



# The Buzz @ Brooksward

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Excitingly, due to our excellent track record, our Executive Head Ms Alikhan and Mr Morley-Smith have been asked by the Local Authority to support an additional school in the local area for the foreseeable future. The Delta Federation firmly believe that all children should get the excellent education that the Brooksward and Drayton Park children receive and if we can help other schools achieve this – so much the better.

As a result of this, Mr Morley-Smith will be spending less time at Brooksward in order to take on the role of Head of School at Cold Harbour C of E School, although he will still be keeping his teaching commitment here. Therefore, Miss Swain will continue as sole Head of School at Brooksward and Ms Alikhan will remain as Executive Head.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hooton who will be teaching in Frogs class Wednesdays to Fridays. Mr Morley-Smith will continue to teach lessons in Frogs class Mondays and Tuesdays. Swans will now be taught every day by Miss Bertans although Miss Swain will continue with her Maths group.

## SCI-ROC CHALLENGE

Mr MacDonald and a small group of children were recently lucky enough to visit the Sci-Roc Challenge in Middleton Hall. In this event 14 teams from 8 European countries took part in 5 robotics competitions where robots were competing in everyday tasks. There were so many interesting things for our children to see and they were very keen to ask lots of questions. The children explored a variety of different robotic technologies including ones designed for flying, building objects and even painting. We had the unique opportunity to talk directly with some of the competing teams



about what they could get their robots to do. One team was very keen to share their expertise and managed to program their robot to have a conversation with us!

## SCHOOL OPEN MORNING / MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your support during our recent Open Morning and Macmillan Fundraiser. We welcomed many parents through our door to observe Brooksward children engaged in their learning on a typical morning. We were delighted to receive so many donations of cakes which then enabled us to raise £185 for Macmillan – a big thank you to everyone! Please do join us for our next school event, our **Maths Information Evening at 5pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**



## HARVEST ASSEMBLIES



It was a real treat to hear Year 2 Sticklebacks and Year 6 Mallards classes present their Harvest celebration assemblies to parents and the rest of school this week. Children throughout the school have been able to experience the joy of giving and sharing this week – thank you parents for your support in bringing generous food gifts in to school

which were on display today. The Food Bank collected your donations after assembly and asked us to express their gratitude for your support.



## ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION SESSION 2019 (FOUNDATION - YEAR 6)

The Flu vaccination (a nasal spray) will be administered to children of consenting parents by NHS practitioners in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please check your child's book bag next week for the letter, leaflet and consent form. The NHS has advised us that **the closing date for these forms to be returned to school is 20/10/18**. After this date, they will be collecting the forms from us to process prior to the clinic date. They have stated that they are unable to vaccinate any child who hands in their form after the cut-off / collection date so please be mindful of this.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our first parent consultation evenings of the new academic year will take place on the dates below. Please check your child's book bag for the letter with response slip for you to request your time slot. As far as possible, teachers will try and accommodate your wishes. There will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's books before or after the meeting.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have already accumulated a significant amount of lost property. Please could we remind you that all items of clothing must be labelled (this may need doing repeatedly if done in pen due to fading). Please also remind your child that it is *their* responsibility to keep track of school jumpers / cardigans and PE Kits.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Jen Swain*

Head of School

## DIARY DATES

Please take note of any dates which are relevant to your child.

(Please refer to our website for full term dates and other documents)

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October (5 – 6pm)	Maths Evening for Parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October (3.30 – 5pm)	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October (3.30 – 7pm)	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 5pm)	Parents' Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation – FS to Year 6
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographer – individual photos
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	Foundation Stage Nativity
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (5 - 6pm)	KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Return to school