



Key Dates:

Mondays

Continuation of kickboxing after school club

3.00 – 4.00pm

Tuesdays

Choir has now been moved to a lunchtime—please ask to speak to Mrs Dobson if you require further information

Wednesdays

Continuation of cricket club—3.00—4.00pm

Fridays

Continuation of morning fitness club 8.00—8.45am

Dodgeball club 3.00—4.00pm—limited places are still available—please speak to Mrs Raby for more information



Monday 28 January

One Day Drama Gaming safety Workshop for KS2

Thursday 14 February

Valentine's Disco—further information to follow

Thursday 5 March

Pancake sale

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day

Tuesday 19 March

Book Club in school for one week

Thursday 21 March

Year 5 trip to Bolton Abbey—further details to follow

Behaviour

This half term we have been educating pupils in Years 2-6 about homophobic language. Sexual orientation is one of the 9 characteristics protected by the Equality Act 2010: alongside age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race and religion. Any instance of a pupil calling another pupil 'gay' with the intention of being offensive or hurtful will be treated as a serious incident—in line with government legislation—and will receive an appropriate consequence.

Use of homophobic language can lead young people to think being gay is bad and that it's acceptable to treat gay people less favourably. The use of homophobic language can quickly escalate into more serious homophobic bullying.

What's on at The Sue Belcher Centre

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 Jayne on 07841837198, please leave a message and we will get right back to you.

Brooken Bank & District Community Association
Telephone 01599 69522
Email: bb.dca@btinternet.com
Charity No: 1061528

Movie Night

Tuesday 5 February—Captain Underpants

Tuesday 12 February—Peter Rabbit

Tuesday 12 March—Hotel Transylvania

Tuesday 26 March—Despicable Me 3

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.



Headteacher's Message



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful and memorable Christmas and New Year, and are now feeling energized and ready for Spring Term—we certainly are!

The newly-refurbished Early Years environment is coming along nicely, and the final items of furniture are expected to arrive in mid-February. Mrs Oram and her team have been updating me with your positive feedback and lovely comments—it'll look even better once the classrooms are complete! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and families of our children in Early Years for their patience and understanding whilst their children were temporarily moved to other areas of school. The staff worked hard to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible and the quality of provision and learning remained high. Children responded extremely well to such a change in their daily routine and had a great time spending a few days in different parts of the school! They are a credit to you.

We have just received delivery of 30 brand-new iPads, which will be customized, security coded and ready for pupils to use within the next few days. This will enable us to further enhance the IT curriculum alongside other areas of learning such as Maths, English and Science.

On the subject of IT, it is imperative that children know how to stay safe online and know exactly who they are communicating with. E-safeguarding is taught in school with age-appropriate content in all year groups, but please talk to your children at home and reinforce the importance of e-safety.

The following websites are extremely informative and great to look at as a family:



www.common sense media.org

This is a really useful website for parents to consult with as it gives recommendations for appropriate apps, movies and games for children to play which are age appropriate. The website describes the content of movies, apps and games in a simple and quick guide so that parents can make an informed decision about which apps, games and movies they allow their child to play. It is well worth a visit.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

This website contains lots of information about how to keep children of all ages safe online



www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre



This website talks about Child Exploitation and Online Protection, and explains what to do if you are worried about your child online, who to report to and what the process is once you have reported something.

Attendance

Attendance figures for the last 2 weeks are as follows:

w/c 7 January 2019		w/c 14 January	
Reception	94%	Reception	
Year 1	92.33%	Year 1	
Year 2	93.79%	Year 2	
Year 3	97.78%	Year 3	
Year 4	99.18% 	Year 4	
Year 5	94.78%	Year 5	
Year 6	95.86%	Year 6	

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.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Some of the most vital learning takes place early in the day.

The school day Starts at 8.45am. Children should arrive at school by 8.40am. The school day ends at 3.00pm – this is the time pupils finish learning for the day – NOT the time they are expected to be ready to go home. If your child arrives after the registers have closed at 9.30am they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence for the whole morning.



Winter Weather

Please ensure your children are appropriately dressed for the cold winter months: warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves—all clearly labelled. Though coughs and sneezes are more prevalent during cold weather, pupils are still considered well enough to attend school if they have a cough, cold, tummy ache or slightly high temperature.

Riley's Remembrance

This morning every pupil and member of staff in school placed a candle around the trim trail in remembrance of Riley Turner, the cheerful, funny and caring twin brother of Mackenzie, and brother to Tyler. This would have been Riley's final year of Primary School, and Sunday marks the six-year anniversary of his tragic passing.

Thank you to the parents, carers and members of the wider community who also placed a candle. I am sure you will agree with me when I say that our children demonstrated incredible respect and dignity—it was very moving to watch the children placing their candle down silently and carefully. I would also like to say thank you to Sharon, Guy and the rest of Riley's family for their support and for being very much part of the planning and organising process. Our thoughts are with you this weekend.



Parent Governors

As you know there were two vacancies on the Local Governing Body for Parent Governors, and I am delighted to inform you that Mr Chris Batt and Miss Rebecca Regan are our two new Parent Governors. We look forward to welcoming them in the next Governing Body meeting on Thursday 7 March.

School Website

You will no doubt have noticed that our school website is currently looking rather out-of-date. This is because the company who update and design the site have ceased trading and despite our best endeavours we have not been able to regain access. Therefore we have enlisted the help of Primary Technology who are in the process of designing an exciting new website. We will inform you as soon as the website is ready and updated information is uploaded.