



Brakenhale School

End of Term Parent News

Parent News: Friday 17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

With only a small number of students learning on site during this final week of term, it has been a little quiet around the Brakenhale school this week; it is such a shame not to have our usual all-singing all-dancing end of term assembly but I hope you agree that what we did pull together was still an example of the school spirit. What a delight to see everyone raising money for our chosen charity Daisy's Dream by wearing their Christmas jumpers on Thursday and for those of you who took part in this at home, we look forward to sharing your photos at the beginning of next term!

It has been a term of yet more "virtual" events which, despite a few technical hitches, have all run extremely smoothly. Today was a perfect display of this with the virtual pantomime for all students - although they might not admit it to you many of the older students logged in and clearly enjoyed getting into the festive vibe.

Not only is today the last day of term, but also the last day for the following members of staff:

Mrs Cresswell	Mrs Cresswell has a well-deserved promotion to Assistant Headteacher at The Wren School in Reading.
Miss Willimott	After 5 years of leading girls PE, Miss Willimott is moving to Kings Academy as Head of PE.
Mr Falconi	Mr Falconi leaves us to take on a Head of Science role at Bishopsgate School.
Mr Spaul	Mr Spaul is relocating and leaves us after 2 years supporting the current Year 10 students to take up a PE Teaching role in Hampshire.
Miss Deal	Miss Deal leaves the Teaching Assistant team to take up a role in a local FE College.
Mrs Holder	Mrs Holder is relocating to Gloucestershire and once settled into her new home with her horses and dogs she will be continuing her work in education.

I would like to personally thank all of these staff for their fantastic contribution to #teambrokenhale, they will be sorely missed. Although it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to colleagues we are also delighted to be welcoming some new staff to #teambrokenhale:

Mrs Lister	Mrs Lister joins us as Assistant Headteacher with specific responsibilities for raising standards of achievement, she has previously had significant experience working across the Harris Trust in London.
Ms Lazarczuk	Ms Lazarczuk joins us from Westgate School in Slough as a Health & Social Care/PE Teacher and will be tutor of 10E.
Miss Chaplin-Smith	Miss Chaplin-Smith joins the Student Support Team to oversee our triage room.
Mr Lloyd-Ahmed	Mr Lloyd-Ahmed joins the IT Department.
Mrs Brookes	Mrs Brookes joins us as a part-time Psychology Teacher who has spent many years working at the Abbey School in Reading.
Mr Brown	Mr Brown has joined us as a mentor in the English Department.
Mrs Groves	Mrs Groves joins our Admin team as Reception/Admin Assistant.

Student of the week:

Ellie Lightley and Chloe Romero in Year 12 who gave up their free time to help support the Admin Department this week.

Fab:

- Just wanted to say I'm thinking of you and all the staff at this incredibly stressful time! You are doing an AMAZING job as always!
- I imagine you have had hundreds of emails of thanks over the last couple of weeks, but just wanted to let you know I think you've been amazing and I have every trust in you and your staff at Brakenhale. My son has had to self isolate this last week and want you to know that he has indeed been doing just that, it's the least we can do after all the effort and time you've put in to keeping staff and pupils safe.
- I really have to praise you and your staff for the efficient communication and support you provide to the parents and children. I want to say that I think you and the school staff are doing a wonderful job especially in the light of rising Covid cases and I'm sure it has been quite stressful.
- I would like to say thank you for all the amazing work that you and all the teachers and staff do at Brakenhale. You go above and beyond. Thank you for your understanding and I hope you have a lovely Christmas.
- I just wanted to acknowledge and thank you and your team for how well you have kept parents updated during this long term with regards to confirmed covid cases in school. From day one of the autumn term I have had complete trust in the transparency which Brakenhale have shown parents in keeping us aware of the situation in school, whether it has affected our children or not. I had assumed all schools were doing the same but I hear from friends it is not necessarily the case. It has been reassuring to know what the current picture is in my child's school.

I also wanted to acknowledge the additional hours you and your team have had to put into keeping us updated. I had not fully realised, until my own child was identified as a contact, how many hours in the weekend you have all missed due to liaising with the DfE, PHE, staff and parents. I was really impressed with how quickly you made contact with us.

