for the next year.
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 to take part in The Thomas Wolsey 550 Celebration Parade
Friday 19 th July	Last Day of term