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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children have really impressed us this week. They are settling so well into their new classes and routines and their work is reflecting their super smart presentation. Huge thank you to all parents for preparing the children so well.

All classes have been studying the book 'The Promise' and have produced some stunning work. The poems written in year six will be 'attached' to our trees in the form of QR codes from next week. Many have made seed bombs that are due to be planted in our grounds. Year three have written a range of promises to the environment on paper leaves that will be displayed in their classroom. In addition, year five have made some beautiful water colours connected to their class novel, 'Dead Man's Cove'. Mandela class have created fantastic pictures inspired by Pop Art.

Calendar

I have populated a Google calendar that is on our home page of the website under 'Upcoming Events'. The benefit of this is that you may synchronise it with your own calendar on your own device. However, technical issues are causing a few problems! Although I have made the calendar public, the events show as 'busy' rather than the actual details. I'm trying to resolve this. I have also scanned in a pdf version which is in the parent section so you can see the dates for this school year with the details.

Fieldwork Trip SHAKESPEARE CLASS

Just a reminder that Year 5 Shakespeare Class are due to go to Holmebrook Valley Park on Monday next week for their postponed fieldwork trip. Please come dressed for the weather with packed lunch and a drink. The details have been previously sent but essentially please know to wear their own clothes, come and go at normal school times and bring a packed lunch.

Tracksuits

Thank you for your ongoing patience with this. Mrs Murcott received the order that came with many items 'to follow'. Year three tracksuits have been issued and Mrs Murcott is working with Junior Gogna to help exchange any. The roll out will be to each year group when we have a full year group order and advice about how to exchange. They have now populated their website and it appears you can order directly too. We'll get there! If you have received yours and you are happy with the sizing, please do pop your child's name in the label.

Please may I remind you that we do not allow football shirts for PE days. Plain white t-shirt is required, thank you.

Parents and Friends Association

We have a meeting planned for **9am on Friday 24th September** in the library. Please let us know if you'd like to help with the PFA. It really will be a new group forming so I'd love to encourage you to get involved if you can.

Covid 19

Covid 19 guidance has changed during the summer break.

There is now no requirement for any child to self-isolate unless they have tested positive for Covid. This is the case even if another family member has tested positive. In this case, you will be advised to test close contacts through a PCR test. However, children without symptoms may still come to school whilst awaiting test results to ensure that education is not unduly disrupted.

We will continue to keep classrooms and communal areas well ventilated and will still be asking children to sanitise/wash their hands when entering school and before and after eating.

We will also monitor the number of positive Covid cases in school and will take appropriate advice and action if we think that there is an outbreak within the school.

Attendance

The Department for Education has reminded Headteachers about school attendance expectations.

School attendance is mandatory and the usual rules continue to apply. I have said that as we ease into these new Covid-19 rules, I will work closely with families and take a sensible approach. I feel this is right as we readjust.

Holidays and leave of absence requests

Whilst I will continue to consider each application individually, please know that I can only approve a leave of absence if it is deemed 'exceptional circumstances' and any leave of absence request should be made before the absence takes place. We aim for each child to have attendance at or above 96% which is considered when any application is made. Do also please request and complete a leave of absence form providing any supporting evidence to enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk

Clubs

Miss Lenthall is developing a calendar of school run sport clubs. I will be issuing letters soon inviting children to sporting clubs run by Premier on our site after school. Other clubs include Jumping Clay (you book this via their website) and the school Before and After

School Club which runs each day to 5.30pm. Clubs that run at lunchtime will start as the term's routines become established. They include library time, learning support / homework help and pastoral support in The Sett.

Reading – Children will be coming home with their new books and reading diary. Mrs Crutchley has worked closely with our librarians during the holiday to ensure our stock of books includes only current, exciting books for all ages. We do have some books that can be donated if you can make use of them. Please find attached the first letter from Mrs Crutchley with more information.

Classrooms

As it has been a while since you've been able to come into classrooms, I thought you may like to see a few pictures of the new classroom cupboards.



Above – The Sett and Year 3 rooms



Year 4 rooms



Year 5 / 6 rooms

