



# Brockhampton Primary School

## Newsletter 3

Headteacher: Mr Matthew Mander

Already, the days are ticking by in this short Spring Term and with only three weeks until we finish for Easter, we have a lot to share regarding things going on in school.

Reception were lucky enough to have a visit from some lambs this week (you will all be relieved to know that Roxy was kept well away!!) and the school appears to have been adopted by a Robin who seems quite happy to fly into and out of the building at will! Mr McLaren's clubs are still going strong this term, and it is really good to see the children able to receive some professionally skilled and experienced coaches in fencing, table tennis, football and netball. Our offering of music tuition continues to go from strength to strength with children able to access piano, brass instruments, guitar, ukulele, drumming and choir. Similarly, visits are happening each term – Nursery are off to Highwell House this week and soon Years 3 and 4 have the chance to learn more about the Sikh faith with their visit to a Gurdwara.

You will see at the end of the newsletter there are some upcoming dates for you to be aware of, including a couple of significant ones regarding how the children are progressing this year and the future of our school.

**Please save the following dates at this stage:**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>/Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Parents' Evenings between 3.30 and 7.00pm/SEND Meetings

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.00-7.00pm** – an open invitation for all parents to come in and learn of plans for Brockhampton's continued development as a sustainable school and hub for the local community.

### **Parking and Road Safety**

There have been several incidents over the past few weeks involving near misses and bumps on the road outside school, and I am sorry to say, an actual collision between two vehicles – thankfully no-one was hurt. As parental concern justifiably increases, one of our Governors is seeking to coordinate new action with the Parish Council and Local Authority to address issues with traffic calming measures, adjusted speed limits and parking capacity. **This action, however, has to come from the parent body.** The school has been told on many occasions in the past that until there is a serious incident or fatality, as a result of traffic congestion at the school, there will be nothing done to alleviate the difficulties you all face twice a day. If you are sufficiently concerned to want to get involved in holding the Local Authority to account in solving these issues before a tragedy, instead of just waiting for it to happen, please email me as soon as possible and our Governor will be in touch. [head@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:head@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk)  
In the meantime, please park and drive safely and with consideration at the beginning/end of the day, make use of the drop-off facility in the mornings if you can and ensure all our children stay safe.

### **Easter Holiday Club**



Our ever popular Holiday Club is back this Easter, covering 4 days, from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Apr. Lots of outdoor fun and activities. Click [here](#) for more information/application paperwork

### **Reading for Pleasure**

Thank-you for all your contributions to the Book Swap at the front of the school where there is a wide range of books just waiting to be taken home and enjoyed. Despite the word "swap" in the title, **there is no need to bring a book in order to take one!** So please, have a look in there, encourage your children to do so, find a book and keep "striving" to read at least 5 times a week – there is simply no better way to develop reading fluency, understanding, vocabulary and the confidence to access all areas of the curriculum.

### **Attendance**

As you know, regular attendance is the single most effective way of ensuring your child achieves their potential. Please do all you can to continue to make sure your child is here, on time if they are well enough to do the day. If attendance falls below 90%, you will receive a letter informing you that this is the case. This is just to flag up current attendance (as it can be quite easy to lose track) and to make sure you are aware that it is falling below the minimum expected level. If there are circumstances making regular attendance and punctuality more challenging, please do not hesitate to contact school at: [head@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:head@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk)

Parent Teacher Association  
Brockhampton's PTA needs you!!!



First thing's first... Parents do not need to sign up or continually help at every event. Parents can give as much or as little time as they want and together we will continue to try and mitigate the current economic challenges facing schools and communities in general. Brockhampton's PTA has a great track record in raising money and securing funding from local business and charities. All this money goes straight into school to ensure we can continue to deliver the primary experience the children both deserve and are entitled to. Without it, the school would simply be unable to maintain its current offer and provision. Recently, PTA funding enabled the fencing at the front of the school to be replaced and re-built so that now it meets the minimum required safety heights. Money has also been invested on all new playground equipment for all three playgrounds (you may have seen some of it gracing the roof, road and gutters!!) complete with storage, so that the children have resources to play with during their breaks. The PTA are also investing money into resources to support the teaching of the curriculum; boxes of bespoke science, music and art equipment for example, without which the children would not have the necessary resources that enrich the curriculum delivery.

***You can help in different ways, in any way that suits you and your commitments:***

- volunteer to help at an event such as a cake sale or disco that run through the year
- volunteer to help at groundworks days or other one-off events such as the fireworks display, Christmas events or organizing Welcome/Leavers' events for Reception and Year 6 respectively
- make a small donation, as any amount goes directly into making children's experience of school just that bit better
- help write "bids" for funding from local charities, businesses or Government initiatives
- donate any wood, wood chip, building materials to help maintain the grounds of our unique little school

The PTA are currently seeking a new **Treasurer** and **Secretary** to support their work. If you have any financial, bookkeeping or admin experience, please do get in touch:

[sclarke@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:sclarke@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk)

[ptachair@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:ptachair@brockhampton.hereford.sch.uk)

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

Pilates every Wednesday Evening @ the school 6.00-7.00pm <https://www.pilateswithclarepalmer.com/>

Fitness training every Tuesday @ the school 6.00-7.00pm

Scouts every Monday and Tuesday @ the school see <https://scoutsbromyard.com/> for further details

6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Usborne Book Fair in school
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	British Science Week begins
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Years 3/4 visit to the Gurdwara
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4 PTA Cake Sale
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Whole School Easter Downs Walk
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Y1 Fire Station visit
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	PTA Easter Disco
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar- 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	INSET DAY
9 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parent Evenings
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	(all day) SEND Parent Meetings
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole School meeting re plans for the future development of Brockhampton

**Advance Notice!**

2<sup>nd</sup> May                      WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED –Due to being used as a Polling Station