I would like to hope you have a restful Christmas break but am aware this is going to be difficult as you deal with more cases and also need to think ahead to the spring term. So I just wanted to say thank you and that your efforts are very much appreciated.

- I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you and all your amazing Team. This year must have been very challenging for you all. Mrs Boulter has been a credit to you, she has been so supportive with the recent problems our son has experienced and with all her help has guided him through the difficult times.
- On a positive note, we couldn't be more thrilled with how well our son has settled into Brakenhale. The staff are truly wonderful and really have done an exemplary job in looking after our children and managing the extremely difficult situation that we all face at the moment. Since the very first day that he started school back in September, I don't recall a single morning where he has complained about getting out of bed and going into school. That to me, says it all! 😊
- Ms Coley and the Brakenhale team, you are doing a fantastic job in these crazy times, well done and thank you.
- Thank you to the amazing staff team for all their hard work. They are trying their best to keep the students and themselves safe in this extremely difficult time. I really hope they all managed to have a well earned break. Merry Christmas and a happy new year to each and every one of you. 🎄
- I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the food vouchers. I am so grateful and it really will help towards the household budget. Have a lovely Christmas break and here's hoping for a bit more normality in 2021.

Staff member of the week:

Miss Young	The sweetest teacher ever! Not only is she a great teacher and gets me good grades and is passionate about what she does but she's also so helpful with other personal issues and is always there if I need her!
Miss Millard	She is so lovely, she listens to what you have to say and explains everything about what is going on. She is fantastic. She advised the more you do the better you become. Top teacher - she is doing a fantastic job.

Quote of the week:

"I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else." Churchill

Students return to school on Tuesday 5th January. Please can I also remind you to contact the school if your child receives a positive Covid-19 test between now and Wednesday 23rd December as I am still responsible for informing the Department of Education and Public Health England.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued amazing support for myself and #teambrokenhale and to wish you all a very happy, safe, restful and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Jane Coley, Headteacher



Covid-19 Contact Tracing during Christmas Holidays

The government has endorsed that schools due to break-up on Friday 18th December can now use an inset day in order to finish on Thursday 17th December. This means that no school staff will need to support contact tracing on 24th December, as the six-day period will finish on 23rd December. After six days of student absence, school leaders can stop checking for notifications from families, and there is no need for schools to be informed about potential student absence until the start of the spring term.

Please click on the link below to report if your son/daughter has had a Covid-19 test between Friday 18th and Wednesday 23rd December. The form can also be found on the front page of the school website.

[Covid Notification Form](#)

Any positive cases after Wednesday 23rd December do not need to be reported to school.

What's on next week

This year we have a 2 week timetable so there will be a week A and a week B. **After Christmas: B**

Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 th January 2021	Inset Day for students
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of Spring Term for students
Wednesday 6 th January	PSHE Lesson 1

PSHE Portal

At #teambrokenhale we are so fortunate to be a part of a rich and diverse community. For this reason - we would really like to hear from you!

PSHE Portal @ Brakenhale (launching in January 2021) has been set up to enrich our students and community members with eclectic pieces of knowledge and information that will continue to build our cultural capital as a community.

We would like family history and heritage stories, we would like recipes for food that has symbolic meaning, we would like fascinating hobbies and interests that will spark an interest in others, we would like to highlight causes that mean the most to us so we can continue to support one another... by educating us all in the process. The more informed we are the more good we can do!

If you are interested and would like to contribute please complete the very quick form attached [here](#).

Thank you so much.

Ms H Ioannidis, PSHE Lead



Online Safety Resources

Being social online this December: a parent's guide

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks. Our guide for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

[Access the guide](#)

4 steps you can take to help children stay safer

Our [new post](#) take you through the importance of conversations with children and young people about communicating safely online, helping them to understand how to report anything worrying, and reminding parents and carers about setting up parental controls.

You'll also find examples of resources that you can use to build on these conversations and develop skills and knowledge in the new year.

Help us learn more about young people and the dark web

We are currently working with [The Children's Society](#) and [Marie Collins Foundation](#) to [find out more](#) about young people's experiences using the dark web, and how they can be protected from encountering the associated risks.

