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Dear Parents and Carers,



AIMING HIGH

Congratulations to Acorns for achieving the best attendance this week with 98% well done and keep it up.

	RED	AMBER	GREEN
PIPS		93%	
ACORNS			98%
CHERRY			96.7%
BEECH			96.2%
MAPLE			96.1%
WILLOW			96.9%
ROWAN			97.5%
FIR			95.4%
OAK			97.2%

REMINDER: Reception Admissions for September 2019

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to Reception is **Tuesday 15 January 2019**. Parents and carers need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered as on-time.



Christmas Music Concert

We are very pleased that the Music Concert and the recorded viewing went so well. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Please if you are lucky enough to secure tickets to these events, ensure you can come. 15% of those that reserved tickets for the morning performance did not actually attend.

For the afternoon viewing 50% of the parents that confirmed they would be attending did not, this disappointed children who were expecting adults to come and watch with them.

The review of these events will take place in the New Year and what is decided will be based on this information.

Uniform Reminder

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our pupils and thank you in advance for your continued support with maintaining these high standards. Your support contributes to the expectation for behaviour at our school.

- **Black outdoor school shoes that can be polished, not black trainers, backless shoes, Ugg style boots or shoes with heels.**
- Indoor shoes should be black plimsolls - not slippers or backless shoes.
- No jewellery is allowed except one pair of plain stud earrings, only one plain stud per ear and a plain (inexpensive) wrist watch.
- This means no bracelets or necklaces.
- Sky blue polo shirts or blouses.
- Black or grey tailored trousers - not leggings, denim, narrow legged or skin tight.
- Black or grey tailored skirts that are knee length. They must not be made of stretchy material or be tight fitting.
- Blue and white checked summer dresses.
- Grey or black tailored shorts.
- Navy blue sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans.
- Plain white, grey or black socks and not multi-coloured socks.
- Plain black or grey tights - no flesh coloured tights.
- Coats in colder weather.
- Hair should be a single natural colour. Hair should not be shaved shorter than a grade two. Partially shaved hairstyles including markings or symbols which have been cut into the hair or eyebrows are not allowed. Haircuts and hairstyles where it is deemed, by the Senior Leadership Team, to undermine the ethos

or discipline of the school will be prohibited.

- Hair needs to be appropriately tied back using navy, black or gingham hair bands or scrunchies, (please encourage your children to save the fashionable accessories for weekend and holidays).
- PE Kit should be a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and trainers. During the colder months children will need plain black tracksuit bottoms and plain black sweat shirt; however their school jumper or fleece can be worn. Pupils cannot perform to the best of their ability in plimsolls during physical activity sessions; therefore every child does needs a pair of suitable running trainers (not Converse, High Tops or Basketball Shoes).

If a pupil does not have the correct uniform, we ask that you provide a note of explanation and we will then make a decision as to what we should do. A note only provides us with information, it does not give permission for a pupil to be out of uniform and, therefore, the note can only stand for 48 hours unless there are financial implications. If it is necessary we will ask a relative to bring a change of uniform to school. If a pupil has an inappropriate hairstyle remedial action will need to be taken within 48 hours, the pupil will stay in at break and lunch until the remedial action has been undertaken.

We believe good uniform supports a good attitude to learning and that is why we have high expectations. We believe all pupils should be able to follow simple school rules and so will enforce these sanctions if need be, but you can imagine how much easier it is for everyone if pupils do not break rules and we do not have to give sanctions. The Brockswood Home School Agreement signed by the School, your child and yourself endorses the expectation for all of us to support the school dress code.



Head Lice

We have recently identified cases of head lice at school and we wanted to make sure you were informed.

While head lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that they can be dealt with quickly before they are allowed to spread too far.

As there is an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's hair as soon as possible.

For further information on head lice see your pharmacist, GP or visit www.onceaweektakeapeek.com



Norovirus Advice

Norovirus, which causes diarrhoea and vomiting, is one of the most common stomach bugs in the UK. It's also called the winter vomiting bug because it's more common in winter, although you can catch it at any time of the year.

How is norovirus spread?

Norovirus spreads very easily in public places such as hospitals, nursing homes and schools.

You can catch it if small particles of vomit or poo from an infected person get into your mouth

A person with norovirus is most infectious from when their symptoms start until 48 hours after all their symptoms have passed, although they may also be infectious for a short time before and after this.

You can get norovirus more than once because the virus is always changing, so your body is unable to build up long-term resistance to it.

Preventing norovirus

Stay off work or school until at least 48 hours after the symptoms have passed. You should also avoid visiting anyone in hospital during this time.

Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before preparing food. Don't rely on alcohol hand gels, as they don't kill the virus.

Packed Lunches

If your child wishes to bring a packed lunch to school please ensure that it does not include any of the following:

Fried crisps
Chocolate or anything choc chip
Cereal bars (these are full of sugar)
Peanut butter
Nuts
Jam
Chocolate spread etc.

There are still many things you can include that ensures we are trying to keep the children as healthy as possible,



Dates for your Diary

Savoury items can include;

Vegetables
Sandwiches
Cheese
Crackers
Sausage rolls
Sausages
Pasta
Snack a jacks
Rice cakes

Sweet items can include;

Jelly pots
Popcorn
Dried fruit
Baked crisps
A plain fairy cake
Fruit
Yoghurts
A plain biscuit
Raisins

January

Monday 7th 1st Day of Spring Term
Friday 25th Oak Class Assembly
Monday 28th Young Voices

February

Friday 1st Fir Class Assembly
Wednesday 6th Willow Class Trip to Cadburys World
Friday 8th Rowan Class Assembly
Friday 15th Willow Class Assembly

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd Half Term

March

Friday 8th Maple Class Assembly
Friday 15th Beech Class Assembly
Friday 22nd Cherry Class Assembly
Tuesday 26th EYFS Production - Dress Rehearsal
Siblings Welcome
Wednesday 27th EYFS Production - Adults Only
Thursday 28th EYFS Production - Adults Only

April

Monday 1st Maple Class Trip to Celtic Harmony
Wednesday 3rd Awards Assemblies
Thursday 4th Spring Music Assembly/Concert
Friday 5th Last Day of Term

Merry Christmas

Yours Sincerely

Mrs G Voigt
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