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BROOKFIELD NEWS

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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

KEITH HIRST - HEADTEACHER AT BROOKFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL



I hope you are looking forward to the half term break and the upcoming celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee. You will see in this edition a record of the recent visit by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and the tree-planting ceremony as part of the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. The oak tree that was planted will grace the entrance to school for years to come and is something our students will see grow as they grow. This was a wonderful day and culminated with a whole school 'Jubilee Picnic' at the end of the day. We want youngsters to remember 2022 and the Platinum Jubilee long into their adulthood. Our aim has been to make sure we create some memories for young people to remember an achievement that is unlikely ever to be witnessed again.

The final half term of the year promises to be every bit as busy as this one. GCSE and A Level examinations continue. In June we have our welcome evening for new Year 7 students and parents. The last two weeks of is our 'roll-over', where the new academic year technically begins. and our new Year 7 students join us for the full two weeks and start their Brookfield career.

On behalf of all staff, I wish you a very relaxing half term break and an enjoyable Jubilee celebration.

Keith Hirst, Headteacher



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Once in a lifetime for Brookfield

On Friday, 6th May 2022 Brookfield Community School celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a number of special events happening throughout the day.

In the morning, we welcomed the Queen's representative Vice-Lord Lieutenant Colonel, John Wilson and Deputy Lieutenant & Lead for the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, Brell Ewart who were joined by a number of special guests from the Old Cestrefeldians' Society; Incoming President, John Drabble, Secretary, Derrick Priestley and Trustees, Tony Hine and Rob Woodhead for a Tree Planting Ceremony where the Old Cestrefeldians represented the past, the Vice-Lord Lieutenant represented the present and a number of our students including Head Boy and Head Girl represented the future.



Chesterfield School, formerly Chesterfield Grammar school, was founded in 1594 and continued to educate boys from Chesterfield and further afield until 1991 when educational reorganisation resulted in its closure and the handover of its buildings to Brookfield Community School. Today, the Old Cestrefeldian Society and the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust, works to maintain links between former students and masters from Chesterfield School and Brookfield Community School.

"The ceremony was important on many levels. From marking the Platinum Jubilee and the 70 years that Queen Elizabeth II has spent on the throne, to the commemoration of students and staff who have attended Chesterfield Grammar School and Brookfield Community School - and those who will do so in the future" said Mr Hirst, Headteacher.



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When Chesterfield Grammar School was founded, Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne and the timbers from traditional English oak trees were used to build her ships, so as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, Brookfield Community School wanted to plant an oak tree on the Chatsworth Road side of the school site, to commemorate her 70th year, over 400 years later.



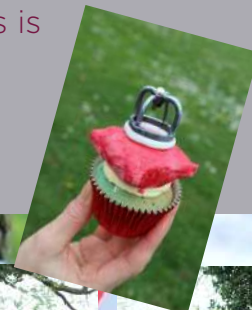
After the tree planting ceremony, our special guests took a tour of Brookfield which brought back lots of wonderful memories for some of the dignitaries who used to be students here, and later in their life taught at the school too. Then to conclude the morning's celebrations, the Vice-Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenant joined our Headteacher, Mr Hirst in the Hall for a special assembly with our Year 7 students.



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Later in the afternoon, students and staff gathered together for a 'Jubilee Picnic' and individual tree planting by our 5 Houses to mark the occasion. This fits in with our wider belief that education does not simply focus on the academic; an experience in itself and not just a preparation for the next stage in life. We wanted to mark the Platinum Jubilee as a special occasion that we will never see again. For a monarch to reign for 70 years is unprecedented.



If you would like to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' please visit <https://queensgreencanopy.org/> for details on how you can get involved.

The past is important, and it is vital that we understand and cherish our history. It is also important that we allow students and staff to create memories of their own. I am sure that long into the future we will be looking back at the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and how her Platinum Jubilee was marked with an oak tree that will stand at the front of our school for many years to come, as a reminder of this achievement" said Mr Hirst.