To learn more about the extent of young people's experiences using the dark web, we want to hear from all professionals working with 11 to 18 year olds. This includes those without prior knowledge or experiences of young people using the dark web. The survey should take roughly 10 minutes to complete and will close on Friday 22 January 2021. Thank you for your input.

[Take the survey](#)

You can keep up to date with the latest news from the CEOP Education team by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). If you have any questions or feedback about our resources, get in touch with us at ceopeducation@nca.gov.uk.

We look forward to continuing to support you in 2021.

CEOP Education Team

Student Support

I have included some useful numbers in the parent news this week. The last year has been particularly difficult for many families, we all need to look out for each other. We all have times in our lives when we need some extra help. If now is your time when you need a little extra help please speak out and contact one of the agencies below they are there to help, support and advise. If you and your family need a foodbank voucher please contact me by email at jmanisier@brakehale.co.uk and I will organise to email one back to you.

Miss J Manisier, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Useful Helplines for Parents

Mental Health/ Mental wellbeing

Call the **YoungMinds** Parents Helpline on: 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4 pm, free for mobiles and landlines).

If you believe your child is in immediate danger and there is a risk to life, don't delay - call **999**

Low mood and depression

Childline: 0800 1111

Young Minds Crisis Messenger: Text YM to 85258

CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably): 0800 58 58 58

Understanding anxiety

Anxiety UK: 03444 775 774

Childline: 0800 1111

Young Minds Crisis Messenger: Text YM to 85258

The Mix: Freephone: 0808 808 4994 (13:00-23:00 daily)

Understanding self-harm

Childline: 0800 1111

Get Connected: 0808 808 4994

Young Minds Crisis Messenger: Text YM to 85258

Dealing with bereavement

Winston's Wish - Freephone helpline: 08088 020 021

Support, guidance and information for anyone caring for a bereaved child or a child facing the imminent death of a family member.

Daisy's Dream - 0118 934 2604

<https://www.daisysdream.org.uk/useful-links>

Daisy's Dream is a professional support service which responds to the needs of children and families affected by life threatening illness or bereavement. We work predominantly in Berkshire and the surrounding areas.

Substance misuse risks

Frank: 0300 1236600

Action on addiction: 0300 330 0659

CREW: 0131 220 3404

School Nursing Service

Berkshire Healthcare is launching a new School Nursing advice and support line for children, young people and their families, to offer health advice and referral into the service for on-going support if needed. The line will be available from 9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

For all Year 9 and above students:

You do not have to struggle in silence. The school nursing team are here to listen, phone our new advice and support line on 0118 9312111 and select option 4 to speak to a school nurse. Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Changing bodies (useful website)

Puberty for boys - More information about puberty for boys from the Childline website.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/puberty/puberty-boys/>

Puberty for girls - More information about puberty for girls from the Childline website.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/you-your-body/puberty/puberty-girls/>

Surviving adolescence: for parents and carers

Information and help from the Royal College of Psychiatrists

<https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/mental-health/parents-and-young-people/information-for-parents-and-carers/surviving-adolescence-for-parents-and-carers>

Talking to your children about sex, relationships and growing up

Information and advice from the **FPA** (Family Planning Association)

<http://www.fpa.org.uk/relationships-and-sex-education/parents-and-carers>

Counselling and online advice

Childline: Advice and help on a wide range of topics.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Serious youth violence

Parents Against Child Exploitation Call: 0113 240 5226 <https://paceuk.info/>

The Survivors Trust Call: 0808 801 0818 <https://www.thesurvivorstrust.org/>

Victim Support Call: 0808 168 9111 <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

The Children's Society Call: 01245 493 311 <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

Wishing you a Happy and Safe Christmas from the Safeguarding team

Jo Manisier, Clair Gill, Tracey Gosling and Tracy Prosser

Message from Bracknell Foodbank

We're very conscious that many families and individuals will particularly struggle over the Christmas period and so this year we are opening for an extra session between Christmas Day and New Year (see below for our opening times). The amount of food we are currently giving out should last at least a week.

