

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 13th September 2024 Newsletter 1

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Welcome back – I hope you all had a wonderful summer and got the chance for some much-needed relaxation. As you will see from our already bursting diary, we will all have needed the rest to build up the energy for a long and busy term. You may have noticed a large container in the staff car park. This belongs to the contractors who have been tasked with upgrading our heating system to a much more efficient one. Work began at the beginning of the holidays and now the team have switched to night shifts to complete the job in November. We apologise for any inconvenience or additional noise caused while we improve the fabric of the school to benefit all its users.

Mrs. Fairs

Try It Tuesdays

We all know how difficult it can be to eat a varied diet for our health and wellbeing. Getting at least five portions of fruit and vegetables each day can be tricky and some nutritionists say we should aim to eat from 30 different plant-based sources each week to improve gut health! Couple this with choosy children and we are all up against it. This is why our wonderful kitchen team are introducing “Try It Tuesdays”. The usual choice of tasty and nutritious food will be on offer but with the bonus of trying something new. This could be sweet or savoury and may even include something from our school allotment. The first item (Tuesday 17th September) will be macaroni cheese featuring a mystery (but delicious) ingredient so look out for “Try it Tuesdays” coming soon.



Mystery benefactor

Over the holidays we were delighted to receive a certificate stating that a donation had been made in the school's name securing the conservation of 19 acres of West African forest to benefit the population of chimpanzees. The donation was made by a John Sheldrake but we do not know who he is. If you know John, please ask him to make himself known so that we can pass on our thanks. If you *are* John, thank you so much! We really appreciate your kind gesture.

Meet the Teacher

We always like to welcome our families into school and this week's Meet the Teacher events have been very well attended. If you were unable to attend, the presentations used can be found on the year group pages on our website [here](#). On these pages you will also find our 'Curriculum on a page' document, which contains a brief description of the learning in all curriculum areas across the coming three terms.



Wellbeing Week

As usual, we have started off the new term with wellbeing week. We have used stories as a starting point for discussion with the children about managing their wellbeing and arming them with a range of strategies to use. The children have also completed physical activities such as yoga and Stormbreaks (short physical activities with a focus on wellbeing) to increase their understanding of the link between physical and mental health. The children have all enjoyed these activities and it has supported them in getting to know their new teachers, classes and routines.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 have started off the term with an exciting day with visitors from the Stone Age. You may have noticed their tent on the field at the end of last week. The children were immersed in a typical Stone Age Day, which included sparking fire from flints, making drawings with stones, tasting food cooked on the fire and weaving rope from reeds. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience as it really brought this period of history to life.



Inclusion Quality Mark

On Monday and Tuesday next week we are being assessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark. The Inclusion Quality Mark is awarded to 'educationally inclusive' schools in 'which the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and wellbeing of every young person matter (OFSTED)'. The aim of the award is to promote equal opportunities for all pupils whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, attainment and background.



The assessor will spend the two days in school meeting with groups of stakeholders, talking to the children, looking at books and completing learning walks around the school. This is a great chance for us to show off all that we do to give equality of opportunity to all our learners.

Term dates for your diary	
Mon 16 th -Wed 18 th September	Year Six residential trip to Norfolk Lakes
Mon 23 rd , Tues 24 th , Thurs 26 th Sept	Years Three and Four Times Tables cafes.
Thursday 3 rd October	Open evening for prospective parents
Mon 7 th October – Tues 22 nd Oct	Bikeability courses for some Year Five children
Wednesday 9 th October	One Year Six class to The Hold
Monday 14 th October	One Year Six class to The Hold
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 th October	One Year Six class to The Hold
Thursday 17 th October	Parents' Evening
Week beginning 21 st October	Food and Festivals enrichment week
Thursday 24 th October	Half of Year Five on Geography visit to Lopham Fen
Friday 25 th October	Half of Year Five on Geography visit to Lopham Fen
Friday 25 th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 28 th Oct – Friday 1 st Nov Half term	