



Brookhill Leys  
Primary School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### Parents Meetings

Thank you to the parents who recently attended parents evening and our OFSTED information meetings. I hope they were informative. You will be hearing from your child's teacher if you did not attend parents evening to make an alternative meeting as it is very important for your children's education that you know how they are doing and what you can do to help them at home.



### Come for Dinner!

We would like to invite you to come and have dinner with your child and experience how wonderful Mrs Gibson's cooking is. For just £2.30 you can enjoy a 2 course cooked meal and a drink. We can only accommodate 1 adult per child. We have the following dates - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April between 12.00 and 12.40pm start. Please fill the form in at the bottom of the newsletter if you would like to attend. If we need to make another date to fit everybody in then we will. Just complete your preferred date and send the money into the school office. We look forward to seeing you.

### Friday Cuppa

I would like to spend time with parents, carers and grandparents, answering questions, listening to ideas, finding out about our families and just having some time to get to know you.

So every Friday between 2pm and 3pm you are invited to come and have a cup of tea (or coffee) with the Headteacher. You don't have to have anything to talk about, we can find something!

As we are a large school you will need to call and book it with the office.

So if you want a Friday Cuppa with me then please call and I look forward to seeing you.



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### Theatre Events

As we approach Easter we have a treat in store for the children across the school. We have hired the Footprints Theatre Company to come into school to perform Costa's Fire for Y3, 4, 5 & 6 and Singapore Scramble for Y1 & 2. Both these performance will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

These events have been funded by school to support your child's curriculum learning in a really fun way!

### BIG TALK HOMEWORK

Every Friday, across the school each child carries out a piece of writing of their own, without prompting from the teacher and to allow them to use the skills they have been developing over the week. It is called THE BIG WRITE and we plan to build on this throughout the year. The children have been doing this for some time now and you may hear things such a VCOP or WOW. Ask your child what they mean and ask them to show you the kung fu action for a full stop as every year group are using these strategies to build capacity for remembering all the bits that make a good piece of writing. Part of this involves your child being set homework every Thursday called Talk homework. They will know what they are going to write on the Friday and their homework is to plan the piece of writing with you at home JUST by talking. It's such a fun homework and although we ask that they don't do any writing, you will be amazed how much this helps your child the next day. Please support us with this and come and see Mrs Burns-Hopkins if you want more advice about it.

### Reading Volunteers.

We really need reading volunteers across the school, we are so short of helpers. Ideally we are looking for one regular person for every class, to sit in the classroom and hear children read. It could be half an hour or two hours a week whatever you can manage.

That extra bit of reading makes a lot of difference.

Could you spare anytime, or do you have a grandparent in your family who would be willing to listen to readers?

You will have to be CRB cleared, but we will sort this out and you can start straight away.

We will also make sure you know what to do and give you lots

of support. You can work in a different class to your child if you like.

If you can do this then please complete the form and we will be in touch.

THANK YOU



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## Antibullying Parents Forum

I now have enough parents to start this forum and still have a couple of spaces. The first meeting date will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30p.m. Then at this meeting we will decided a time and date to suit the members of the group. It may be that you prefer a time after school.

If you returned a letter to me then please make a note of the above date and I look forward to seeing you.



## Y3 and Y4 Games Evening

All children in Y3 and Y4 are invited to a games evening run by school staff in the main school hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 - 4.45pm.

This will be a traditional board game event with a drink and a snack and will include board games from snakes and ladders to monopoly and even a bit of bingo.

A form to complete will come out to Y3 and 4 shortly.

Other year groups will have similar opportunities throughout the year.

## WANTED !!!

Do you want to be more involved with the school? To be able to put parents points of views and suggestions forward in a positive way? To make a difference for the children?

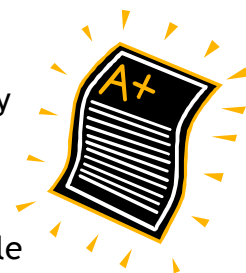
I am looking for a parent, or a group of parents who are willing to form a parents forum. With me to support you, but you would be leading it. You would send out questionnaires, hold termly meetings and basically raise the profile of parents in school to make sure that parents have a voice.

Is this you? If you are interested then please complete the form and I will contact you to talk about it further.

## SATs week

9 weeks away and the children are working really hard. It is very important they carry out their homework and get plenty of rest.

I hope you found the Parents Guide that has gone out this week useful. Please read it as it has some really quick and simple ways you can help your child improve their reading, writing and maths.



## UNICEF DAY FOR CHANGE

We will be holding this event shortly as we felt that as you were being asked for sponsor money for the NSPCC, who come into all schools every 3 years, we would wait and reschedule the UNICEF day.



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### Prize Winner

Congratulations to Emily Skinner who has won a Mountain bike in the competition run by Broxtowe Healthy Fun Day which took place in our school on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### Governors

Keep a look out for parent governor letters coming out next week - we are looking for some new parent governors. The letter coming out next week will explain what you need to do if you wish to be considered.

This is a very worthwhile voluntary contribution to the community.

### Sandwich Boxes

Mrs Roberts has requested that you put your child's name in their sandwich boxes please. We have lots of Ben 10 Boxes or Pink flowery boxes and don't know who they belong to if they aren't labelled. It's very important when thinking about food allergies as well. Thank you.

### Easter Bonnet/Beanie Competition

We are going to be holding a school Easter Bonnet/Beanie where children will be able to make their hats in school and then take part in a parade where some winning entries will be chosen.



### Easter Egg Competition

We will also be holding an Easter Egg competition for children to decorate a BOILED egg at home and bring it into school on a certain day for the rest of the school to view. Parents will be able to come and see these in the school hall and we will choose a winner from each class, who will receive a prize.

Dates for these two events to follow

### Attendance

I cannot authorise any holidays lower than the Local Authority target set for this school which is 96.3% Any holidays requested where there is a good level of attendance above this amount I can authorise, although I have to recommend that you try and book your holidays out of school term time. Only 10 days a year can be authorised throughout the year, but I would not recommend that your child misses two weeks of their education.



The attendance winners for the last week were OWLS with 98.7%.



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## Parents Comments

Recent parents comments have asked for the following:

### **Better communication with teachers**

- A new home school diary is being printed as I type this and will be out with you very soon. This will enable you and the teachers to put clear messages and will also include helpful information to help your child and notes so that you can see how well they are behaving in school - Watch this space
- Teachers now come out onto the playground and WANT you to come and speak to them, ESPECIALLY our older children. Don't be shy, come and find out how your child's week has gone. 😊

### **More choice of times of day for visits to school and events**

- We will try and make some of our meetings and events out of school hours, so that we have a good mix and working parents have more opportunities to come into school

Thank you for taking the time to read this rather long newsletter and have a happy weekend

Mrs Sainsbury  
Headteacher



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### School Dinner for parents

Child's Name ..... Class.....

Adults Name .....

I would like to attend the Parents school dinner on

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

I enclose £2.30 for my meal.

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### Reading Volunteers

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Adults Name .....

- I would like to volunteer for reading

I can be contacted on the following number .....

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### Parents Forum

Child's Name ..... Class .....

Adults Name .....

- I am interested in becoming involved in the Parents Forum

I can be contacted on the following number .....



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