BROOK INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back Everyone

Well, we had fun last term with lots going on including making Mini Egg Rice Krispie Cakes, making and decorated Mothers Day cards, and also designing bunny faces.

A choice of games and toys were available to play with and we got outside as much as we could. When we were outside the children got to play their own games or join in with the activities that were planned, some of these activities were football and basketball. There was a lot of group skipping too which everyone enjoyed. We have also played games with the large parachute which the children loved.



What's Coming Up This Half Term?

Hopefully now that the weather is starting to warm up we will be able to start visiting the woods again, which the children are very excited about. There will be lots of toys and games set up inside including playdough for making different creations when the weather doesn't allow us to .

The topic in school at the moment is Far, Far Away so we will visiting Japan. The children will be having a go at creating their own Japanese Blossom Trees, Japanese Fans and Japanese Wall Hangings. We will also have a go at rolling some Sushi.

Dates for Summer Term Bookings Now Live

The dates for the second half of the Summer Term are now live on the system.

Parking

Please can we remind parents not to park:

- in the staff car park;
- across the main school gates;
- on the pavement by the side of the school gates;
- on the corner opposite the school; or
- on zigzag or double yellow lines.

This is so that we can ensure the safety of all of our families around drop off and collection times.

Staff will be driving in and out of the car park at all times. Please can we ask you to ensure you are keeping over to one side nearest the wall whilst waiting for the doors to open so that we can keep everyone safe at this time.

Home to School Communications

We are constantly reviewing our procedures in the light of our own observations and parental feedback and one area we want to strengthen is the home to school communication within our school and nursery.

Please can we ask that any important information that class teachers need to be aware of is communicated via emailing the school office on office@brookinfant.school. The staff greeting at the door for Breakfast Club only need messages pertaining to club and the welfare of your child. If the message also needs to be shared with class teachers please still email this information to the School Office.

This system will help us to ensure that nothing gets overlooked and all relevant staff are aware.

Transitioning into Reception

Those children who are currently in our Nursery and will be joining Reception from September will need to have their own profile created on the Booking System so that parents can book sessions for them in club.

This can be done either by creating a brand new parent account, if you don't currently have one or if you have an account on the system by adding them as a new child. Please refer to our guidance help sheet which is available on our website <u>https://www.brookinfant.school/web/breakfast_and_after_school_club/479755</u>

Dates for booking for the September Term will be released after May Half Term.

Transitioning up to Junior School

For all those children who are joining Junior School from September we look forward to still seeing you all in club. The booking process will not change on the system but please ensure you update your child's class and school information.

Collection from Junior School is on the Year 3/4 Playground by the trim trail activity equipment.

If you have any questions regarding either transitioning to Reception or Junior School please don't hesitate to speak to one of the Breakfast and After School Club Team or via email at <u>brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school</u>.

Summer Term Bookings

The new pricing system went live on Monday 15th April 2024. The booking system will not change visually but in order for the system to continue to work smoothly please always ensure that you have selected your child's current school they are attending in the school details under each child.

This will be particularly important when your child transitions from Year 2 to Year 3 to ensure you are able to continue to book sessions and your child appears on the walking bus list from Maidenbower Junior School. Please ensure this is changed in the Summer Holidays prior to them starting in September 2024.

School Details		
Name:	Maidenbower Junior School	
Enter name if not in above list:	Enter text	
Enter the class your child is currently registered in. Please ensure these details are updated each year		
Class	Year *	

Updated Terms and Conditions

Please ensure you have read our Terms and Conditions which have been updated for both Breakfast and After School Club and are available via our website:

https://www.brookinfant.school/web/breakfast_and_after_school_club_terms_and_con ditions/479984

Facebook

Come and join us on Facebook to see lots of exciting things the children are doing in club. You can access our Facebook page via **Brook Infant Breakfast and After School Club** or via the QR code below.



Contacting Club

If you need to speak to us, please call the School Office on 01293 886521 or via email at <u>brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school</u>.



Jenny BFC and ASC Manager



Tina BFC and ASC Assistant



Debbie ASC Assistant



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Breakfast and After School Club Fee Changes From April 2024

Breakfast Club	07:30 start	£5.50
	08:00 start	£3.30
	07:30 start with walking bus	£6.50
	08:00 start with walking bus	£4.30
After School Club	Until 17:00	£11.00
	Until 18:00	£19.50 (including a hot dinner)
	Until 17:00 with walking bus	£12.00
	Until 18:00 with walking bus	£20.50 (including a hot dinner)

THESE FEES ARE FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN. NURSERY CHILDREN ARE CHARGED AT THE NURSERY RATE

As you will be aware, costs are increasing for all service providers. Here at the Brook Breakfast and After School Club we have dealt with high rises in staff and food costs which we have resisted passing on to our parents and carers that book with us. Up until now our prices have never increased. However, we have reached a point where we are not covering the costs and reluctantly, have to increase our charges starting from the summer term, 15th April 2024.

Breakfast Club

We will no longer offer the 07.45 drop off. Drop offs at 07.30 and 08.00 will remain.

After School Club

Currently we have been charging the same hourly rate for 17.00 - 18.00 and giving the hot meal for free. We are sadly unable to continue this as the cost of each meal is currently £2.97 to us and we incur the costs of the other food/snacks we supply. This charge will be added to the new costs as above.

Walking Bus

Currently the walking bus has been free. We cannot continue to supply this for free due to the increase in staffing costs. This will be automatically added to children who attend BFC and ASC if they attend Maidenbower Infant School or Maidenbower Junior School.

Important Reminders - Please Read

Ad Hoc or On The Day Bookings - if you require a space in club at short notice please call the School Office on 01293 886521 to check availability and book your child a space.

Child Sickness - If your child is off sick and booked into club, please ensure you phone us on 01293 886521 to let us know that we will not need to collect your child that day. We can then adjust our registers and this therefore avoids us not waiting for your child to join the walking bus.

Extending Club Hours - Please be aware that if you need to extend your After School Club hours from 17:00 to 18:00 you will need to contact us either via brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school or telephone the main School Office on 01293 886521. Unfortunately, this process cannot be undertaken by parents via the booking system because of you being charged twice.

Government Tax Free Payments - You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. Please visit <u>https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare</u> for more information.

If you are paying using Government Tax Free Childcare please email club with your reference number ending TFC. If we don't receive your TFC reference we are unable to add any payments to your account.

Three day cut off for bookings - Please be reminded that there is a 3 day cut off for booking club. For example if you want to book a Monday session this will need to be booked by Thursday lunchtime. Please contact the School Office for any sessions you need at short notice.

Club Bookings

You can book your sessions for school aged children (Reception to Year 6) for both Breakfast and After School Club by visiting:

https://brook.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/

To book your nursery child, please email Jenny on <u>brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school</u>. Please note you cannot book nursery children through the online booking system. Nursery children will be invoiced as part of nursery hours.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny, our Breakfast and After School Club Manager, on brookclubbookings@brookinfant.school.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 2nd May 2024 Polling Day No BFC and ASC due to closure for Polling
- Monday 6th May 2024 Bank Holiday No BFC and ASC.
- Monday 3rd June 2024 Inset Day No BFC and ASC due to closure for Staff Training
- Monday 10th June 2024 Dates released for September 2024 at 12:00.
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024 No After School Club as early finish at 13:00.