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Jubilee!

Brookfield School was ahead of the game as it celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early May, through a whole school picnic on the field.



The event was important as it enabled students and staff to celebrate together, after many restrictions on what the school can do due to the Covid Pandemic. To ensure we made it a whole school event, we marked the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession before the official Bank Holiday in June, when the half-term break and examinations would preclude joining the rest of the country in marking this historic moment. The day began with a visit to Brookfield by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, John Wilson, and the Deputy Lieutenant, Brett Ewart, followed by a talk to Year 7 by assembly by members of the Old Cretedfordians, outlining their role and work with the school. There was also the ceremonial planting of an oak sapling. Deputy Headteacher Mr Cronin planned the school's celebration. "We encouraged each Tutor Group to bring cakes, bins and picnic blankets so that we could mark the event in true British style. It was great to see the field populated by groups representing each of our school-houses. A centre-piece of the afternoon was the planting of a rose tree by each of the House Captains," he went on, "we hope and trust they and the oak tree will become a mark of growth and stability in the same way that the names of our houses - Baslow, Birchen, Curbai, Froggatt and Gardom's - commemorate the longevity of the limestone edges of our Peak District."

Students from each house learned about the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the Platinum Jubilee through Life 360 lessons and a quiz, co-ordinated by Senior Head of House, Mr Williams. In true British style, she also anticipated any inclement weather by designing a back-up plan - thankfully not needed! The event enabled us to reflect on what defines British and global values, embodied for those living in Britain through the Queen. Whatever your views on the monarchy, I'm sure we can agree that 70 years as reigning monarch is a great achievement, and celebrating this through both the school picnic and planting saplings on the school field allowed the school to acknowledge the Queen's Jubilee in a way that future generations can appreciate.

Words & Images: Aisling Rippen, Maddy Berrin and the Brookfield S40 team.



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Thank you to our Journalism Group for reporting on the event for the S40 Local magazine and to the Derbyshire Times for sharing our Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



HOUSE POINTS UPDATES

House Points	W/E 29.4.22	W/E 6.5.22	W/E 13.5.22	W/E 20.5.22
Highest scoring student	Millie H-G	Heidi T-J	Louie Y	Millie H-G
Highest scoring form	Ga2	Ga5	Ga5	Ga5
House Total	4589	2822	3041	3282

GARDOM'S

A new addition to the Brookfield News is our House Points updates which highlight the highest scoring student, the highest scoring form and the House total each week. Below, you will find the different scores for each of our Houses. If you would like to see the current Half Termly House Points, please visit the Home page on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk

House Points	W/E 29.4.22	W/E 6.5.22	W/E 13.5.22	W/E 20.5.22
Highest scoring student	Robert J	Jack W	Saul B/Rose S	Jack W
Highest scoring form	Fr6	Fr4	Fr1	Fr5
House Total	4489	2719	3224	3041

FROGGATT

House Points	W/E 29.4.22	W/E 6.5.22	W/E 13.5.22	W/E 20.5.22
Highest scoring student	Anna G	Ethan B	Sophie C	Isobel F
Highest scoring form	Cu3	Cu4	Cu7	Cu3
House Total	4706	2679	3390	3315

CURBAR

House Points	W/E 29.4.22	W/E 6.5.22	W/E 13.5.22	W/E 20.5.22
Highest scoring student	George R	Katie B	Erica K	Niki C
Highest scoring form	Ba6	Ba2	Ba1	Ba2
House Total	4360	2260	3422	2971

BASLOW

House Points	W/E 29.4.22	W/E 6.5.22	W/E 13.5.22	W/E 20.5.22
Highest scoring student	Emily A	Emily A	Olivia T	Olivia T
Highest scoring form	Bi3	Bi6	Bi5	Bi8
House Total	4791	2898	2929	3098

BIRCHEN

Students and staff from Baslow House did an amazing job this term supporting their House collection for Chesterfield Foodbank in just 5 days! Thank you to Year 7 student, Willow for suggesting the idea to help those in need during this difficult time. After these photos were taken, we had lots more donations too!

