



The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is well underway and there is a great deal to squeeze in to this short first half term. We would like to welcome two new staff members, Mrs Lindsey Moore and Mrs Pamela Mahony, who will be working as Teaching Assistants predominantly in Years 3 / 4. Our Learning Character this half term is Hawking – I'm sure the children have been keen to tell you all about him and how he loves the skill of perseverance. Curriculum Newsletters have already been sent home with details of what the children will be learning in each subject area. If you haven't yet seen this, please do take a look on the school website where a copy of this and all letters sent home can be viewed www.brooksward.org.uk

On the final afternoon before the Easter Break, the children enjoyed their class visit to our Easter 'Fair Fayre' where they were able to 'spend' their good behaviour tokens at various stalls incorporating a wide range of activities. A big thank you to the children and staff in years 5&6 who organised this and ran the stalls. We are also pleased to pass on praise from the Bridgebuilder Trust who delivered an Easter workshop to the Year 5 children. The visitors reported back to us that the children were very respectful, a pleasure to work with and each and every one of them demonstrated impeccable manners.

We've welcomed other visitors already this half term. Last week the children had the opportunity to watch a live musical performance given by teachers from the Music Co-op during an Instrumental Roadshow. We hope that this experience will have inspired the children to start playing an instrument. We sent out letters about this last week (a copy can be found in the 'Parents / Letters Home' section of the school website) – please return the reply slip if your child is interested in taking guitar lessons.

We have also been visited by our two local PCSOs who will spend time in the playground every half term to give the children the opportunity to discover more about what they do and how and when they can help them.

As I'm sure you are aware, SATs papers will be completed this month. Year 2 have already begun and the children in Year 6 are working very hard in preparation for theirs which take place Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. Please continue to support them at home by making sure that they eat and sleep well and continue with their regular reading and homework.

We are all very much looking forward to STEM Week w/c 20th May when we have various visitors and exciting events planned. We would like to invite you to our STEM Evening on Wednesday 22nd May 5 – 6 pm when you can find out more about how we make STEM as engaging and exciting as possible for the children at Brooksward. We also have a STEM focussed Open Morning (9-11 a.m) on Thursday 23rd May, the last day of this half term and would love as many families as possible to join us then. Please however bear in mind that there will not be chance to discuss your individual child with the class teacher and a separate appointment needs to be made should you wish to do this.

We have noticed that quite a few children have been suffering from tummy bugs and ailments lately. We have reminded everyone about the importance of thorough handwashing with soap and water. Whilst we know this is something that children are aware needs doing routinely, we would be very

grateful if you could reinforce the importance of this at home and school. Hand sanitiser is also available in strategic locations around school.

Finally, we are pleased to let you know that Brooksward School is one of 10 who have been allocated a free family play session after school by '360 Play' during their forthcoming 'Schools' Week'. Details of this can be found in their invitation below.



SCHOOLS' WEEK AT 360 PLAY

360 Play will be offering **FREE** entry to families at Brooksward School on **Monday 20th May 2019**. Bring your little ones along with their book bags or in school uniform after school and gain free access for the whole family! At 360 there are so many great facilities for the little ones to enjoy such as our three story playframe, dodgems, carousel, Imagination Street, rowing boats and an outdoor climbing tree! The fun just goes on and on at 360 play!

So treat the little ones for all their hard work at school and come along and enjoy a barista coffee whilst they play with their school friends!

If you haven't registered already with us at 360 please head over to our website and register your family for free ahead of your visit. Alternatively register upon arrival with one of our helpful receptionists.

<https://online1.venpos.net/site/PreRegisterMembership.aspx?LID=399>

We are very much looking forward to seeing you!

The 360 Team



We look forward to seeing you at one of our forthcoming events. Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Abby McStraw
Head of School

Diary Dates: Thursday 9th May – 'The Wish' Music Concert in Wolverton for Y3 children
13th – 16th May – SATs for Year 6 children
Friday 17th May – Year 6 to Willen Lake
Tuesday 21st May - Class Photos
Monday 20th May - Free session for Brooksward families at 360 Play
Wednesday 22nd 5-6pm – Science Evening
Thursday 23rd May – Open Morning for Parents and break up for May Half Term
Friday 24th May – School closed for Inset Day
Monday 3rd June – Children return for Summer Term 2
Tuesday 4th June – Foundation Stage Visit to Green Dragon Eco Farm
Monday 24th June – KS1 visit to Woburn Safari