



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Happiness

A few places at Dance Club are still available, click below to book ↓



Children had their first evacuation procedure on Wednesday with a Fire Drill, which I can report was very successful. Well done to all year groups for calmly and quietly making their way outside. This was a whole new experience for children in Reception, Nursery & Childcare and I am incredibly proud of how they handled it. Mrs Minter



DIARY DATES:

- Monday 5 Nov - **BRIGHT SPARKS DAY**
- 3.15-4.00pm KS1 Choir Practice -members
- Tuesday 6 Nov - 12.00pm School Council Meeting
- 3.15-4.45pm Football Club
- 3.15- 4.15pm Magical Maths Club (KS1 only)
- Wednesday 7 Nov - 4.30-6.00pm PTA Halloween Disco (Sold Out)
- Thursday 8 Nov - 3.15-4.20pm Gymnastics Club
- 4.30pm Governors Standards Committee
- Friday 9 Nov - 3.15-4.20pm Dance Club (places available)



Autumn Term 1- Attendance

After half term we will be sending home letters to those parents whose children's attendance has either:

- fallen below our school target of 97%
- dropped below the figure we consider needing improvement.

This exercise is undertaken regularly in line with our Attendance Policy as part of our commitment to ensuring attendance at Streetsbrook remains outstanding. Attending school regularly and on time has a positive impact on learning, progress and therefore the best life chances for pupils. Research shows that attendance and punctuality are the single most important factors in school success. For these reasons, we are fully committed to working with you and your child in raising attendance. May I take this opportunity to remind parents that holidays taken term time will not be authorised.

Mrs Minter



Reception, Years 1 & 2

After half term, letters from the NHS Nursing Team and accompanying forms will be coming home about the Flu Vaccination programme.

You are asked to complete and return these forms as soon as possible in order for your child to be registered. This will be taking place in school on Friday 30 November.



When we return after the half-term break, may we remind you that the winter uniform is now in place. Long trousers for the boys, and grey skirts, pinafores or trousers (Nov – Feb only) for the girls.

Please also be reminded that hair accessories must match the uniform colours - Thank you

MONTHLY CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD



October 2018

Well done to **2C** for winning the monthly Attendance Award again with an amazing **98.6%**

R1	95.8%
R2	94.8%
1S	97.9%
1F	98.3%
2A	97.9%
2C	98.6%

Our school milk scheme is administered by Cool Milk. To register your child for school milk, please visit

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

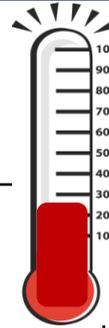


Minutes from our Children's School Council meetings on 2nd and 9th October are now available to view from the website:

<http://streetsbrook.net/pupils/councilminutes.html>

Childrens' Enrichment Fund Thermometer

Thank you to those that have already paid the Autumn Term contributions (£22.50) via ParentPay. We do ask that you make your payment as our thermometer has only increased by 2% since September which is slightly disappointing! These funds enable us to provide enriching activities and resources that the school budget simply cannot afford. We really do appreciate every penny received-Thank you!



FIREWORK FESTIVAL FEAST

Monday 5 November 2018

Enjoy a sizzling menu...

Pork or Quorn Hotdog or Beef Burger in a bun, served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas, Space Rocket Lolly or Chocolate Biscuit

Remember to stay safe on Bonfire night

Information on Tax Free Childcare & Childcare Vouchers

Tax free childcare	Childcare vouchers
Eligibility	
<p>Anyone can apply</p> <p>Employed & Self employed</p>	<p>Only available if employer offers them</p>
<p>£120/wk min earnings if a couple, both parents must work</p>	<p>No min earnings One parent needs to work</p>
<p>Child's max age 11 (16 if disabled)</p>	<p>Child's max age 15 (16 if disabled)</p>
<p>Max income limit Less than £100,000 per parent</p>	<p>No income limit</p>
Which wins if you're eligible for both?	
<p>Max gain of £2,000 gain per child (£4,000 if disabled)</p>	<p>Max gain of £933/yr per parent (basic-rate taxpayer) £625/yr per parent (higher-rate taxpayer) £623/yr per parent (top-rate taxpayer)</p>
<p>20% off childcare costs</p>	<p>No tax & NI to pay on childcare costs, equivalent to 32% for basic-rate taxpayer (42% higher-rate, 47% top-rate)</p>
<p>Best option for more kids & higher childcare cost</p>	<p>Best option for fewer kids and lower childcare cost</p>

Click here for clarification and further information





PTA Christmas Fair Lights Help and Father Christmas' needed!

With the Christmas festivities fast approaching, we will need to spread a little Christmas dust around Streetsbrook.