Well done achieving such a fantastic result, and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Baslow House collection.



Kindness is spreading sunshine into other people's lives, regardless of the weather"



This term, our Head of House for Gardom's, Mr Greenwood and Headteacher, Mr Hirst ran a special assembly for all students and staff members to celebrate being the House with the highest total of points last term.

Well done to everyone in Gardom's



"Self belief and hard work will always earn you success"

COMPETITIONS



This term our Geography Department have been running a Recycling Competition & Fundraiser to help one of our students, Daisy H in Year 11 to attend the 25 Scout Jamboree in 2023.

Congratulations to students, Emily B, Year 7 who came 1st for collecting 245 cans and Dilan NM, Year 10 who collected 72 cans.

Emily created this awesome image of her collection featuring 'Brookfield'.



Can you help Daisy raise money from recycling aluminium cans? Brookfield will continue to collect and recycle the cans in its green bin until next year so please bring in your collections over the coming months and either pop them in the green bin or hand them in to Ms Williams.

Redhill Academy Trust 'BIG Reading Quiz'

Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 competed in their forms, then the top students from each form competed to find the top 3 students in each House, and today they competed to become the final team who will go head to head with the other Redhill Trust secondary schools on the 10th June at Bolsover School.

Great results from all the students who competed in this round, and well done to Bess and Elsie (Curbar), Grace and Rowan (Birchen), Dan and Alessia (Froggatt) for getting through to the final round of this interschool competition, and well done to Rose (Froggatt) as she stepped in for a student in the final.

We wish these students the very best in the next round.



COMPETITIONS

Magistrates' Court Mock Trials

The Mock Trial Competitions are the longest-running active learning experiences through the Young Citizens programme, supplying young citizens with specially written cases so they can try the law against their peers in courthouses around the UK, building confidence and understanding.

As part of this competition, Brookfield turned into a court of law with some of our students from Years 8, 9 and 10 participating in a online Mock Trial, taking on the various roles defending and prosecuting, as they came head to head with other schools across the country. Despite not winning overall, our students did amazingly well as they knew the case in great detail so didn't have to rely on their scripts to perform their roles, and were able to improvise and speak spontaneously throughout the trial.

Well done to all the students who took part.



One of our Year 13 students, Callum P is currently taking part in a local Battle of the Bands competition at the County Music Bar in Chesterfield where he performed 2 of his own songs and one by Bob Dylan that got him through to the final round at Real Time Live on 26th May.

Congratulations to Callum on coming 2nd in this competition. What a fantastic achievement. We hope you enjoy spending your voucher from Real Time Music, and time in a local recording studio.



Junior Mathematical Challenge

Seventy students from Years 7 and 8 took part in a Junior Mathematical Challenge through the UK Mathematics Trust. We hope to hear very soon how they got on so will share an update in the next newsletter and on social media as soon as we know!

Are you following us for daily updates?

If you would like to have a look at sample paper from past years, they are available at: www.ukmt.org.uk/.../junior-mathematical.../archive



Battle of the Bands Competition



FUNDRAISING

**** YEAR 12 MONKEY MARCH FUNDRAISER UPDATE ****

Last term our Year 12 students did amazing work to raise £736.11 which they have used to adopt these 6 neglected monkeys that were rescued from the pet trade and entertainment industry by the Monkey Sanctuary in Cornwall, and the remaining £515.81 has gone to the British Red Cross to support the people of Ukraine.

We hope these monkeys continue to thrive and have a better life thanks to the wonderful support of students, staff and parents who donated.