Wednesday 23 rd December	12.00 – 1.30pm
Friday 25 th December (Christmas Day)	CLOSED
Tuesday 29 th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 30 th December	12.00 – 1.30pm
Friday 1 st January	CLOSED
Tuesday 5 th January	12.00 – 1.30pm

School Uniform

Correct School Uniform



PLAIN BLACK OUTDOOR COAT

BLACK BLAZER
(with school badge)

OPTIONAL BURGUNDY V-NECKED JUMPER
(with school badge)

WHITE SHIRT
(buttoned at the neck)

SCHOOL TIE (clip-on from 2019 intake, in house colours, sitting under the shirt collar, knotted at neck, touching the waistband, with 5 rows of colour showing as a minimum)

PLAIN BLACK TROUSERS
or
SCHOOL SKIRT (for girls, with logo on waistband, knee-length)

PLAIN BLACK ANKLE SOCKS / PLAIN BLACK TIGHTS (for girls)

POLISHABLE PLAIN BLACK SHOES

BRAKENHALE SCHOOL BAG

SCHOOL SKIRT
(with logo on waistband, knee-length)

SCHOOL TIE
(clip-on, in house colours, sits under the collar, knotted at neck, touching waistband, 5 rows of colour showing)

JEWELLERY
(one small plain stud earring)

SCHOOL BAG
(with logo)

PLAIN BLACK ANKLE SOCKS

PLAIN BLACK SHOES
(polishable, not trainers)

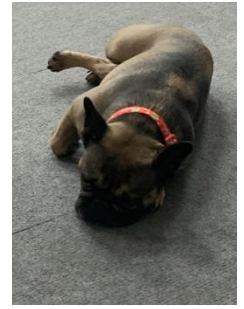


Message from Coco

You may remember that Coco gave us frequent updates during the first lockdown in the summer via Brakenhale@Home. With a little help from Ms Bounds Coco was in the building this week and sends this message:

It was really nice to come and visit on Tuesday, I met lots of lovely students. I was very tired after! I hope to come back soon.

Happy Christmas love Coco



Front of School

Our builders are still making great strides forward in the completion of the front of the school.

The new courts are taking shape over towards Coningsby and the central access path to the main entrance is being block paved.



Lost Property

Please can we kindly remind all parents and students to name all items, including uniform, PE kits, water bottles, pencil cases, other tools for learning - EVERYTHING.

We have a member of staff dedicated to reuniting lost property with owners and she endeavours to return items daily. However, she is unable to return items to students without a name and items will be disposed of at regular intervals. Email: lostproperty@brakenhale.co.uk

All items of unnamed and unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity at the end of term.

Curriculum Support Reminders

Please note that **Lost Property, Tools for Learning and Face Masks** have temporarily been relocated to the **Book Room in the LRC** where you can find **Mrs McCrorie**. Please do not hesitate to ask



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Chewing Gum

We would like to remind you that chewing gum is not permitted on the school site, sanctions will be issued if this is not adhered to.

Mobile Phone Policy

Could we please ask parents to remind students that mobile phones must not be used on the school site at all, this goes for before and after the school bell.

Anyone seen using mobile devices contrary to school guidance will be logged.

Tools for Learning

Student Tools for Learning are sold by Mrs McCrorie temporarily from the Book Room in the LRC on the first floor.

Tools for Learning are available to purchase for cash before school from 8.20am to 8.35am and then during tutor time until 8.55am. Please note that they will not be available from the Head of Year office during the staggered break times for the time being. Emergency pencil cases to borrow for the day will also be available from the Head of Year office during morning tutor time.

Tools for Learning that have been purchased online via parentpay should be collected from main reception.

Used Pen Recycling

We are continuing our pen recycling initiative and there is collection point in the Head of Year office. Thank you to all the students that used this collection point last term.

Stamp Collection

Mrs McCrorie still continues to collect used stamps for guide dogs. If you could kindly save all used stamps we have a box provided in the Head of Year office where students can place them. Many thanks.

Face Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Cleanliness

Thank you for ensuring that your child has a face mask with them at school as it is compulsory they are worn in all school corridors. We need to keep protecting each other with this, together with frequent hand washing and sanitising and maintaining a social distance.

Your continued support at this challenging time is much appreciated.



