

#### Message from the headteacher,

#### **Dear Parents**

We have had a great start to this new term. It was lovely to begin it with the children wearing their special clothes for Diwali and learning the different stories of why Hindus and Sikhs celebrate this important time of year. Marking these special days always reminds me how fortunate we are to belong to such a diverse school community. I hope that all those who were celebrating had a wonderful day.

We have had yet more sporting successes since returning to school and we definitely enjoyed having the opportunity to show off our new school sports kit. More news on these sports triumphs later.

You will be aware that attendance continues to be a huge focus this year, not just at Brocks Hill but also nationally. Well done to all the children who have secured excellent attendance at school this year so far. Hopefully many of you will be receiving a 100% attendance certificate for the month of October, very soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that school cannot authorise term time holidays. Days away from school do impact on your child's learning and often they find it very difficult to catch up on what they have missed. Please can we can remind all families that we do expect children to be at their classroom doors at 8.50 each morning. We really want all children to be on time, every day. Even a few minutes late each day soon adds up to a lot of lost learning time. If your child arrives late they will need to sign in at the office.

Key Pates

Date	Event	
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Residential Trip	
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Bosworth Trip	
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Home Learning sharing day	Children bring in their Home Learning Logs and show their classmates
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Class 11 assembly	
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classrooms	Parents visit classrooms with their children to have a look at their books with them. 3.20 – 4.15
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Helping your child with friendships	An event for parents in how to help your child with friendships and how to deal with issues.
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week	
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Beaumanor Trip	
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need	Bring a £1 and dress up in spots
W/C December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Performances KS1 and Foundation Stage	
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class 12 Assembly	
W/C December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Parties	
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	FOBHS Christmas Fair	
December 16th	End of Term – School breaks up for Christmas Holidays	
January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2023	Teacher Training Day	
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term	

### **Cross Country**



Happy Friday! Cross Country was a great success last week at Manor. The children not only were outstanding ambassadors but they looked GREAT! Everybody loved the new kit and flag. Well done to everyone who took part.



# Reminders

#### Poppy Appeal – This week

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's largest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance. It raises money to support the Armed Forces community.

This week, we have items to purchase for a donation to the National Poppy Appeal.

Children can bring money donations into the school office this week, and choose which poppy item they would like to purchase.



### Home Learning – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to bring in their home learning journals, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, to share with their classmates and teachers. We always love to see the exciting activities they have been taking part in.



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**Open Classrooms – Wednesday 9th November** 



We are delighted to invite parents into their children's classrooms on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> to have a look around the room and look at all the wonderful work they have been doing in their exercise books. There will not be the opportunity to have a consultation with your child's teacher during this session.

#### Helping your child with friendships – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November



Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm in the Voyager

Please join us for an informal chat about friendship. This will be short presentation followed by some time to share your highs and lows of helping your child negotiate the wonderful world of friendship!

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### **Children in Need**

Children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, for a donation of £1 for the charity Children in Need.

This year the theme is 'Spotacular'. Children are encouraged to wear something spotty.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their spotty clothes!



#### **Class assemblies**

Please be informed of the Class assemblies are back! Parents are invited to attend.

These will take place in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

CLASS	TIME	DATE
Class 11	9.30 am	Tuesday 8th November 2022
Class 12	9.30 am	Tuesday 6th December 2022
Class 9 & 10	2.30 pm	Tuesday 15th November 2022
Class 3	9.30 am	Tuesday 17th January 2023
Class 8	9.30 am	Tuesday 24th January 2023
Class 7	9.30 am	Tuesday 31st January 2023
Class 5	9.30 am	Tuesday 7th February 2023
Class 2	9.30 am	Tuesday 28th February 2023
Class 6	9.30 am	Tuesday 14th March 2023
Class 1	9.30 am	Tuesday 21st March 2023
Class 4	9.30 am	Tuesday 9th May 2023

### SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children, parents, staff and visitors are happy and safe at school. It is everyone's responsibility to encourage high expectations of behaviour and social responsibility. Please ensure that your children follow the school rules and routines before and after school. It can be confusing for the children to receive mixed messages. It is also important that all adults model appropriate language and behaviour and also follow our school rules and routines.

- Bikes/scooters should not be ridden in the playground at any time they should be walked onto the site and locked up in the storage provided.
- Please ensure that your child is closely supervised at all times on the playground before and after school to ensure that they are safe, making appropriate behaviour choices and are not upsetting anyone or putting themselves or others at risk of harm.
- For health and safety reasons, children should not play ball games in the playground before or after school.
- There should be no children playing on the outdoor equipment before or after school. This equipment is not suitable for children under school age to use.
- Please look after the school environment by ensuring that no litter is dropped, no damage to equipment or harm to trees, plants and flowers.
- If you have any concerns relating to another parent or child please speak to a member of school staff. It can be very intimidating to be approached in the playground and in many cases this can create or escalate a situation that could have been avoided.
- Please treat all members of the school community with respect and refrain from swearing and any form of intimidating behaviour. Everyone has a duty of care to report issues observed directly to the school leadership team if they see these rules not being followed.
- Please respect everyone's right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated by our school community. If you are feeling upset or frustrated please raise your concerns with the appropriate member of school staff in a calm and respectful manner.

#### Please remember that the safety and well-being of all the children must be the highest priority for us all!