Our first mission is to hang out the Christmas lights in the corridors. We plan to do this on **Friday 23 November**, starting at 5pm. We really need some help and would be extremely grateful if anyone is available to help out for a short time, if you can, please email: streetsbrookpta@gmail.com

As you are aware, the Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 30 November**. One of the most magical elements of the fair for the children is visiting Father Christmas. We usually have four Father Christmas' but are in need of volunteers! If you or somebody you know would be available and willing to take on such a great role then please do get in touch.



NURSERY

What a spectacular end to a fantastic half term we have had in the Nursery. The children have loved learning all about 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. On Thursday we finished off the topic with a WOW 'Teddy Bears' picnic. In the continuous provision the children have impressed us by independently deciding to build a hedgehog house and have had a ball exploring shadows.

Next term we will hit the ground running with all things 'Fireworks.' We will start the second half term with a special Bonfire night 'BBQ' and will also be looking at Diwali.



Many thanks to our parent volunteer who has offered to come into Nursery to talk to the children about the festival of light.

We will also begin learning songs for our Nativity performance. Phew!

Many thanks to those parents who have sent in their parent observations. There is still time to hand yours in next half term if you are yet to do so. The Nursery team would like to wish all of are children and their families a happy and safe half-term break and would love to see any pictures when the children return in November!

YEAR 2

This week Year 2 have gone back in time to Pudding Lane in 1666 and watched the fire start in the bakery.

The children were so excited to experience what happened in the Great Fire of London and felt the emotions when they saw the fire was spreading towards their house that they had made. Firemen from the West Midlands Fire Service have also been to see Year 2 this week to teach the children about fire safety. They loved trying on parts of their uniform!

In English, they have got into the role of Samuel Pepys and written a diary as if they were watching the fire spread. We have really enjoyed reading these as the children have used their experience of watching the fire and put their emotions in to their diary. We have been measuring objects from around the classroom accurately and choosing the most appropriate method of either millimetres, centimetres and metres. We hope you have a lovely week off but please continue to read with your children. We are also sending home PE kits today - please check that pumps still fit.



YEAR 1

This week we have concluded our topic 'Back to the Future' with a 'Big Write' of the story 'The Little Match Girl' set in the Victorian times. During our 'Big Write' the children were required to plan and independently write the story of 'The Little Match Girl' in the correct order. Children were given prompts prior to starting their story such as using correct punctuation, including exciting sentence openers and extending their sentences with 'because' or 'and'. Within Maths the children have been comparing and describing length and height using the mathematical vocabulary of shorter than, taller than, longer than and centimetres. Over half term see if your child can compare and describe the length or height of a range of objects in and around your household.

Thank you for joining us at parents evening this week. Please do continue to work on your child's phonic knowledge throughout half term using the resources we have provided at parents evening. We hope you have a wonderful, happy and healthy half term and look forward to seeing you in November.

May we remind you about our Writing & Phonics Presentations for Year 1 parents taking place after half term on 14th and 16th November with Mrs Newsome. [Click here](#) for information and let the office staff know if you would like to attend.

RECEPTION

We had a 'whale' of a time on Wednesday in Reception when we all enjoyed our fabulous finale 'Shellebration'. We saw some wonderful costumes in our opening parade and the children went on to enjoy lots of topic linked activities, including preparing their own food and drink!

You may be aware our next topic is called 'On Top of the World' and will focus on finding out about the Arctic, including making comparisons with our own environment. Any linked books, toys or other resources that children wish to share will be most welcome.

It was lovely to meet with so many of you this week at Parent Consultations, we hope you found the meeting informative. We are also delighted to have received contributions made by parents linked to our monthly Parental Observation programme. These really help us build a fuller picture of each child. There is still time to complete any observations linked to October's focus 'Technology' and we look forward to sharing November's observations linked to 'Expressive Arts and Design'. In addition, we also love to celebrate achievements and learning beyond the classroom in other ways too. Our 'Blown Away' area in the Creative Room is designed to showcase anything the children are particularly proud of. e.g. sporting awards, independent writing, books they have read, arts and crafts projects, topic linked trips and outings, learning a new skill... and anything else you can think of! The board is currently empty so please feel free to contribute at any point (all items will be returned in due course) If it won't fit on the wall, please send a photo instead!

We are extremely proud of all the Reception children; it is hard to believe they have only been in school for half a term. Well done everyone! Thank you for your on-going support, have a happy half term.

The Reception Team.



Little Stars & Rockets

This week we have been creating some amazing pictures using real mini pumpkins! we have also had lots of fun in our spot tray where we have been cutting, scooping and squishing pumpkins to make pumpkin potions. Thank you to all those parents that have come to our open play session today, and a reminder that we have some time slots left for parent consultations on the 8th November.

