



Message from the Head Teacher

We are experiencing very high sickness absence of staff in school at the moment. If you child is sick or has diarrhoea please keep them off school for 48 hours after the last motion.

Whole school information

*******INSET Day changes*******

The remaining inset day have been rearranged. Please see the table for details:

Date	Classes closed
Monday 17 th October	Ash, Conkers, Hickory, Laurel, Mulberry, Oak, Willow
Tuesday 18 th October	Cedar, Beech, Hazel, Poplar
Thursday 20 th October	Acorns, Maple, Elm, Rowan, Pine, Spruce, Sycamore

Wednesday 19th October will be our parents open evening. We are able to offer TEAMS or telephone appointments between 2:45-3:30 on Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th Thursday 20th and Friday 21st and able to offer face to face, TEAMS or telephone appointment between 3:30pm-5:30pm on Wednesday 19th October

Please complete this form [here](#) to register give your preference and your child's class team will be in touch to arrange an appointment.

BOOP update

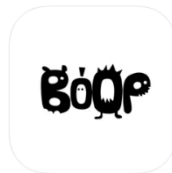
Following a parent survey, here are some top tips about Boop to help you navigate the site get the most out of it.


- You will receive a daily home school diary for your child. This will appear as a post on your child's diary.
- You will receive posts through the day which are tagged to your child's personalised learning intentions, areas of the curriculum and Brackenfield Characters.
- You can add a photo of yourself and your child to personalise their profile.
- You can write underneath a post, but you cannot use the messaging feature to contact staff. This is because it only notifies one person and this might mean your message is missed. To contact classes please continue to use the class inboxes. These are only monitored in school hours but the class teams will get back to you:

Class	Email Address
Acorns	Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Maple	Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Elm	Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Sycamore	Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Pine	Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Laurel	Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Oak	Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mulberry	Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Beech	Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Ash	Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Cedar	Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Poplar	Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Spruce	Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Hickory	Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Rowan	Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Conkers	Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Willow	Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Hazel	Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk


Please use the website to access BOOP. The APP is still not ready and will not show all the updates sent to you.

Once it is ready, we will send out a text message. The pupil app is white, the parent app is blue.



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Please email parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk with any suggestions as to how you might use this app at home to support your child, as well as using it for school.

Parent Governor

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Brackenfield Governing Body. If you would like more information on the please contact Kim Maycock, Clerk to Governors on 0115 9733710 or email kmaycock@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk

Switch games

Dear parent/carers, if you have any old and unwanted Switch games that you would like to donate to school please send them in for the attention of Lauren Evans. This would be greatly appreciated by Brackenfield students.

School Flu Vaccinations 2022



To complete the consent form for your child to receive the flu vaccination, click the link below. One form for each child.

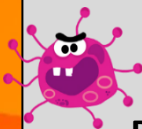
<https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School name: **Brackenfield Special School**

School code: **DD113031**

Date in school: **27 September 2022**

[Flu Information Leaflet](#)



Repton: 01283 707178 Clay Cross: 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk

School Uniform - Simply First

Over COVID 19 Simply First have changed the way they operate their shop.

Parent/carers are now being directed to the website: www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk to place orders. You will then be sent an invoice for payment, and once payment has been received the order will be processed and you will receive a notification when your order is ready to collect. Payments are made via bank transfer using their order name and invoice number (important) as payment reference.

Please note from **Monday the 4th of April 2022** Simply First will be operation from a new Premises:



Our School Day

Please be reminded of the school times.

Student Arrival and Registration	8.55 – 9.05 – Taxi drop off 9.00 – 9.10 – Parent drop off
Morning Session	09.10 – 11.40
Lunch Session (30 minutes within this time)	11.40 – 13.10
Afternoon Session	13.10 – 14.20
Pupil Departure and Pastoral Time	14.20 – 14.35 – Taxi collection 14.30 – 14.40 – Parent collection

Attachments

Sign of the week:

Our sign of the week this week is 'Sky' Please click this link to watch a video of the sign [Sky \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

Umbrella Newsletter

[Please click here](#) to view the October edition of the Umbrella Newsletter.

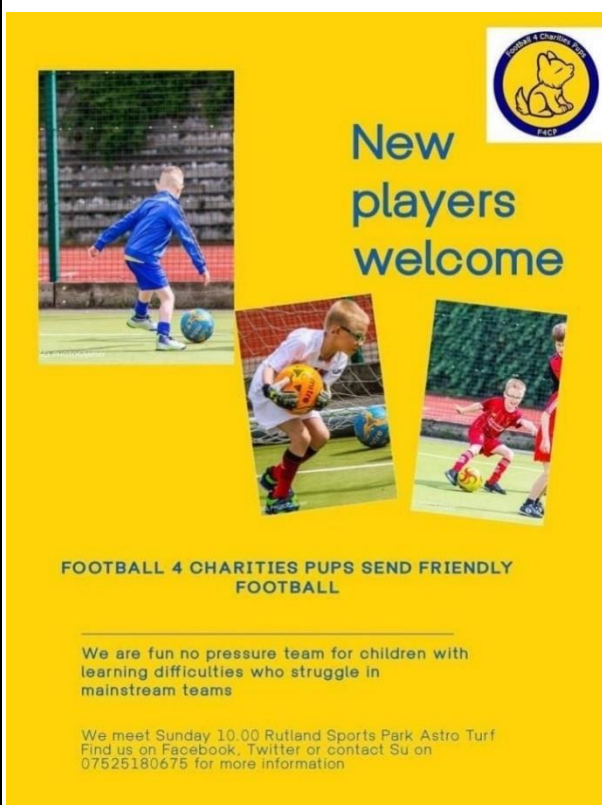
October Half Term

We have been sent link to the Holiday Activity Scheme running in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire for pupils in these areas. Please Check the relevant link for Activities and contact organisers directly to see if they are suitable for your child. When we receive information for Derby City and Derbyshire, we will share this.

[Holidays Activities | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#)

[Holiday activities and food | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

SEND Friendly football and Disco:



New players welcome

FOOTBALL 4 CHARITIES PUPS SEND FRIENDLY FOOTBALL

We are fun no pressure team for children with learning difficulties who struggle in mainstream teams

We meet Sunday 10.00 Rutland Sports Park Astro Turf
 Find us on Facebook, Twitter or contact Su on 07525180675 for more information



S.E.N. Disco
 With sensory play activities
Next Disco ~ Friday October 21st

Session 1: £5 per SEN child: 5:00pm-6:30pm
 Age 4+ suitable for infant/junior children
 Sensory activities, low light/sound

Session 2: £5 per SEN child: 6:45pm-8:15pm
 Up to Age 19 suitable for Secondary age children
 Louder party music and brighter lights

Parent/carer must stay & supervise - No siblings

drink and tuck shop - cash only

This S.E.N. disco will be held at:
Blackwell Community Centre
 Woburn Close, Blackwell, Alfreton, DE55 5HH

Please visit - Facebook / Instagram: SENDisco
 for more details Email: info@sendisco.co.uk
 or Call Andrea to arrange ticket payment: 07733060448

October half term activities:



October half term craft clubs

24th oct 1pm _3pm
26th oct 1pm_3pm
£3 a child
siblings welcome
Horsley Village hall
DE21 5BR
info@sendisco.co.uk
tel;07733060448



Upcoming dates from the school calendar

School Holidays:

We break up for October half term on **Friday 21st October at 14:20pm** until **Friday 28th October 2022**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the 2022-2023 school holidays.