



Message from the Head Teacher

COVID Staff Absence

Thank you for your support whilst we experience high levels of staff absence. It is imperative we ensure the children are safe and staffing ratios support this. It is always a last resort to close classes, and we attempt to give you as much notice as possible. Thank you again for your understanding and patience.

Scarlet Fever

We have a suspected case of Scarlet Fever. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately. If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.

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. More information will follow in coming weeks.

Parent Survey

Dear parent/carers,

Please complete the Microsoft Form regarding the start of the Academic Year 22-23, this will help us to further support your child here at Brackenfield <https://forms.office.com/r/qSG68Mrn7e>

BOOP update

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@brackenifeld.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.

#helpourheadrunthemarathon

You may or may not know that Trish Turner, Headteacher has taken on the challenge of running the London Marathon 2022 which takes place in just 2 days time!!! She has been training for the last few months and is running for The British Heart Foundation, a charity that help to save thousands of lives and a cause which is close to her heart!

This is no mean undertaking and as part of her charity place needs to raise £2500 for the charity.

Here is her campaign video explaining why she has chosen to run this bonkers event:

https://brackenfieldschool354-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dave_doohan_brackenfield_derbyshire_sch_uk/ETnyl3xaGgRHuZKbRZR3i-QBSumPCyolfDpczrwQYvuDXg?e=VmM81K

Here is the link to her Just Giving Page! Please get behind her and sponsor her to do this incredible challenge, every little donation will help her reach the fund-raising goal!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Trish-Turner4?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Trish-Turner4&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=5c9e8b4af9a342d99401c19a10dc3e6e

Brack Pack! She needs our support **#helpourheadrunthemarathon!!!!**

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

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.

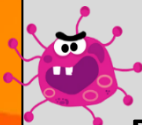
<https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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

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](#)

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:

Container Self-Storage - Simply First Ltd

The Embroidery Pod, Unit 13, Block B, Ind Estate, Mark St, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5AD.

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

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



Bedtime Story with Singing Hands

Date: **Wednesday 5th October 2022**

Time: **18:00-18:45**

Location: **Online via Zoom**

Price: **£6.50**

This live session will be delivered by Suzanne and Tracy, Makaton Tutors and Founders of Singing Hands.

Come and join Suzanne and Tracy of Singing Hands for some Makaton-signed bedtime stories. Get in your PJs and snuggle up with your favourite teddy or toy and sign some familiar favourite stories before you head off to bed.

This session is primarily to be enjoyed by little ones but will also benefit parents/carers looking for inspiration on how to incorporate more story-telling into routines at home

[If you would like to join us, please register here](#)

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.