Water Bottles

The weather may be turning but it is still important that students stay hydrated throughout the day. You can buy Brakenhale water bottles from school or bring in a reuseable bottle from home. Single use plastic cups are no longer available in school.

PE Kit and other items

Students should remember to bring their PE kit and any other items needed for the day, including timetables and subject specific items. Getting into the habit of preparing uniform and school bag the night before is a really good idea to keep students organised.

School Uniform

Please remember that bright coloured hair bands, rolled skirts or blazers, frilly and non-black socks are not permitted.

Cycling to School



A cycle permit is required to enable students to ride into school. Any students riding to and from school are required to wear a helmet for the duration of this journey and in addition the bike used must be considered safe to ride on the public highway – please email the main reception if you require a link to our application form. Any student seen not wearing a cycle helmet to and from school will be sanctioned within 10 minute after school detention.



Please note electric scooters are not permitted on the school site.

Road Safety

Please ensure that you discuss road safety with your child and ensure that they are familiar with their route to school. Students must be aware that there are underpasses surrounding the school and students must use them and must not cross the dual carriageway which is extremely dangerous.

Mrs McCrorie, Midday Supervisor, Curriculum Support Assistant, Lost Property Link

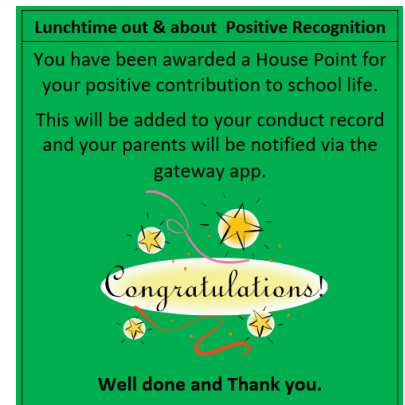
Reward Tickets

Here at Brakenhale we have an army of support staff and Midday Supervisors who patrol our school playgrounds, football courts and canteen to ensure appropriate behaviour is promoted and for the safety of every student.

Our Midday Supervisors are keen to maintain consistent standards of student behaviour at lunch times they are now rewarding good behaviour with a positive lunchtime green recognition ticket and house points. We feel this works effectively to engage with the students and that it's important they benefit from positive points and the reward system during lunch breaks.

Many have already been issued out so well done to so many for being polite and for being seen doing the right thing.

Mrs McCrorie, Curriculum Support



PE Update

To all of our Brakenhale PE community members...

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for supporting our subject area so far this year under some very tough times, the students have been outstanding so thank you very much!

We look forward to getting back #active in the new year, but in the meantime have a wonderful Christmas break - stay safe, stay warm and stay ACTIVE!

Remember to keep up to speed with all Brakenhale PE information on our social media accounts on Twitter and Instagram - @brakenhalepe

Best wishes and Merry Christmas

PE Champions of Week

PE CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK

Week of; 14/12/20

	Staff	Student	Tutor
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold;">@BRAKENHALEPE</p>	Mr Potter	Lewis Birchmore	7A
	Miss Willimott	Luke John	11A
	Mr Maye	Ava Hanaphy	8H
	Mr Boucher	Oliver Hurst	11B
	Miss Rushby	Codie Evans	8N
	Ms Wilson	Alice Latimer	7H
	Miss Butler	Ruby Hibbert	7R
Well done!			
#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe			

After School Clubs Spring Term



BRAKENHALE PE DEPARTMENT - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - HALF TERM 3 - 2020-2021



