



Key Dates:

Mondays

Continuation of kickboxing after school club

3.00 – 4.00pm



Tuesdays

Continuation of choir 3.00-4.00pm

Wednesdays

Continuation of cricket club—3.00—4.00pm

Fridays

Continuation of morning fitness club 8.00—8.45am

Continuation of football club 3.00—4.00pm

Wednesday 5 December

Year 5 Fire Safety Talk 2pm

Friday 7 December

9.00am—10.00am—Whole school open morning—a chance for you to come into school and have a look at your child's work and learning environment

Wednesday 12 December

Oops-a-daisy Angel Nativity performance for Pre-school, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. Parents welcome. Mince pies and refreshments available from 8.45am; performance begins at 9.30am.

Thursday 13 December

Key Stage 2 carol service. Parents welcome. Mince pies and refreshments available from 8.45am; performance begins at 9.15am.

Christmas fayre—from 3pm in the hall.

Friday, 14 December

School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17 December

School closes at 3pm for Christmas holidays

Thursday 3 January 2019

Schools opens for Spring term



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
ZUMBA 1pm-2pm	ONE IN A MILLION YOUTH CLUB 3.30pm-6.30pm	WELL WOMEN 9.30am-11.30am	ONE IN A MILLION YOUTH CLUB 4-6.30pm	JOB CLUB 10am-1pm	SATURDAY SUPERSTARZ 11am-1pm	
YOUTH CLUB 6.30pm-8.30pm		ALLEY CATZ Line dancing 1.30pm-3.30pm		ECCLESHILL PLAY GROUP 3.30pm-5.30pm		
		TAI CHI 6.30pm-7.30pm				

Please check our face book page for any updates and time changes

Sue Belcher Centre for Hire
We offer a very large spacious main hall
Kitchen with Serving Hatch and Range Cooker
Table & Chairs also Children's Table & Chairs
Baby Changing facilities
Disabled Toilets & Parking
Soft Play Mats
Music can be provided

Halloween Night Party will be coming with lots of family fun, food, music, games and a whole lot more!!

Christmas Parties, Rent our room and ease the pressure of borrowing neighbours chairs.
For any other information on booking the room, please contact: info@brackleyandcherry.com or 07941837198, please leave a message and we will get right back to you.

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Thursday 6 December (Elf)

Monday 17 December (Polar Express)

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.



Headteacher's Message



As promised in the previous newsletter, I would like to begin by sharing some of the positive and encouraging comments from our school review held on 8 November;

"Two-year-old provision is strong, underpinned with high quality relationships between children and key workers."

"Outcomes in Early Years are close to that seen nationally and represent good progress from children's starting points."

"The quality of provision in Early Years has improved."

"Phonics outcomes have seen a marked improvement on the previous year and now closely match that seen nationally and reflect on the progress made across Year 1 for pupils from their various starting points."

"Pupils make good progress in reading across Key Stage 2 and it now matches that seen nationally. Attainment has risen in all three subjects with a combined figure that has risen sharply."

"Previously poor teaching has been eradicated".

"Work in books indicates that expectations have risen, and pupils are given work that better matches their previous performance and their needs."

"Pupils say they enjoy lessons and have developed a positive attitude to reading for enjoyment."

"Pupils continue to be courteous and polite—and better self-regulate themselves when moving around the school."

"Measures to address the challenges facing vulnerable children is reflected in the attendance figures which have improved over time but still fall short of that seen nationally. The number of children who attend school less frequently has also declined."

We are delighted that our relentless vision to raise expectations and improve the quality of education for our children is clear to see. I hope that as parents and carers with a vested interest in the progress of the school (and the children in it!) that you are as proud of these improvements as the staff and pupils are. We are also aware of our many areas of development; they will continue to be key priorities as we move into the New Year.

Thank you as always for your continued support. I look forward to welcoming you to the open morning on Friday 7 December from 9.00-10.00am, and the Christmas performances on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 December. Please see the back page for more information.

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 Fox class, who achieved the highest weekly attendance of the last 2 weeks with 99%. On Monday they were rewarded with an extra playtime, followed by hot chocolate and biscuits.

We are yet to celebrate a class achieving 100% weekly attendance. Please continue to support the school by ensuring children are only kept off school in the event of exceptional circumstances or genuine illness.

Attendance figures for the last 2 weeks are as follows:

w/c 12 November		w/c 19 November	
Reception	95.5%	Reception	95.1%
Year 1	94.3%	Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	96.5%	Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	90.7%	Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	98.3%	Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	95.9%	Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	91.7%	Year 6	99.1%

Please phone school to inform us of any absences on 01535 604240

We will continue to work closely to support families of those children whose attendance falls below 90%. In most cases this is known as persistent absence. Our Parental Involvement Worker – Mrs Tonya Barnes – is working alongside the Senior Leadership Team to actively engage parents and families who may be in need of further support. Please phone and arrange a meeting with Mrs Barnes if you feel this would be helpful.



Early Years Refurbishment

I am excited to inform you that the next phase of our improvements to the learning environment within school will be the refurbishment of the Reception and Nursery classrooms.

As part of this process, the flooring will be replaced over three days; 19, 20 and 21 December. Though we have endeavoured to ensure minimal disruption to pupils' learning, we will need to relocate both classes on Wednesday 19 December, and on the afternoon of Tuesday 18 December in order to move the furniture and store resources.

Nursery class will relocate to the two-year-old provision and access the outdoor space as normal. **Reception class** will relocate to the library. Provision will be organised to ensure all areas of learning are continuous, and children will also have access to the hall and outdoor space.

We are looking forward to creating a first-class learning environment in Early Years, and once the refurbishment is complete we will invite parents in to have a look at the new improved spaces. Thank you in advance for your patience and support with such a huge but important task.

Year 2 and 3 collection points

Our safeguarding arrangements are always identified as a strength during reviews and external visits. With this in mind, pupils from pre-school to Year 3 will continue to be collected from their classrooms. Though the pathways and access arrangements are well within recommended requirements, may I ask that parents and children walk on the left hand side of the path in order to reduce congestion. From Monday, wherever possible, a member of SLT will monitor the small gate between playgrounds, should you wish to leave your pushchair or pram in the playground whilst you collect any children in Year 2 or 3.

PE Kits

Please ensure your children are adequately equipped for PE and kickboxing by sending them to school with correct PE kit: a white polo shirt or T-shirt, plain navy blue shorts or joggers and trainers for outdoor PE.

PE is a statutory requirement for ALL pupils, as is the need to wear suitable and safe clothing. From January, pupils who do not bring the correct PE kit will be required to wear a PE uniform from school stock.