



Message from the Head of School,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good break from school and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

The start of a new year always prompts us to reflect on the year that has passed and to think about our hopes for this coming year. 2023 certainly was a year to be proud of at Brocks Hill, culminating in maintaining our Outstanding grading. We are also so proud of all our children who did amazingly well in SATs last summer, all those who have represented the school at a range of sporting events, Lionheart speaks competition and of course our very own Lionheart Character Award.

I hope that we continue to be the best school we can possibly be this year. Brocks Hill wants every child to have an equal chance to be successful both academically and holistically. We look forward to working with you throughout this year.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Shilling





Important Dates

Tuesday 16th	SEND coffee afternoon 2-3pm.
Wednesday 17th	Foundation Stage 'I can write workshops for parents'. Foundation Stage parents will receive communication regarding these workshops.
Thursday 18th	Year 6 parents Reading event on TEAMs.
Friday 19th	FOBHs coffee morning
Monday 22nd	Y5 and Y6 Open Classrooms 9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 23rd	Y3 and Y4 Open classrooms 9.00-9.30am
Wednesday 24th	Y1 and Y2 Open classrooms 9.00-9.30am
Wednesday 24th	Y6 Writing workshop with Steve Skidmore
Wednesday 24th	Parent writing workshop—all invited.
Wednesday 31st	SEN parent coffee morning

February

Thursday 1st	Y4 trip to Temple
Thursday 1st	Y6 parents GPS and Writing workshop on TEAMs
Friday 2nd	Y5 to Space Centre
Tuesday 6th	Coffee morning for EAL parents 9.00-9.30am.
Thursday 8th	Y6 Parents Maths workshop on TEAMs
Friday 9th	Class 3 assembly
Tuesday 13th	Foundation Stage parents Maths workshop
Thursday 15th	Y1 trip to Synagogue
Monday 19th—23rd	Spring half term.
Monday 25th	School opens

Open Classrooms

You will notice that Open classrooms are at different times this term. In response to parent feedback we would like to use these opportunities to invite you into your child's classroom and see how they learn at school. This term we will be focusing on writing. Hopefully you will be able to join your child for this session and see just what they get up to at school.

Attendance

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Well done to all those pupils who received their certificate for 100% attendance. We are so proud of them and thank you parents for all your support in helping your child reach this.

Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³

1: [The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](#)

2: [Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

3: [Mental Health and Attendance at School \(Chapter 1\) - Mental Health and Attendance at School \(cambridge.org\)](#)

We recognise that some of these statistics refer to secondary education but we know that it is never too early to start building good habits for school attendance.

DECEMBER EVENTS

In December our we enjoyed a delicious school Christmas dinner. We know the kitchen staff worked incredibly hard to ensure this was a really special meal, even providing a Christmas Cracker for everyone.



We also had the great joy of watching 2 wonderful Christmas performances from Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage.

Year 5 had a trip to Central Mosque. Year 3 visited St Peter's church in Oadby and Foundation Stage visited Oadby Baptist Church. All of these faith trips are central to our RE curriculum as well as promoting mutual respect and understanding for those of other faiths. Thank you for your support in allowing your children to attend these and volunteering to accompany them.

YEAR 2 WARWICK CASTLE TRIP

In December Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic day at Warwick Castle linking to their History topic for the term. These photographs should help show what an amazing time they had. Thanks to the Year2 staff for all their hard work in organising such a great day.



BROCKS HILL REMINDERS

Please remember to send in water bottles everyday. These should contain water only.



Please be mindful when parking in our community. This is a residential area please park respectfully not blocking any other car.



Please be aware that our children can only be picked up by someone older than 14. If an older sibling is picking up please tell them to wait in a designated area.

