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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone, especially to all our new families. Please remember we are here to help. If you have any problems, however small, do speak with your child's class teacher or myself.

As usual, I have attached some dates for your diary to give you prior notice of up and coming events. This is not a definitive list and there will be dates added along the way. Can I remind you that this letter and other information will also be posted on the school website: <http://brookvale.halton.sch.uk>

After-School Club takes place during Term-time from 3pm-5.45pm. The cost is £2.00 per hour and £6.00 for the whole session. Please pop in to school reception if you are interested and would like more details. Places are limited.

Breakfast Club takes place every morning from 8.00-8.55. Children must be in by 8.30am. Toast and cereal are available. The cost of breakfast club is £1.50 per session.

After-school Activities: There will be a number of after-school activities offered to all classes at some point throughout the year. Look out for letters from your child's teacher.

Every day Counts – Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is one of our focused targets this year. Regular attendance is essential for effective learning and good punctuality is habit forming so it is important to arrive on time from an early age. We continue to work towards improving school attendance and punctuality and would appreciate your support in working with us.

Holidays in Term Time

May I remind parents that I am no longer allowed to authorise any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. A form must be filled in for any requests for leave of absence during term time. Please see the office team for a form.

End of Key Stage 2 Assessment, July 2018

Despite the increased expectations and the demands made on staff and pupils we are really pleased with the results this year. Our children have achieved above the Halton and National averages in combined subjects. The children, parents and staff have all worked very hard despite the difficulties faced.

*SPAG – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation	% of children who achieved the standard		
	School	Halton Average	National Average
Reading	77%	75%	75%
Writing Teacher Assessment	73%	75%	78%
SPAG*	70%	74.5%	78%
Maths	83%	74%	76%
Science	77%	unknown	82%
Children achieving the expected standard combined in Reading, Writing and Maths	63%	63%	64%

Year 6 SATS 2018

I would like to give you plenty of notice that Year 6 SATS take place week beginning 13th May. It is very important that all children attend school that week. The Tests can only be taken at one specific time, and cannot be taken when pupils return after absence.

We would like to invite Y6 parents along to a short meeting on Wednesday 26th September at 5.00pm. (See attached letter)

And finally.....Dogs

May I remind parents not to bring dogs beyond the school gates at the start and end of the school day. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

P Casey (Headteacher)



Dates for Your Diary

We have tried to arrange all dates for this term, to give you all a little more notice to organise work etc. There may be some more dates added throughout the term, but we will let you know about all forthcoming events in the usual way. Please look out for invitations from your child's class teacher.

Y6 Parents Meeting about SATs	Wednesday 26 th September
Creative Writing Fortnight You will be invited to your child's class on a day within the fortnight	Week beginning Monday 1st October
School Closes Half-Term	Friday 19 th October - 2pm Own clothes day There will be no After School Club
School Re-opens	Monday 29 th October 8.55am
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 6 th November Wednesday 7 th November
Anti-bullying Week	Monday 12 th November
Dress Up for Diana Day/Children in Need-'Big Spotacular'	Friday 16 th November
School closed for INSET Day	Friday 30 th November
Christmas Performance for Grandparents and Nursery Parents Ticket required	Tuesday 11 th December 10.00am
Christmas Performance Ticket required	Tuesday 11 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Performance Ticket required	Wednesday 12 th December 1.30pm
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 13 th December
Y2 Pantomime at the Brindley	Monday 17 th December 1.30pm – returning 3.40pm
Early Years Christmas Crafts	Monday 17 th December Nursery - morning Reception - afternoon
Christmas Party Lower KS2- Y3/Y 4	Tuesday 18 th December
Christmas Party Upper KS2-Y 5/Y6	Wednesday 19 th December
Christmas Party Nursery +KS1	Thursday 20 th December Finishes 3.30pm
Disco KS2 - <u>PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME</u> <u>ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED</u>	Thursday 20 th December 3.45-4.45pm
School closes for Christmas	Friday 21 st December – 2pm Christmas Jumper Day No After School Club that day
School Re-opens	Monday 7 th January – 8.55am