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch time (1330-1400) Trainers needed		Y11 Activity: GCSE Practical Where: Sports Hall Staff: JBO			
AFTER SCHOOL (1515-1630) Full kit needed to participate ***4pm FINISH for Trampoline*** Please can you: Bring your FULL kit to take part Let YOUR parents know you are coming Register with PE staff to get your house points for attending	No clubs due to staff meetings!	<p>Year 7</p> <p>Activity: Indoor cricket Where: Sports Hall Staff: KWH</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>Activity: Trampoline Where: Trampoline centre Staff: MPO and NLA</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>Activity: Football Where: Astro Staff: CMY</p> <p>Activity: Boxing/fitness Where: John Nike Studio Staff: ABI</p>	<p>Year 7</p> <p>Activity: Trampoline Where: Staff: ABT and JBO</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>Activity: Football Where: Astro/field Staff: MPO</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>Activity: Badminton Where: Sports hall Staff: CPI</p>	<p>Year 7</p> <p>Activity: Football Where: Astro Staff: JBO</p> <p>Activity: Netball Where: Courts Staff: ABT</p> <p>Year 8</p> <p>Activity: Netball Where: Courts Staff: KWI</p> <p>Activity: Badminton Where: Sports hall Staff: LRU</p> <p>Year 9</p> <p>Activity: Trampoline Where: Trampoline centre Staff: CMY and NLA</p>	No clubs due to PE exam revision and catch up sessions!
Changing spaces for school clubs		<p>Y7 - CHANGE IN SPORTS HALL CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y8 - CHANGE IN DANCE CHANGING ROOMS</p> <p>Y9 - CHANGE IN JOHN NIKE CHANGING ROOMS</p>			

Sessions may be postponed on a weekly basis due to staff meetings which take place in line with the school calendar – please check the school weekly bulletin to confirm on a weekly basis. All of these sessions are **open**, with all students in the listed year groups welcome to attend. Please see PE staff or email pe@brakenhale.co.uk for more information on our clubs!

Mr M Potter, Head of PE

On Twitter & Instagram: @brakenhalepe

#teambrokenhale #brakenhalepe #bekind

House Points this Week:

We continue to recognise the hard work that our students are doing through our House System by issuing House Points. Our House system remains very competitive so please check our communications for the latest placements of each house!

Keep up the Hard work! Congratulations to everyone who has gained house points this (very short) week:

Achievement points this week Points-11th-15th December 2020								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Academic Point	53	33	0	62	37	0	0	185
Community Point	290	316	232	213	205	0	0	1256
Culture Points	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
Physical	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Total	343	384	232	275	242	0	0	1476

House Points this week 11th-15th Dec 2020								
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Total
Farley (BLUE)	130	89	54	65	58	0	0	396
Jennetts (YELLOW)	70	103	63	63	66	0	0	365
Swinley (RED)	71	92	55	81	61	0	0	360
Temple (GREEN)	72	100	60	66	57	0	0	355
Total	343	384	232	275	242	0	0	1476




House
Winners
Farley

Word of the Week

Living Literacy

The what...

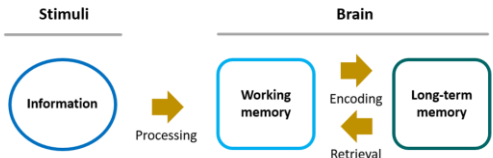
A key word will be selected from a scheme of work from each half term per subject. These key words will have been used in lessons and students will have seen them on knowledge organisers.



The Why...

We want to test students' memory.

- Can they remember which key words were used in which subject?
- Can they remember which teacher introduced it/used it/ praised them for it?



How it works

In lessons:

Staff will have introduced key words in lessons. Students may have had a chance to pronounce the key word correctly themselves in lessons and may have even been rewarded for using it!

Each half term, students will be sent a Google Form. Their job is to match the key words with the correct subject.


We will collate results and measure the impact that the key words are having on students' learning.

What we need from you

Please encourage Students to complete and send back the Google Form when they receive it.

If they have been successful, they will receive achievement points and a certificate.


Good luck!



Do Good December

Do Good December 2020 : <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>
 Daily actions to help you focus on what really matters:

KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	13 See how many different people you can smile at today
14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Give away something that you have been holding on to	19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you	20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated
21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat
28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021	Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS #DoGoodDecember www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Attendance

If the absence is in relation to coronavirus do not attend school if you have any of the following:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

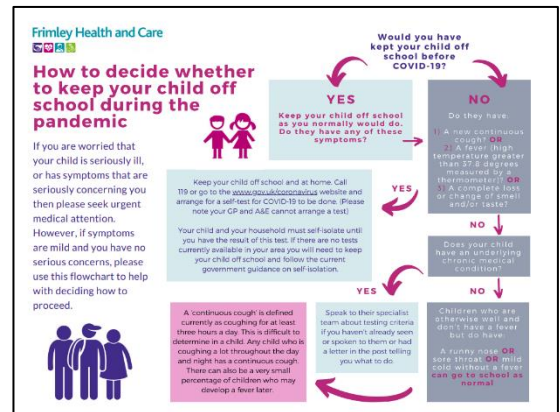
To find further guidance and advice you should take reference from relevant government and NHS guidance available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance or causing lateness, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Silvey, Attendance Officer



Easy Fundraising

With [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you collect free donations to your selected cause every time you shop. You can make a big difference on everything from groceries to getaways and it doesn't cost you a penny!

