

18th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Celebrations for Year 6

After a fantastic year, we would like to inform you of the final celebrations for our current Year 6 cohort. This is a busy term for year 6, having recently returned from Okehampton, where they had a great time. Below we have outlined the upcoming celebratory events for the rest of this term:

- **Thursday 11th July – Brookside’s Got Talent.** End of Year performance starting at 18:00. Children should arrive at 17:30 to change for the performance.

Instead of selling tickets this year, we will be asking for a donation at the performance towards a charity chosen by the House Captains.

Due to space being limited by the stage, we are able to accommodate a maximum of 3 guests per Year 6 pupil at the performance. Please complete the reply slip overleaf stating how many seats you require. However, if you need more seats please request these on the reply slip and we will try our best to accommodate you once we know how many spare seats we have.

We would like to produce a programme for the performance. If you do not give consent for your child’s first name to appear on the programme, please indicate on the reply slip.

We would like to thank you in advance for helping us prepare the children for their performance. We appreciate all of your support and are very excited about the performance.

- **Monday 22nd July – Swimming at Greenbank.** Swimming and picnic at Greenbank for pupils only (11:00-12:30).

We will leave school and walk down to the pool at 10:20. Children will swim for an hour from 11:00-12:00 and then have a picnic lunch. At 12:30 we will walk back to school. Please complete the reply slip overleaf to give permission for your child to attend this visit.

The children will need to bring their swimming kit, sun cream, sun hat and packed lunch with plenty of water to drink.

This activity is being funded by Friends of Brookside, so there is no cost to parents.

Insurance: The Academy only provides cover against proven or agreed negligence by the Academy and its employees. Parents may wish to make their own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for their children.

Medical Needs: If your child has medical needs affecting him/her during the visit please inform the party leaders, in person or in writing, providing details.

- **Wednesday 24th July – Leavers' Assembly and Presentation.** The assembly will begin at 13:45 and will be a formal opportunity for us, plus parents and carers, to say a farewell to our current cohort of Year 6 pupils.

We are able to accommodate up to 4 guests per Year 6 pupil. Please complete the reply slip overleaf stating how many seats you require.

As part of our Year 6 leavers' assembly on Wednesday 24th July, we would like to share a slideshow of the children to celebrate how they have changed from Early Years to Year 6. Therefore, we would be incredibly grateful if you were able to send in one photo of your child from when they were younger. Ideally, it would be of them on their first day at school (even if it wasn't at Brookside), however if this is not possible, you could choose one of them on dress-up day or at the start of a new academic year.

Please email your photo to office@brooksideacademy.co.uk for the attention of the Year 6 teachers, or if you have a printed photo, please send it in with your child where we will return it as soon as possible. Please note this slideshow will only be shown in the Leavers' assembly and will not be posted on the website or social media pages. The children always enjoy seeing how they have changed over the years and I hope you will agree that it is a lovely way to celebrate our fantastic Year 6s.

Finally, Mrs Whatling and Miss Thomas would like to create a memory book of the children's time at Okehampton. They would like to include photos and quotes from the children. Only first names will be given in the quotes and no names are attached to the photos. Please complete the reply slip overleaf indicating if you do not give permission.

We regret that we are unable to allow any photographs or video to be taken during these events, to ensure the safety of our vulnerable children and families. It is always very awkward when I have to ask someone publicly to stop recording.

Thank you for all the support you have given Brookside while your children have been at the school; I feel sure they will continue to prosper and flourish in their continuing education.

We wish you and all our Year 6 pupils all the best for the future!

Yours sincerely



Brian Walton

Reply slip – Please return to your child’s Class Teacher

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‘Brookside’s Got Talent’ Performance – at 18:00 on Thursday 11th July

I require ____ seats for the above performance (up to a maximum of 3 guests per Year 6 pupil).

I would like to go on the waiting list for ____ additional seat(s).

I give consent for my child’s first name to be on the programme: **YES / NO**

Swimming at Greenbank – Monday 22nd July

I **DO*** / **DO NOT*** give permission for my child to attend the visit to Greenbank Outdoor Pool on Monday 22nd July. (*Please delete as applicable.)

Leavers’ Assembly and Presentation – at 13:45 on Wednesday 24th July

I require ____ seats for the Leavers’ Assembly and presentation (up to a maximum of 4 guests per Year 6 pupil).

Okehampton Memory Book

I **GIVE / DO NOT GIVE** my permission for my child’s photos/name to be included.

Child’s name: _____

Class: _____

Parent/Carer’s name: _____

Parent/Carer’s signature: _____