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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year, we have many things to look forward to and exciting changes taking place.

Headteacher's Awards



Acorns

Frankie for an amazing start to the year. He has been kind, listening and eager to learn.

Home Learning Winners

1st Serena , 2nd Aisha, 3rd Filip



Cherry

Nikita for a fantastic effort across all lessons! For not giving up and trying her best.

Home Learning Winners

1st Freddie C, 2nd Kye, 3rd Ava B



Beech

Alfie for engaging brilliantly during our first week back and having great ideas about the black hat!

Home Learning Winners

1st Elly S, 2nd Kamen, 3rd Isabel



Maple

Davina for excellent attitude in her first week!

Home Learning Winners

1st Denis, 2nd Diana, 3rd Freddie



Aspen

Sofia for an excellent first week in Year 4. Keep up the good work!!

Home Learning Winners

1st Imane, 2nd Annabel, 3rd Ben



Willow

Home Learning Winners

1st Corey & Bella, 2nd Brody, 3rd Rosie



Rowan

Keira Rose for being fully immersed in our space topic!

Home Learning Winners

1st Sean B, 2nd Sean H, 3rd Alexa A



Oak

Rico for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and a great new look in his glasses.

Home Learning Winners

1st Diana, 2nd Katie, 3rd Megan



Performing Arts

Summer in Aspen for working so hard in art and music this week, trying her very best, and having a great attitude.

PE Kit and Water Bottles

Please remember that all children should have their PE kit and water bottle in school with them every day.

School Pick Up

If for any reason you have arranged for an alternative person to collect your child from school, please ensure the school office is notified.

We will not under any circumstances release children into care of adults that we have not been made aware of. This is to protect your children.

On occasions when we are not notified, we do have to make contact with the child's parents or carers before we will release the child. We appreciate you may find this frustrating, however, rude and aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

If there any changes to your "Pick up details" form, please ensure you visit the office to make changes.

Dinner Money

Please pay any dinner money a week in advance. When debts are accrued, a letter and statement is sent to you requesting payment to be made immediately. If payment is not made you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is settled.



Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is very important to Brockwood as it plays a vital part in a child's learning and helps them to achieve higher. This term we will once again be focusing strongly on this. Any child arriving for school after 8.45am will be marked as late and any child arriving after 9.00am will be marked with an unauthorised absence. Only very exceptional circumstances may be considered. The registers are checked regularly by the Attendance Improvement Officer who will monitor and if necessary contact the parents/carers of any child that is late or absent without permission on numerous occasions.

Please also remember that no holidays during term time are to be taken and please avoid where possible making any medical appointments during school hours. Any requests for absence must be made through myself. Holidays taken during term time can put both parents at risk of being fined.



Medical Matters

As your child's safety and wellbeing is a main priority, please remember to keep the school up to date on your child's health. If there is an existing condition that has changed in the way it is managed or if a new condition is diagnosed please be sure to inform the office.

Cashless Office January 2018

From January 2018, we will no longer accept any cash payments. All payments will need to be made via your school comms account.

Your school gateway account also allows you to receive vital information via email and text from school. It also allows you to report absences and book parent consultation appointments.

All payments to school for meals, trips, clubs etc are made online by credit/debit card via your schoolgateway account.

Paying for school items online is quick, easy and more efficient. It can be done on your phone, tablet or PC.

To register on a home computer or laptop:

1. Go to www.schoolgateway.com
2. When you visit the School Gateway website for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter your email address and mobile telephone number that you have registered with the school
3. The system will send a PIN code to your phone: please enter this PIN code and your account will be activated for you.

As soon as you've got the system set-up, you'll be able to pay money to the school online rather than send cash or cheques.

To Download the free app to your phone:

Mobile App

Schoolcomms also offer a free, smartphone app for parents called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents - and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone: please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

Please remember that the key to this being a success is keeping it updated so if you have recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number please let the office know.



Guitar Lessons

There is currently limited availability for Guitar Lessons. Please register an interest for these at the office. Thank you.

School CD

Orders can be placed for the school CD 2016/17 at the school office, these are £5.00. Orders are to be placed by Friday 15th September. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 4th 1st Day of Term
Wednesday 13th Beech Class Trip to Harry Potter
Friday 15th Oak Class Assembly
Monday 18th Maple Class Trip to British Museum
Monday 18th Rowan Class Trip to Rock UK
Monday 25th Individual Photographs
Wednesday 27th Rowan Class Trip to Space Centre
Friday 29th Willow Class Assembly

October

Friday 7th Harvest Festival
Friday 13th Maple Class Assembly
Friday 20th Rowan Class Assembly
Monday 16th - 20th Sports Week
Monday 23rd - 27th Half Term

November

Wednesday 8th Parent Consultations
Thursday 9th Parent Consultations

Friday 10th
Friday 17th

Beech Class Assembly
Cherry Class Assembly

December

Friday 1st
Wednesday 6th
Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Monday 18th
Tuesday 19th
Tuesday 19th

Acorns Class Assembly
Christmas Lunch
KS1 Performance - Dress Rehearsal
KS1 Performances 09.15 & 14.00
Awards Assembly
Singing Assembly
Last Day of Autumn Term

Have a good weekend.
Yours Sincerely



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Headteacher