When you shop the easyfundraising way with one of their 3083 shops and sites they give easyfundraising a commission for your purchase which is turned into a donation for your selected good cause.

When you visit the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - simply search for the retailer you want to shop with and click out to them using the green 'Go Shopping' button. You will be taken straight to the retailer's website and your experience will be identical as if you had gone there directly but easyfundraising will be able to track your purchase to ensure a donation for your good cause.

You can also install their Donation Reminder - this means a box will appear if you are shopping with a retailer who participates in the Donation Reminder and you don't even need to visit the easyfundraising site! All you need to do is click Activate Donations and any eligible purchase will be recorded for you. Take a look at the Donation Reminder [here](#). The Donation Reminder is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.

Shopping on your mobile? No problem, for mobile phones and tablets there is the handy easyfundraising App, perfect if you like to shop on the go and available completely free of charge from your App store. Now you can not only shop using it but you can check out your own donation total and see how your cause is getting on too. More information can be found [here](#).

Don't forget to shop through www.easyfundraising.org.uk to effortlessly help raise money for the school!



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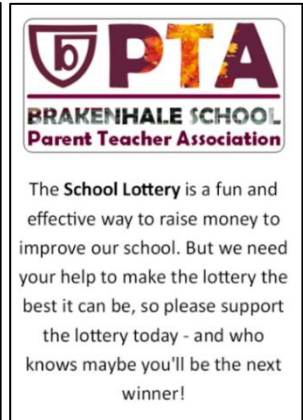
Brakenhale School Lottery

Congratulations to the most recent prize draw winners.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to our school lottery. We are continually looking to increase new members each month, so if you have not signed up yet now is your chance to do this.


There is a weekly draw in which you could win a prize (approximately £20 depending on participants, which increases the more members we have). Plus you have a weekly chance to win up to £25,000.

There is also a chance to win restaurant vouchers this summer.



Click on the link today and join up: [Support the Brakenhale Lottery](https://brakenhale.co.uk/support-the-brakenhale-lottery) You have to be in it to win it.

Vacancies



- Senior Science Technician (Maternity)
- Maths / Economics Teacher
- Maths / Economics Graduate

Please visit our website for more details:
<https://brakenhale.co.uk/about/vacancies/>

Feedback Initiative

We would encourage you to submit your views and feedback at any time, and we look forward to hearing from you regularly.

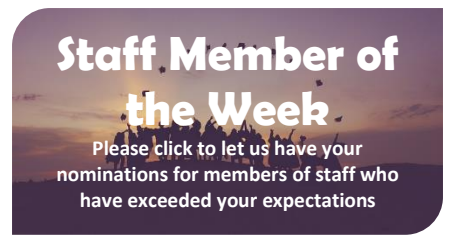
Electronic submission:



[Fab](#)



[Drab](#)



[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Future Diary Dates

** Please note that all events may be subject to change*

Thursday 14 th January	Year 8 HPV Vaccination Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 21 st January	Year 9 Parents' Evening

CAN YOU HELP?

MISSING



Loki is a young, ginger and white male cat. He went missing on the 27th November 2020. Please take 5 minutes to check your sheds and garages as he may be stuck. If found, please call Sandy 07789222489

Term Dates

Term Dates 2020-21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 **Inset Days**

Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 17th December 2020

Friday 18th December **Additional Inset Day**

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021

(Friday 1st January Bank Holiday)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 **Additional Inset Day**

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

Spring Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Spring Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

(Good Friday 2nd April, Easter Monday 5th April)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July 2021

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Inset Days**

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2021

INSET Days Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021

Additional INSET Day Monday 4th January 2021

Please check the school website regularly for additional information.

Bracknell Forest term dates can be found on their website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>



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