

March 2024



Message from Mrs Mathie

I am not sure where this half term has gone, but it has been a busy one despite only being 4 weeks long.

On World Book Day we had a visit from the author Stewart Foster who spent the afternoon working with our KS2 children in various workshops. The children were inspired by his teaching and loved learning about his books. Stewart commented on what a great learning environment we have at Battling Brook and how well behaved our children were.

Summer term always goes by so quickly and is one of the busiest terms in the school year. This year is no exception and there are lots of exciting trips and events taking place and we look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks. Keep a look out for details in the year group bulletins at the start of the summer term for more information.

On behalf of all of myself and all of the staff at Battling Brook, we wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 9th April!

Best wishes
Mrs Mathie

SATs Tests

Just a quick reminder to all parents and carers of children currently in Year 6.

Our SATs tests take place during week commencing 13th May. We request that you avoid booking holidays during this time.

Staff Updates

Sadly, Mrs Gilbert-Lock is moving on to pastures new and will be leaving us at Easter. We have also said goodbye this term to Mrs Hurst; we wish them both well in their ventures.

A very warm welcome to our new members of staff Mrs Wyatt and Dr Powers who will be predominantly working with children in years 5 and 6. Miss Cordingley has joined the team and will be working with children in year 5 and in Earlybirds and Miss Bilson has replaced Mrs Gilbert-Lock in Year 2.

Congratulations to Miss Jones from our Reception team who has recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy – mother and baby are both doing well!

Toy/Game Donations

As I am sure that you are aware, school budgets are getting squeezed tighter each year. As a result, we have less money to spend on non-essential curriculum items.

We offer many different clubs during the school day to support the needs of all of our children, one of them being a quiet club at lunchtime for children who like to escape the hustle and bustle of the busy playground.

Therefore, if you have any spare toys/games/jigsaw puzzles/lego at home and you are able to donate them to school, they would be very gratefully received. We ask that they are complete sets and are in good working order.

Please drop any suitable donations to the school office and thank you in advance for your support.

Site Update

Year 6 classrooms – As you are aware, we have had a leak in the roof of 6TD and 6JG, this has now been repaired. However, during inspection, it highlighted further issues. As a result, we have decided that we will not move the classes back to those classrooms and leave them dormant for the time being.

We are extremely lucky in that we have the Lodge rooms available. The issues that need resolving are costly so we intend to gather evidence and try to secure a CIF (Condition Improvement Fund) bid so that we can replace them. This is not something that we can afford from our own budget in the foreseeable future, and as such will await the outcome of the CIF bid.

Early Birds – With the above in mind, our Early Birds breakfast club will need to remain in the hall for the time being. Whilst there are advantages to the children all being in one place, we appreciate that this can be quite a loud environment for some children so will continue to review this.

We will of course keep you updated regarding both of these matters.

Site Safety – Please be reminded that children should not be onsite before 8.35am on a morning and the use of on site play equipment before and after school is prohibited. This is to ensure the safety of all of our children and visitors. Thank you for your co-operation.

Class Dojo

.We hope that you are enjoying your 'window into the classroom' via Class Dojo.

Please remember that teachers will NOT check for messages from 8.30-3.30 each day as they are busy in the classroom.

Absences/change of pick up details/messages should all come through the school office on 01455 634701 or if it's not urgent, send an email to office@battlingbrook.uk

Staff Car Parks

We ask all visitors to site to please be vigilant when crossing the staff car parks with your children.

Staff will always exercise caution, but it is essential that small children are closely monitored by their parent/carer.

We are looking at ways to improve this by installing a footpath and will keep you updated.
Thank you.

Menu Change

You will shortly be provided with a new lunch menu. This will take effect following the Easter holidays and will continue until October half term.

School meals are charged at £2.55 per day which I am sure you will agree represents good value for money for a two course meal.

If you pay for your child's meals, we request that ensure that you have sufficient funds on your child's account prior to them ordering a meal.

Key Dates

MARCH

18 th March	2.20pm RKV Easter Bonnets
19 th March	9am 1PW Easter Performance 2.20pm RLB Easter Bonnets
20 th March	9am 1HS Easter Performance 2.20 RMJ Easter Bonnets
21 st March	9am 1SI Easter Performance PTFA Discos
22 nd March	Year 6 Greek Theme Day 3.15pm School closes for Easter

APRIL

8 th April	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
9 th April	School opens to pupils
12 th & 19 th April	PTFA Teddy Amnesty - Full details will be sent home closer to the event
w/c 29 th April	Year 5 Bikeability Training.