



**Whole School Information**

**Message from the Headteacher:**

A reminder that **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024** is a Bank holiday and **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024** is an inset day, school reopens to pupils **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

**Donations required** - If you have any old sandpit toys at home that you your child no longer uses, Mr Hardy would love these for the Mud Kitchen for children to use at school.

**Groupcall Messenger – Xpressions**

Following on from a successful test of our new Messaging Solution last week we would like to introduce you to a new service that is now available in the form of an app.

The Xpressions app works with our new Messaging Solution and enables us to include more content on messages and in the future accept responses.

It is available for both Android and Apple phones.

The app will be our preferred contact option instead of SMS Text messages but if the app is not reachable or not in use a message will still be sent via SMS.

When we send out a message our new solution is able to pick the best route to contact you between app, text or email and will only send a message to one available option so you will not be bombarded with messages.

Please note that future text message will appear to come from “Brackenfld” (previously Brackenfiel) – SMS Texts have a technical limit of 11 characters so we cannot fit our full school name into the sender line.

[Please click here to get started with the app.](#)

**Video please watch:** [attendance.mp4](#)



Your child should attend school every day. Sometimes your child may be too ill to come to school. Click [here](#) for a link to the NHS website which has useful information.



The school times are from 8.55 – 9.10 drop off and 2.20 – 2.40 collection. If your child is not attending school, you must ring 0115 9733710 opt 2 between 8am and 9am every day to let us know why or in exceptional circumstances only, email [attendance@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) along with any medical evidence as other inboxes are not always manned. If we are unable to make contact home visits will be carried out by a member of the family support team. Thank you for your support.

**Holidays in Term time:**

As a parent, it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school every day.

It is only acceptable for your child to miss school if:

- they are too ill to attend
- you have got advance permission from the school

If you are thinking about taking a holiday in term-time, then you must put this request in writing to the Headteacher (Mrs Turner). All holidays will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your holiday is unauthorised and you choose to not send your child to school, you may be fined. Fines start at £60 per parent and if not paid can result in a fine of up to £2500, a community order or a jail sentence up to 3 months. The court will also give you a Parenting Order.

Please use the link provided to inform us of a holiday request. This link is not to be used to report general absence from school: <https://forms.office.com/e/ECEey9uNSZ> We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

**The class inbox email addresses:**

Acorns	<a href="mailto:Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Acorns@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Willow	<a href="mailto:Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Willow@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Maple	<a href="mailto:Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Maple@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hickory	<a href="mailto:Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hickory@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Rowan	<a href="mailto:Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Rowan@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Conkers	<a href="mailto:Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Conkers@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Sycamore	<a href="mailto:Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Sycamore@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Spruce	<a href="mailto:Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Spruce@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Pine	<a href="mailto:Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Pine@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Elm	<a href="mailto:Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Elm@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Oak	<a href="mailto:Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Oak@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Cedar	<a href="mailto:Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Cedar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>

Ash	<a href="mailto:Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Ash@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Poplar	<a href="mailto:Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Poplar@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Beech	<a href="mailto:Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Beech@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Laurel	<a href="mailto:Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Laurel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>
Mulberry	<a href="mailto:Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Mulberry@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>	Hazel	<a href="mailto:Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk">Hazel@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk</a>

We want you to feel supported and effectively communicated with, so if you feel anything has been missed please email [headteacher@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) and a senior leader will follow up your query.

It is also important you can access posts on BOOP, for your child and your child's class. If you are having issues with accessing this, please email [pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pupiladmin@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk). Our pupil admin team can talk you through how to access and help rectify any issues.



#### PE Kits

A reminder please that pupils must have PE kits in school. This is so that class teams can support with developing independence when getting dressed and undressed. Please ensure all items are named and stored in a named bag, which will be kept in school. If you have any further queries, please contact your class teams.



#### Wow Moments

We love to hear about amazing things our pupils are doing at home! Please send in pictures or let us know what great things they are doing, and we can upload these to each pupils BOOP profile. You can also download templates to put your WOW moments on from our school website. Please send them to [parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk)

#### Family Support



**Save the date:** Our summer family BBQ will be on Wednesday 17/7/24 15:15-17:00 more details to follow!



**Parent/carer Coffee Morning:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the school hall from 9.30am-11am. We will be joined by Miss Holdway who will be available to discuss the topic of RHSE and answer any queries you may have.

#### School Uniform



Please visit: [www.schooluniformnottingham.co.uk](http://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.

**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** - This week's sign is 'Thank You' - [Thank You \(makaton.org\)](http://makaton.org)

**SENDisco CIC upcoming events:** Aswell as the regular SENDisco at Blackwell, there is also have a 16plus disco at Alfreton Town supporters club and for parents and carers to get some time for their own physical and mental health, we have a monthly walking group. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

#### Upcoming dates from the school calendar

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We break up on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024** until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**. School reopens to pupils on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**.

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2023-2024** school holidays. Please note this has been updated to reflect a **12pm** finish on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

[Please click here](#) for a copy of the **2024-2025** school holidays

Please use the following link to view the updated menu: [Autumn & Winter Menu 2023 2024](#)

A colorful poster for a roller skating session. The background is white with a border of purple and yellow confetti. At the top, there are two purple roller skates with pink wheels. The text 'ROLLERWORLD' is in a yellow box with red letters. Below it, 'NEURO HUB' is written in a stylized font, with 'NEURO' in blue and 'HUB' in purple. Underneath that, it says 'NEURODIVERGENCE THRIVES HERE'. The main title 'NEURO HUB & ROLLERWORLD!' is in large purple letters. Below that, 'NEURODIVERGENT FRIENDLY PRIVATE SKATING SESSION FOR FAMILIES!' is in pink. There's an illustration of four people (two adults and two children) roller skating. To the right, the admission prices are listed: 'Admissions: Skate: £5, Skate hire: £2, Spectating: £1'. At the bottom right, it says 'NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES. THEY CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE CAFE'. The date and time are 'May 30th 2024 09:30am-11:30am' and the location is 'Mansfield Road, Derby, DE21 4AW'. At the bottom, it says 'Please contact Maryam to book a place on: 07561856320' and 'Please contact Rollerworld regarding accessibility: 01332 345828'.

**ROLLERWORLD**

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