Year 12's adopted monkeys

Learning Support Team fundraiser

Students fundraising to create something special for the Chesterfield in Bloom wheelbarrow competition in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, treated us to some yummy treats and pizza.

Thank you to everyone who gave their support.

Helping Your Community Grow

At the beginning of this term, our Learning Support Team found out that their garden had been shortlisted as one of Dobbies' 'Helping Your Community Grow' projects!

Our Learning Support Garden, looked after by members of our school community, is used for all kinds of activities to support our students' learning, wellbeing and mental health, and our Youth Award Group have recently been making bird boxes to encourage more wildlife into the garden whilst others have been busy pruning and planting for the summer ahead.

To be in with a chance of winning and to give our garden some much needed TLC for students to enjoy some time out in nature to support their wellbeing, we asked for your vote and were overwhelmed by the response, so A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who voted for our Learning Support Garden project.



or 13-15kg in weight, which is no easy feat over 195 miles! They will set off on 20th August with a planned end date of 2nd September, just in time to return to school with the aim to raise as much money as possible for an amazing local charity and organisation who tirelessly care for those in need.

If you would like to make a donation to Alex & James' Coast to Coast Challenge, they have set up a Just Giving page over at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/coasttocoast2022alexhall

Learning Support Team

**** Pizza & Cake Sale ****



Coast to Coast Charity Walk

Two of our Year 12 students, Alex H and James S will be undertaking a huge challenge this summer to raise money for Ashgate Hospice. Walking 195 miles coast to coast across the country from St Bees on the west coast of Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay on the east coast of North Yorkshire.

This is a massive physical and mental challenge as the route is not an easy walk. There will be mountains and rough terrain to cover and it will take around 14 days to complete. They will also be backpacking, carrying all of their equipment, tent, food & clothes etc with no external help, making their backpacks around 30-35lb

FUNDRAISING

CAN YOU HELP?

Can you help our Brookfield Parents & Friends Association (BPFA) raise funds for a number of projects? Donating to our BPFA is FREE when you shop, and it is an easy way to help them raise funds for future projects that benefit the students at Brookfield Community School. In recent months, our BPFA have provided the school with the deposit for a minibus which is arriving soon, and money for much-needed AV equipment for the drama department.

If you would like to help us raise funds whilst you shop in over 4,000 shops and online sites, please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brookfieldpfa/ or download the 'easyfundraising' app to register and we will receive a donation every time you shop with them!

Our BPFA have also registered with Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> where Amazon will donate to Brookfield Parents and Friends Association every time you make a purchase through them too.



CONGRATULATIONS

A few months ago, some of our students from Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the Poetry by Heart competition, and we've recently been notified that one of our Year 7 students has been selected as a national finalist! BIG Congratulations to Jaiden on his outstanding achievement and invitation to the Finalists' Celebration Event at Shakespeare's Globe at the Southbank in London at the end of June. He will have the amazing opportunity to enjoy a fun weekend of events in the city and perform a poem on the Globe's main stage.



As part of the weekend celebrations, Jaiden will experience lots of different styles of student performance to help him develop the art of speaking poetry as a pedagogical practice, meet the top UK poet judges, tour Shakespeare's Globe with one or two performances of Shakespeare plays, and be inspired by the Foyle Young Poets aged 11-17. The event is a celebration of young people's wonderful achievements in the Poetry by Heart competition this year, and we wish Jaiden all the best with his new performance video following his recital of 'The Tyger' by William Blake that landed him a place in the finals. If you'd like to watch the video please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BrookfieldCSch/ and look for the post shared on the 11th May.

Congratulations to our Catering Team for winning the trophy for 'Best Lunchtime Takeover 21/22' after being selected by the Derbyshire County Council senior management team. Every month they devise a menu to fit their Theme Days so if you would like to see what's coming up next month, please visit <https://www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/schoolmeals>



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

At Brookfield, we pride ourselves on our extracurricular offer with a variety of activities and clubs available for all our students to access. We endeavour to cater for different interests through our offer so we hope there is something here that you'd like to try. Below, are some photos from our football, maths and band clubs that meet after school.

