



Brookfields Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our wonderful families. I hope that you had a restful break. It has been lovely to have all of the children back in school this week, they have continued to be ready, respectful and safe each day.

A reminder that the parent app Arbor will not work from 19th January, you MUST download the 'My Child at School' app, all payments and letters will be sent via the new app. Speak to the office if you have any questions with this.

Can I remind parents that jewellery is not permitted to be worn at school. Stud earrings are acceptable, not dangly earrings, bracelets, necklaces etc as they can cause a health and safety hazard. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to welcoming you to the next Parent Committee meeting on Monday 15th at 8.50am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. L Mahony, Headteacher

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Sources of support for you

If you feel like you're struggling right now, you're not alone. We've gathered contact information for some helplines, so you know where you can turn to if you need some help.

Remember, it's ok not to be ok.

Family life

Family Lives (support on any aspect of parenting and family life. Freephone) | 0808 800 2222 | askus@familylives.org.uk | familylives.org.uk

Mental health

For you:

Samaritans (free) | 116 123 | jo@samaritans.org | samaritans.org

Mind (calls charged at local and network rates) | 0300 123 3393
| info@mind.org.uk | mind.org.uk

Bromcom My Child At School App (MCAS)

As you are aware we previously used the Arbor App for communicating to parents. In January 2024 we will be launching our new parent app called **My Child At School (MCAS)**. The MCAS app is our preferred method of communication with you using app notifications.

What is MCAS?

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a portal that can enable parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser or mobile app. This facility allows exclusive access to key academic dates, attendance information, timetables and the personal details the academy holds for you and your child.

The following modules which are available in MCAS:

- Notifications
- Pupil details check/update/amend
- Attendance
- Parents evening booking
- Reports
- Assessment
- Dinner/Dinner money

Downloading the app and logging in

The app is simple to download and access using the email address that you have supplied to us.

The app is available through the Google Store or Apple Store, just search for **My Child At School app by Bromcom Computers Plc**.

From the 19th January 2024 we will no longer use the Arbor app and the only way to upload funds for Dinner will be through PayPoint or MCAS app. Please note any existing Arbor (credit) will automatically transfer to your MCAS account. You can view the balance in Dinner module and top up the balance in Dinner Money.

We will be having a **drop-in session all day on Thursday 25th January 2024** where office staff will be on hand to help you get logged in.

PayPoint

In January we will supply each parent with a PayPoint letter which contains a barcode, so you can easily upload payments using the cash PayPoint facility.

Using PayPoint payments are for those parents/carers who wish to continue to pay for items via cash. PayPoint payments are also recorded by MCAS and can be seen by logging into your MCAS account and viewing your payment history online. Your nearest PayPoint is here: JET - Key Hill, Icknield Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 5AU

Key Dates

- Wednesdays: Year 3B swimming lessons
- Monday 15th January: Parent Committee Meeting 8:45am
- Tuesday 16th January: Year 6 SATS Workshop
- Thursday 18th January: Year 5 Maths Workshop
- Tuesday 23rd January: Year 4 Maths Workshop
- Wednesday 24th January: Visit from Artis Foundation (Reception and Year 1)
- Thursday 25th January: Year 3 Maths Workshop
- Tuesday 30th January: Year 2 SATS Workshop
- Wednesday 31st January: Year 6 Visit to Black Country Museum
- Thursday 1st February 2024: Parent coffee morning – 8.45am
- Monday 5th February: Year 5 Visit to Warwick Castle
- Tuesday 6th February: Year 1 Phonics Workshop
- **Thursday 8th February: Children break up for Half Term**
- **Tuesday 20th February: Pupils return to school at 8:30am**
- Thursday 22nd February: Reception Maths Workshop
- Tuesday 27th February: Nursery Sharing Stories Workshop

All Workshops letters will be sent at a near date to the Workshop.