

Brookside Academy Specialist Provision

Newsletter – Friday 29th April 2023



The Value we are focusing on this term is Resilience.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and managed to dodge the April showers. With the warmer weather on its way, we have lots of incredible events happening during the summer term, including trips, visitors, the Kings Coronation and our Year 6s leaving us. Our theme for this half term is Kings and Queen. As part of this, we will be celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May and the children will be participating in activities that are linked to the Monarchy and our British Values.

Staff News

We would like to say a very big welcome back to Mrs Durston who has returned from Maternity Leave. Mrs Durston is currently teaching in Robin's class. We would like to also extend a warm welcome to our new Learning Support Assistants Kate and Amber who joined our team at the start of this term.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lee at the end of the term. Miss Lee has accepted another teaching post in a Specialist school in North Somerset.

Autism Speaks

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/world-autism-month>



Reminders

Magdalene Farm



You will have all received a letter about our exciting trip to Magdalen Farm. Please can you ensure that you have signed the consent form via the Parent Pay App by May 19th. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to come unless we have consent.

We will send further information about what the children will need to bring and wear, nearer the time.

School Start and End Times



Punctuality is an important part of our attendance policy and we would therefore like to remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am. Please can you ensure that your child arrives at 8.45am (school transport permitting). This will enable them to have a consistent start to the day as the teachers plan specific activities to support children transitioning into school.

Our school day finishes at 3.10pm. Therefore, your child's class teacher will not release your child until this time.

Should you have any queries about the start and end times, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nevell.

Dates for the diary

June 8th – Science Dome



On Thursday June 8th, Explorer Dome will be coming to Brookside to deliver science workshops. All of the children will have an opportunity to participate in at least one of the workshops. The two topics of the workshops will be Bubbles and Space.

July 11th – Workshop on Relationships, Sex and Education.

This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to gain further understanding the RSE curriculum and how this will be delivered. There will also be opportunities for you to ask questions, raise concerns or seek advice in these areas.

3-7th July – Creative Week

We will be inviting parents into school on Friday 7th July to showcase the wonderful work the children will have produced during Creative Week.

Somerset Foundation Cricket will be delivering inclusive cricket sessions at Millfield school every Monday evening throughout the summer term. They have, therefore, offered to come in and deliver some cricket taster sessions to our Year 4, 5 & 6 children. We feel that we taster sessions would be a great opportunity for some of our children to experience some accessible cricket and have, therefore, arranged the below:

23rd June – Tournament at Yeovil Cricket Club: 10-1pm

June 26th – Traditional/Modified Cricket

3rd July – Table and Sensory Cricket

More information will follow nearer the time.



Did you know that Somerset's SEND local offer website has information on services available for children and young people up to 25 with Special Educational Needs and



Disabilities?

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/the-local-offer/>

Somerset's local offer has recently changed and is a useful platform that provides parents/carers with clear and up to date information about available provision and how to access it.

I have copied the link so that you can learn more about this service and how they can support you and your child/children.