With so many different clubs and activities happening throughout the week, we have made those available to view on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/extra-curricular.



**Year 7 after school Football Club
with Mr White**



**After school Maths Club
with Mr James**



**After school Band Club
with Mr Fisher**

In addition to our extra-curricular clubs, both our Junior and Senior Libraries are open at break, lunch and after school until 4pm (Mon - Thurs) and 3.30pm on Friday, for homework related activities, reading and for taking out library books.

Junior Library Opening Times

Open to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 for quiet study at break, lunch and after school.

Monday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Tuesday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Wednesday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Thursday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Friday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 3.30pm

**"You are never alone
when lost in the
magic of a book"**

Marie Lu

**"The MORE that you
READ, the more
things in life you will
know.
The MORE that you
LEARN, the MORE
places you will go"**

Dr Seuss

Senior Library Opening Times

Open to Year 10 and Year 11 students for quiet study at break, lunch and after school.
Sixth Form students can use it throughout the day during lesson times.

Monday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Tuesday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

Wednesday: 10.30 - 10.50am | 12.15 - 12.55pm | 2.55 - 4.00pm

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SHAPE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

One of the programmes provided by the SHAPE Learning Partnership is the Bronze Young Ambassador Award, and earlier this month, they hosted an ambassador conference at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield for a number of selected Year 5 and 6 students from 14 local primary schools. Paul, Liam, India and Sarah from the SHAPE Learning Partnership were joined by a number of Y8 student Sports Leaders from Parkside Community School who facilitated some activities for the Bronze Young Ambassadors, and everyone was excited to be spending the day with British Olympic Champion bobsledder, Nicola Minichiello who also supported the young people through different team building activities.



Thank you to the SHAPE Learning Partnership for organising a fun and motivating day for everyone involved. If you'd like to find out more about the events they organise, pop over to www.shapepartnership.co.uk

Year 7 and Year 8 Sports Leaders



This summer Brookfield Community School and SHAPE Learning Partnership are running an enhanced transition programme for our new Year 6 students and as part of this, a number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been selected to give support to this transition whilst working towards a nationally recognised Sports Leaders Award where they will develop new skills to become leaders. Here they are at the beginning of that journey doing some team building exercises before they work together to develop the sessions they will deliver to the Year 6 students in their current schools and when they come to visit Brookfield. We will keep you posted on how they get on over the next 7 weeks.

ATTENDANCE

Brookfield Community School Students are showing that every day counts when it comes to attending school. The school has a high expectation for attendance and punctuality and it is recognised that students are encouraged and supported by parents and guardians to aim for our target of 97%. Students have been referred to the promotional posters around school, encouraging them to be seated in class by 8.25 am. As a result, late marks have improved.

So How Can We Help?

Communication is important. Attendance can be the first indication that your child is experiencing a difficulty. Please contact our pastoral support team, form tutor, Attendance Officer, or Inclusion Officer to discuss any concerns.

This team of staff want your child to achieve their best and will be able to assist with referrals to external agencies to give you and your child extra support. Should your child have a routine medical appointment we would ask that wherever possible the appointment is not made during the school day, and a copy of the appointment letter/text is provided to the school office. Any leave of absence MUST be applied for in advance by completing a form which can be obtained from reception, or from the school website. Good school attendance enables children to feel confident, happy and enjoy school life to the full.

100% ATTENDANCE	
	
	
	
Year 7	49 Students
Year 8	39 Students
Year 9	31 Students
Year 10	36 Students
Year 11	44 Students

Congratulations to those students who achieved 100% attendance from January to April.



STAFF INSIGHT

Q1. What three words might describe the person you were when you were at school and what advice would you offer your sixteen year old self?

