



January Newsletter

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Happy New Year 2022

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting term ahead. I hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. Many of you managed to watch the Christmas Performance which has now had 950 views! My thanks to everyone including families loaning us the camera, making costumes and all the hard work and editing that goes into such a premier – thank you again.

Teachers have been updating the Curriculum News that will be uploaded shortly and are introducing a whole school mathematics challenge today. Children appeared to enjoy our assembly today too which had a focus of being positive about asking for help and making mistakes – 'I can't do it-YET!'

We continue to ensure that our motto underpins our practice - Working together to...be SAFE, SMILE and SUCCEED. Throughout this tricky time, we have aimed to ensure that school is a place of security where children can relax to enable them to learn and play happily. I thank the staff for continuing to make this the case each day. This January, my attention is particularly focused on mental health awareness acknowledging that anxiety, stress, and the ongoing situation, results in us all needing to be supportive of one another. Please know that we are here to support you or signpost you to professionals who may help too.

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." J.R.R. Tolkien

Here's to getting the most out of the term ahead and making each day and each lesson count. If you need any support or anything that helps, just say. You can contact us through enquiries@brockwell-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk, phone on 01246 278542 or, if the content is solely learning/school work related, contact teachers through Seesaw.

If you have any changes to contact details, especially new telephone numbers, emergency contacts or addresses, please ensure you have informed us via email. Thank you.

Junior School Applications – final reminder

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 and is in their last year at infant school you should apply for their junior school place **by 15 January 2022**. You'll be able to make your application from 9am on **8 November 2021**. Go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk

The application process is quick and easy. You can find information about how to choose a school and apply for a place in the [parents guide to primary admissions](#).

You'll get your offer on 19 April 2022. If you're unhappy with the decision you can [appeal](#).

School Council – Celebrating Difference

DIVERSITY POSTER VOTE

Poster 1



Poster 2



Poster 3



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 18th
January Year 3 to
Magna.

Thursday 20th
January Y5/6
athletics
tournament

Tuesday 8th
February Safer
Internet Day

FRIDAY 18th
FEBRUARY – The Y3
assembly has
been moved to this
date (from
January). Please
adjust your diary.
Goodall Class
parents 9.10am
and Anning Class
Parents 11am

YOUNG VOICES
HAS BEEN
POSTPONED AND
WE AWAIT
CONFIRMATION OF
THE NEW DATE

SWIMMING – YEAR
4 TURING CLASS
with Miss Davies
start sessions from
January 18th

Following the Celebrating Difference competition to design a poster for our new entrance, three designs were shortlisted by the School Council. Each child in school then voted for their favourite. Well done to all children who entered the competition. We loved looking at the pictures. I'm delighted to let you all know that, although it was close, poster 3 was the winning picture. We are considering combining poster 2 and 3 to make the final display piece. We can't wait to see it brightening up the new entrance.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - Archery (by Premier), JumpingClay (Tuesday), No choir for now, Y5/6 Athletics (Friday)

NEW YEAR NUMBER CHALLENGE!

Our New Year homework challenge for maths has a times table focus across the school.

Learning multiplication tables are an important foundation for learning different aspects of mathematics such as division, fractions, ratio, area and algebra. For children that don't have a solid grasp of the times tables, they may find these other areas to be hard to understand as well.

By June, in Year 4, children will be expected to take the government's Multiplication Tables Check, an online question generator of times tables up to 12 x 12. In the Year 6 SATs tests, over half of the questions require secure knowledge of times tables.

We learn sets of multiplication tables in this order: 2, 10, 5, then 3, 4, 6, 8, then 7, 9, 11, 12. This encourages children to seek patterns in numbers. For example, the x4 table is double the x2 and the x 8 table being double the x4.

Children are expected to learn each multiplication table and respond to any question linked to it quickly. Children will need to know the multiplication table out of order. For example: 6 x 3, 9 x 3, 12 x 3, 3x3, etc. and not just learn to count in steps of 3.

Children are also expected to know the related division facts for the multiplication they are learning. Our preferred times table resource is Times Table Rockstars, which all children have a personal login for.

We appreciate that, for some children, the speed element of some games can be an issue. Here are some alternatives including:

<https://www.fun4thebrain.com/g/multiplication>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable>

<http://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

<https://www.multiplication.com/games>

Making the learning fun with items you have at home is great too. Sets of lego pieces, toy cars, coins etc. The dice sheets attached can be cut out too and used for counting and memory recall.

<https://www.iseemaths.com/tables/>

All children are coming home with their New Year times tables challenges and all have a TT Rock Star login.

NEW YEAR NUMBER CHALLENGE!**Go for it with the New Year challenge!**

Over the next two weeks aim to practise your times tables or division facts for ten minutes – or more - every day.

These are ideas you may like to try:

- Count out sets of things like pasta, coins or toys – groups of 2, 3, 4 and so on.
- Sing times tables songs – there are lots online
- Make a times table poster for your home of the ones you don't yet know
- Be active outside – bouncing balls calling out the multiples, collect leaves and make arrays.
- Go on your Doodle Tables app
- Play TT Rockstars or try one of the websites shared with grown-ups including:

<https://www.fun4thebrain.com/g/multiplication>

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

Colour in and date each box aiming for as many days as possible. Get a grown up to sign it if you can. Class Dojos will be added for every 5 days completed.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beginning 10th January					
Week beginning 17th January					

Please return to class by 21st January.