



November Newsletter

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Sport @ Brockwell

This week children from Year 4, 5 and 6 will be representing school at Mount St. Mary's College at the School Sport Partnership Cross Country Races. Boccia in Year 3 continues and we're very excited to have expert coaching in year 6 as the School Sport Partnership come in to teach Ballroom Dancing. We'll also be presenting at the Bronze Young Ambassador Conference.

Parents & Friends Association

Thank you to the PFA for organising the Christmas / Winter card orders. The charity event raised £208 last term. Thank you so much for your donations of cakes and buns.

Please look out for a letter from the PFA.

The next event is the school **disco** on **Monday 18th November**. Tickets will go on sale from Wednesday 6th November from the school office at break times. It will be after school until 5pm. Children may like to bring a change of clothes in a bag and some pocket money for the tuck shop. A hot dog is included in the ticket and children are asked to use their own water bottles for drinks (to save plastic waste). Please collect your child from the main entrance and leave from the long corridor exit. All children attending will need to be collected by a responsible adult please. If you can help, do get in touch with Amanda and the team.

The PFA hope to stock the Christmas shop once again from Monday 2nd December. This is a great opportunity for children to do their own shopping and get their grown-ups a little surprise.

Friday 22nd November is a non-uniform day. Please bring in donations for the Christmas Hampers on this day ('smellies', treats, games, soft toy...).

Once again, please collect and send into school, via the office or classroom, any unwanted children's books for our Winter Warmer later in the year. If you can help, but the PFA don't know, please do contact school to forward your details. Email A.Preston219@sky.com or enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk and remember the Brockwell PFA facebook page has reminders too.

The PFA are most grateful that you support the events that do raise money and make a difference. We are continuing to develop the play equipment both for indoors and outside and sets of ipads also will be hugely beneficial.

School Councillors - CHILDREN IN NEED and FRIENDSHIP WEEKS

Councillors have been busy making suggestions for this year's Children in Need Appeal. Some of them are preparing some activities children may choose during the day. If your son or daughter would like to come in **non-uniform** - please do. Donations on **FRIDAY 15th November** will be collected by the Councillors. School Council will run a bun stall during the day too. Please send in any cakes or buns on the morning if you are able to help. They will sell them from 20p. Councillors will also be reviewing our Anti Bullying Charter and sharing examples of bullying scenarios in assemblies over a two-week period. We'll issue the school policy to families later in the month. This year, we'll be looking at online bullying and 'Change Starts with US'. Councillors invite anyone who would like to wear **odd socks on Tuesday 12th November** to do so. This reminds us to celebrate what makes each of us unique.

Applying for Junior School Places

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 and is in their last year at infant school you should apply for their junior school place by 15 January 2020. You can make an application from 9am on 11 November 2019.

The application process is quick and easy and you can also find information about how to choose a school and apply for a place in the guide for parents found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk.

You'll get your offer on 16 April 2020 and if you're unhappy with the decision you can make an admission appeal. We'll be sending out our prospectus to all year 2 children soon. If parents would like a tour of the school, please call to arrange a convenient time and we'd be delighted to meet you.

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Ceremony

We still have some rubbers and sharpeners priced at 50p on sale from the office this week. Thank you for the plastic bottles (bases) that many of you have sent in. They will be crafted into some fabulous wreaths.

Our Year Five and Six children will be taking part in the Annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Rose Hill.

Monday 11th November

The classes will leave school at 10.15am on foot to arrive at the Town Hall for 10.40am. The service begins at 10.50 lasting 30-45 minutes. During this time, School Councillors will lay a wreath and everyone will hear the Bugler sound the Last Post.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to walk with the children. We still would like more help on the morning so do let us know if you can walk with us. Dinner will be as normal in school. Please ensure your child has a coat suitable for the weather.

If you do not consent to your child taking part, please let us know by Thursday 7th November.

Clubs

Lunch clubs include: Bringing Friends Together, Wordshark & Technology, Book Club and Table Tennis.

Jumping Clay Register through www.jumpingclay.co.uk

Choir – Young Voices (Wednesdays to 4.15pm)

Football now has finished.

Breakfast Club and After School Club – charges apply.

Dates for your diary:

6th November
Anti-bullying theme -
'Change Starts with
US' – starts.

Thursday 7th
November Cross
Country Mount St.
Mary's College
8.30am start.

Monday 11th
November Y5 and Y6
walking to town for
Remembrance.

Wednesday 13th
November Sharman
Class planting bulbs
at Monkey Park.

Friday 15th November
Children in Need

Monday 18th
November DISCO to
5pm

Thursday 21st School
Nurse in for Flu
Vaccinations

Friday 22nd November
Non-uniform (PFA)



Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and is a great opportunity to focus on this issue alongside how we maintain positive relationships with others.



"Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.

This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying *CHANGE STARTS WITH US!*" *Anti-bullying Alliance*

We'll be using some of the video clips and class resources from the Anti-Bullying Alliance to promote Friendship and remind children about our STOP Code.

(Several Times On Purpose & Start Telling Other People).

Our School Council will be looking at ways to Bring Friends Together and teachers will be using images and scenarios to give children the opportunity to explore situations they may one day find themselves in, either in school or in the wider community.

During the week you'll be signposted to our policy, leaflets and information that may be of interest.

You have already been signposted to the Digital Parenting Guide and websites on our Online Safety page on the school website. We'll be continuing our positive messages about online safety and personal responsibility.

Ongoing work in school:

- If children would like to wear ODD SOCKs on Tuesday 12th November, they are very welcome.
- School Council will be working to check our Charter is relevant before sharing it with classes.
- Children will be given a questionnaire to evaluate how they feel at school...are there any 'hot spots' where they feel less safe?
- Teachers will be reflecting on the policy and, in particular, discussing what restorative practice looks like as one possible way to move on after bullying has happened.
- Regular work on 'Same but Different' messages helping children understand matters around mental health, wishes and feelings within relationships and communities.