Oh, that's a hard one, what three words... Well I liked school so I was quite enthusiastic. I was definitely keen and sort of above average at being average. I was good at a lot of things but not amazing at any one thing in particular. I would probably say pick the subjects you genuinely want to do - not what you think you should do or what your teachers want you to do. I really enjoyed history and was good at it, but I didn't pick it for A Level. For A Level I did Geography, Biology and Chemistry. I took Chemistry because I thought it was meant to go with Biology, but I didn't really like it. I would have enjoyed History a lot more.

Q2. What would you have been if not a teacher?

Before I went into teaching, I was a soldier. I wasn't sure what job I wanted when I was growing up, I did A Levels because that's just what you do and even when I was doing my Biology degree I wasn't sure. I thought about teaching after my degree but I didn't have enough life experience and now I have more to offer the students. I knew I wanted to do something different and I loved being outdoors so I decided to join the military. No one I knew was or had been in the military so I was very nervous but I don't regret it.

Q3. Why did you decide to teach?

I think I have a slightly different approach to teaching and have more to offer after I had been in the military.

Q4. Which teacher from school can you remember best and why?

That would definitely be my form tutor, Mr Jackson, who I had for around 6 years of school. I remember him now; he is one of the most prominent teachers in my memory of school.

Q5. What did you want to be when you were twelve?

I don't really have an answer for that one. Like I said I wasn't sure what I wanted to be when I was growing up, even in my years of university. So I'd have to say I don't know for that one.

Q6. Who was your role model when you were growing up? And now?

When I was growing up... I don't know about that one. But I would say Mark Martin, for now. Mark was a battery captain of a guns sub-unit that I met when I was in the military. He was a really good guy.

Q7. What do you get up to outside of school?

My kids take up most of my time, I have a one year old daughter and 4 year old son, so family time mostly. I like being outdoors as well so walking, running, cycling and climbing I really enjoy.

Q8. What's your best memory from your time working at Brookfield?

Without a doubt, when I was running the Duke of Edinburgh. Especially the last year thirteen group I worked with; that was a very positive and memorable experience and left some good memories.

Q9. Why are you so passionate about your subject area?

To be able to teach kids something about themselves and the world. Understanding a bit more about the world can help people make better decisions. Everything you are around including you is biology.

Q10. Finally, can you tell us a joke?

Why did the biologist break up with the physicist? They had no chemistry.

Mr Greenwood

Interview by Eleanor H, Aisling R and Maddy B, Year 12

SCHOOL UPDATES

Chesterfield Football Club Academy Female Football & Education Programme

Earlier this month we had a visit from the Chesterfield Football Club Academy who have been talking to our students in a girls Year 11 assembly about a new Female Football and Education Programme recently launched by the Chesterfield FC Junior & Youth Academy, in partnership with Outwood Academy Newbold and Loughborough College.



Post-16 students will have the chance to extend their knowledge through various courses: BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport, A-levels, and Higher National Diploma in Sport. Students will have access to excellent facilities, enabling them to train, play and progress as players and people, as they look to improve their understanding on and off the pitch, and with a chance to learn from the very best, coached by UEFA and FA-qualified staff. If you would like more details of the programme, please visit <http://spireitetrust.org.uk/education-skills/chesterfield-fc-football-education-programme/>

Revision Assemblies Booster Sessions & Exams

It's been an extremely busy term for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have been revising for their exams that started on Monday, 16th May. To support their studies members of staff have been delivering a programme of revision assemblies to our Year 11 students. All the documents shared with students as part of this programme are available on our website at www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/students/exams-and-assessment for students and parents to access.



LOST PROPERTY UPDATE

We love to reunite lost property with it's owners so if your child has lost an item at school, please contact our Pastoral Team on 01246 568115.

Please help us to identify who they belong to by labelling all school uniform clothes so we can ensure they get returned to the right student.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see our website School Calendar for upcoming dates.

www.brookfieldcs.org.uk/news-events/school-calendar