

9th May 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've been hugely impressed by the project work in school at the moment. In particular, the Eyam work completed by Mandela and Shakespeare classes is fantastic. Thank you for your support and encouragement with these. Sharman and Turing classes had a wonderful 'Viking Day' and are inspired to write speeches linked to their topic. I hope you have all received a letter explaining the new look 'Curriculum News'. If not, they are on our Learning@brockwell pages on the website. Please do as little or much as you decide is appropriate knowing your family circumstances.

Transition

If you have a child transferring to Juniors in September, information about the arrangements are being sent out from Friday 10th May.

If your child is in year six and will be transferring to secondary school this September, you will receive papers from the various schools shortly. We 'feed' into several schools and so we encourage you to check the website of the school your child will attend or contact them to ensure you know transition arrangements.

Please note Brookfield Community School Student/Parent Information Forms need to be returned to Brookfield directly, no later than Monday 13th May (Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield S40 3NS).

PFA

The PFA are considering a Sponsored Sparkle Race (running or walking) to take place on 21st June in the morning. Ideally this would be through our grounds and around Holmebrook Valley Park. To ensure the safety of this event we will need volunteers to help. This may be standing at a point along the route until the last person passes; managing refreshments by the play area near the pavilion; ensuring safe crossing of the road or other identified areas. We'd love this to be an event where parents or family friends exercise with their own children too. If you can commit to being available on the day, please return the slip below as soon as possible. The funds raised will be shared between two charities – the Parents & Friends Association of Brockwell Juniors and Ashgate Hospice. We will do our best to plan for this event but it will rely on sufficient adult support and the weather on the day.

Year Six Statutory Assessments – these take place Monday to Thursday next week, usually in the mornings. Please ensure your child has sufficient rest and breakfast as usual during this time. Children are familiar with the presentation of these assessments, which draw on most aspects of the Junior curriculum. The scaled scores will be reported to you in your child's end of year report.

Gases All Around

Stem Ambassador Mr Dyson will be in school working with all classes on Monday 20th May. This is a new date to one previously shared.

Relationships Education

We have always taught children about growing up and procreation through our science and PSHE curriculum. It is very much taught through work learning about relationships and personal, social development. You may have heard in the news that soon this will be statutory for all schools. Each year you have been invited to come in and preview the video / images children will see. Whilst we have invited you to come in on 20th May after school (letter sent home), I'd like you to know that we are evaluating new resources that are now becoming available too.

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Cultural Diversity Day 2019 21st May

The learning challenge question on this day is 'What do I know about my culture?'. To help children work independently it would be great if you would discuss at home the following questions they may choose to draw or write about in school on the day in school.

Who is special to me?

If you looked in my wardrobe you'd find...

What kind of food do I like to eat?

What do I like to do for fun?

Which buildings are precious to me?

Which traditions/celebrations do I enjoy?

Teachers will work with children using this theme, and we will share our learning in an assembly at the end of the day or the next day if we need more time. We've also got visitors in school to talk to the children. Two visitors from Derby Open Centre will be in school talking about traditional Sikh and Muslim clothing, and Reverend Harris is coming in to talk about how we respond to others (Loving our neighbour as ourselves) and also loving yourself, drawing on messages about positive body image within mental health awareness work. I'm excited about the week and will share some photos with you through @brockwelljunior or a display in school.



Calendar

The PDF calendar has been updated and is on our website. The Sparkle Run and Cultural Diversity day is not on the calendar yet.

Road Safety and Online Safety

Most children have had a session focusing on road safety including thinking about safe crossings. Please reinforce such messages including around parked cars such as we find on Purbeck and Ashgate Valley Road before and after school.

We've had discussions with children about how online behaviour expectations are the same as expectations face to face, in person. Your child may benefit from a discussion with you about groups on apps such as Whats App and how to manage relationships online.

Anning & Goodall Classes trip to Chatsworth

Letters have been sent home regarding this visit. Please do request one if you have not received one.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Best wishes, Catherine Holmes

SPARKLE RACE 21st June 2019 – times to be confirmed but morning is planned.

I am available to volunteer to help with the event and will not be running / walking with my child. YES / NO

I would like to attend and exercise with my child (younger siblings not in school welcome as path will accommodate push chairs or wheel chairs). YES / NO

Please let us know if you have any access requirements thank you.

Named volunteer (s).....Named participant(s).....

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