

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 4th October 2024 Newsletter 2

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

Autumn is definitely upon us – the last of the summer harvest has come in from the school allotment, the falling leaves are keeping our site staff busy, and each day brings the “what to wear for the weather” dilemma. This month sees the beginning of Miss Fairweather’s maternity leave as she waits for the arrival of her first child. We wish her a safe delivery and a wonderful time bonding with her newborn. Miss Fairweather’s Phase Leader role will be fulfilled by Mrs. Collins, who currently teaches in Years One and Two and knows the children well. We wish her luck in her new role. Looking ahead we have some exciting projects in the offing, including a new mural to be painted in the hall as part of the Wolsey 550 project and another Philosophy Day. I look forward to sharing these with you all in due course.

Mrs. Fairs

Inclusion Quality Mark: Centre of Excellence



Following our recent two day assessment, we are very pleased to have been awarded the IQM Inclusive School Award with Centre of Excellence Status. This award recognises that an inclusive school gives all pupils regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity, achievements or background the equal opportunities to succeed. The assessor for the award noted that ‘Pupils at Broke Hall Community Primary School appreciate that others are not as fortunate as they are, and their positive attitude towards helping others is highly commendable, emanating from a thoroughly embedded culture that promotes compassion and inclusion.’

Thank you to Mrs Abbott who co-ordinated the application and to all the staff, governors, children and parents who met with the assessor to speak about the school.

Food News

Our school kitchen is always very busy cooking up delicious healthy meals for your children to enjoy. We celebrated Apple Day last week with a scrumptious apple cake dessert and had a little competition to guess how many individual chicken nuggets were cooked. Mrs Gale also helped some Year 5 pupils to turn a batch of home grown potatoes from our school allotment into crisps for the children to try.

Coming up is another Try It Tuesday with a new mystery ingredient and Pasta Week will be celebrated very soon with its own special menu on 17th October.



Don’t forget that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. If your child is in Key Stage Two and you meet the threshold, they may also be eligible for a free school meal. To find out and to apply, click [here](#). We would also ask parents in Reception or Year 1 and 2 who are also in receipt of the qualifying benefits to apply as the school will then receive extra funding (known as Pupil Premium) which can be used to support your child in school.

Our kitchen has recently been awarded another 5 Star Food Hygiene Rating. Our meals are freshly cooked, locally sourced and nutritionally balanced – there has never been a better time to try one.

Asthma and administering medications in school

If there has been a change to your child's asthma plan, please let the office have an updated copy for our records.

If your child requires antibiotics, we can only do this once during the school day, so please plan your doses accordingly.

High School applications

The deadline for high school applications for pupils in Year Six is 31st October 2024. Please note that if you apply after this time then you run a much higher risk of not securing a place at the school of your choice. Please also ensure that you give a second and third choice of schools – it is not true that you will be given your first choice if you only put one school down. **If you only put one school and you are unsuccessful, you will be given a place at an available school, regardless of distance.**

If you have not yet completed your application, you can do so [here](#):

Year 6 Residential to Manor Adventure



56 of our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic three days away at Manor Adventure, taking part in a variety of outdoor adventurous activities and team building tasks. The children all had a great time and the skills and confidence that they developed over their stay will set them off to a good start in their final year at Broke Hall.

Year 3 and 4 Maths Café

Thank you to the parents who attended these maths cafes to support the children's learning of times tables. Great fun was had by all, and we hope that everyone has learnt some different ways to commit the tables to memory.

HSA AGM

This was held on 1st October, thank you to those who attended. The presentation from the meeting can be found [here on the school website](#). You will see that over the last year, the HSA raise nearly £10,000, spending £8,000 on events and items to benefit all the children in the school. Thank you.

Parking and traffic around school

We regularly receive complaints from parents regarding the traffic, parking and general road safety around drop off and pick up times. Despite our best efforts, polite reminders, walk-to-school initiatives and speaking to some drivers directly, we still find ourselves in the same position. We agree that inconsiderate and illegal parking is unsafe, causes disruption and delay, and puts everyone in a bad mood. If you see a vehicle which is parked illegally, please report it directly to [East Suffolk Council](#).

October is International Walk to School Month, which we would encourage all families to take part in where possible. The Living Streets website has lot of information and ideas help families get walking – take a look [here](#).



Term dates for your diary	
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	