

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

We are at the end of week 3 in the first half of the spring term. Before we know it, the sun will be shining and flowers starting to bloom. I believe we will all be looking forward to spring, when we can start enjoying walks without our fingers freezing!



Amazing parents

I want to give a big **SHOUT OUT** to all our parents providing home schooling for their children. We absolutely understand the difficulties of working at home whilst supporting your child to access home education. We think you are doing an amazing job! We have tried to make the home learning packages easy to follow and take the pressure off parents by teaching the best we can through zoom. If you have any concerns or comments on how we can improve this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Amazing teachers and support staff

I am extremely proud to work with an amazing team of staff who are working tirelessly to provide an education to children in school and at home. The demands placed upon them are huge, with much of what they are doing new to them or out of their comfort zone. We are all learning together. The vibe in school is positive and together we aim to limit the impact that COVID-19 is having on the educational experience of the children. We believe as a school it will help us to become stronger. Go Team Brooke!

Amazing Children

We have been blown away by the resilience of the children. They are working so hard during zoom calls or in school and we know that the work completed over the last 3 weeks will show us their tremendous strength of character. We look forward to seeing what they have done when we start marking the work submitted next week! Keep attending the live teaching sessions. We all look forward to seeing your smiling faces on the zoom calls or in class. The children are what make this job amazing.

Pupil of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school value's. Children coming into school or accessing remote learning can be awarded the certificate, which will be posted out each week.

Class	Pupil
F2 Mrs Binns/Baxter	William D
Y1 Mrs Brown/Miss French	Roman D
Y1/2 Mrs Head	Tomme M
Y2 Miss Hennigan	Tallulah W
Y3 Miss Saul	Lexi B
Y3 Mr Moore	Ruby P
Y4 Mrs Parkin	Evie F
Y4 Miss Merry	Ollie W
Y5 Mr Thomas	Jennifer P
Y5 Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders	Ryan W
Y6 Miss Jackson	Megan R
Y6 Mrs Marshall	Liam R



Home-school partnership

If you would like us to celebrate something amazing that your child has done away from school please email me at BR-admin@vennacademy.co.uk. This will then be shared at the celebration assembly on Friday at 9am.

Healthy Learning Healthy Lives (HLHL)

Home Learning Activities

In your home learning pack you will find some activities related to active travel. Please complete the three activities and return them to school when you collect your next home learning pack.

HLHL Policies

The HLHL policies are now available on the school website if you would like a look [HLHL | Brooke Primary Academy](#)

Thank you, Mrs Brown

Big Garden Bird Watch 2021

Next weekend (Friday 29th - Sunday 31st) is the Big Garden Bird Watch and we would like everyone at home to join in. The aim of this event is to get ourselves outside and into nature to observe all the different birds and wildlife that we may not notice visiting our gardens. The children will be provided with a sheet to complete in their learning pack, which will help them identify the different birds that might visit your gardens.



Please return the sheets when you next come up to school (by Friday 5th February) so that the results can be uploaded onto the RSPB Website. There will be certificates for all that take part.

[Big Schools' Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](http://rspb.org.uk)

Thank you, Mr Moore

Wellbeing commitment

Did you manage to 'take a break' this week? We hope you did!

The staff in school got involved by taking time out, supported by Miss Hennigan's bulk purchase of Kit Kats, which we all enjoyed!

Next week is 'secret friend'. I shared some (COVID-19 friendly ideas) ideas on how to get involved during this week's celebration assembly:

- Secretly tidy your brother or sisters bedroom
- Make your parents/carers a thank you card
- Drop off a small gift for a friend on your daily walk



Week Commencing	Focus	Details
25 th January	Secret friend	Do something nice for a friend or relative, but make sure it stays a secret!
1 st February	Express yourself	Wear bright clothing on Monday 1st February to support National Mental Health Week
8 th February	Treat yourself	You have survived 6 weeks of National Lockdown, treat yourself to something nice!

We would love to see all of the children, staff and parents attend school or zoom sessions in bright clothing on Monday 1st February.

Wellbeing first aid packs

We have organised a special gift for each child, which can be collected when the new home learning packs are collected on **Friday 29th January**.

We were hoping to have them ready for today, but due to issues out of our control, the items have not arrived.

Staff testing

From next week staff will have the opportunity to complete a Coronavirus home test. We hope this will provide staff and parents with increased peace of mind.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) asymptomatic testing for staff in primary schools and nurseries - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-testing-for-staff)



Free school meals

The voucher system is now up and running. Thankyou to the amazing Brooke admin team for setting this up. Please remember to register at [Free school meals application - Doncaster Council](#) if your circumstances change and you want to check your eligibility.

Remote education package

We hope you had opportunity to drop off your child's completed work for marking on Friday (22nd). If not, please bring this to school on Monday, however please appreciate that this will delay marking as work has to be quarantined for 72 hours.

Please read this letter that details to structure of education during National Lockdown. [Remote-learning-offer-during-National-Lockdown-04-01-21.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Remote-learning-offer-during-National-Lockdown-04-01-21.pdf)

The following format will be applied for this half term (Spring 1)

WC	Week	Learning format for spring 1	Details
Tuesday 5 th January – Friday 8 th January	1	1 week learning timetable	Collect learning packs for week 2 & 3 on Friday 8th January
Monday 11 th January – Friday 22 nd January	2 & 3	2 week learning timetable	Return completed work from week 2 & 3 for marking on Friday 22nd January Collect learning packs for week 4 on Friday 22nd January
Monday 25 th January – Friday 29 th January	4	1 week learning timetable	Work completed during week 4 will not be submitted for marking to allow staff to mark work from week 2 & 3. The learning will be based on consolidation. Collect learning packs for week 5 & 6 on Friday 29th January
Monday 1 st February – Friday 12 th February	5 & 6	2 week learning timetable	Return completed work from wk 5 & 6 for marking on Friday 12th February
Half term			
We will update parents on the plans for after half term, based on Government announcements			

In addition to the above

IT support – Please contact the school if you have any issues and Dave, our amazing IT specialist, will give you a call back if he can help. Dave is in school every Thursday.

Inclusion Team – If you have any wellbeing concerns, Mrs Courtney is on hand to help. Please ring school or see her when you come up for your child's home learning pack.

Eligibility for places

We have provided places to all children who are eligible, based on the government guidance, if parents have requested a place. The guidance is broad and therefore if you now feel that your child does meet the criteria for a place, please get in touch. As you will appreciate, vulnerability in particular can be difficult to assess, and we are trying to keep numbers low to protect the staff. As per the government guidance, if you can keep your child at home, please do so.

February half term

We hope to know more about the governments plans for education before the February half term. My understanding is that we will be given 2 weeks notice. However, we wanted to let you know in advance that we will not open during half term. Our school has been fully open since the announcement on the 4th January, with all staff attending work every day as normal. The wellbeing of staff is extremely important and will be more than ready by then for a break.



It's a girl!

On Friday 15th January at 21:59pm Miss Jackson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, weighing 7lb 15oz. She has been named Sophie Louise. We wish her health and happiness.



Stay safe everyone

Emma Levers

Head of School