



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support this term. Brookfields continues to go from strength to strength. Our parental engagement has increased significantly with the launch of a parent committee, parent coffee mornings as well as our education workshops. We aim to build on this further next term and look forward to more parents joining us for these events.

Our head cook Sarah (with the help of her team) has organised and made her 30th Christmas dinner at Brookfields. What an achievement. We thank her for all of the hard work that goes into this every year.

We say goodbye to our Reception teacher Mrs S Hussain and our Y3 teacher Mrs S Begum. We wish them all the best in their next adventures.

Please remember to set up the new parents app; Brom Com. Speak to the office if you need support.

School is closed for the Christmas holidays and **reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9th January at 8.30.**

We look forward to seeing children on the 9th and hope that you have a lovely break.

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 lesson.

Tuesday 9th January: Pupils return to school – 8:30am

Thursday 1st February 2024: Parent coffee morning – 8.45am

Places in Birmingham for Families to access

This is a **Geek retreat**. We're a café and local game store based in Birmingham Jewellery Quarter. Specialising in trading card games, like Pokémon, magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh! and Digimon, as well as RPG's like Dungeon's & Dragons and more!

We host daily events, as well as having a delicious menu to keep you fed while you play. We have free to play board games and consoles to keep everyone entertained!, one is pokemon club on sundays.

[Events | Geek Retreat Birmingham \(square.site\)](#)

Well being hub for mental health is in Bullring:

[Central Birmingham Wellbeing Hub - Birmingham Mind](#)

They have an event this weekend: [Birmingham Mind - ❄️ Join us on Saturday 16th December for... | Facebook](#)

The Snow Dog Trail

[Snowdogs Discover Birmingham | Wild in Art](#)



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