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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Polling Station

As you may be aware, the European elections are held on Thursday and, due to examinations at Rainford High School, we have been asked to be a polling station. As a school, I want to play our part in the community and I think it's important for children to see democracy in action.

To avoid any disturbances, the polling station will be in the Year 3 classroom and access will be from the pedestrian gate to Y3 only for voters. Children in Year 3 will be taking their lessons in the hall and the IT suite. No members of the public will have access to the inside of the school building beyond Year 3.

For that day only, we would ask that parents of children in KS1 and EYFS drop off and collect via the junior playground. Staff will be on hand at these busy times to help minimise disruption.

Fundraising

We are in the process of upgrading some of our projectors in the classrooms but at £2000 each, they do not come cheap. Thank you so much to the hard work of FOBL and everyone's generosity in supporting various events, to enable us to order these – the children will be delighted.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the school discos tomorrow if you haven't already.

Sports Round Up

Well done to our Sports teams once again this half term. Our Year 3/4 football B teams enjoyed their tournament and this was a great chance for some of the children who had never played in a tournament before. Our Year 2 football team, who had already won the St Helens tournament earlier in the year, performed well and were certainly not overawed when representing St Helens in the Merseyside competition held at Finch Farm (Everton's training ground). Although victories were hard to come by I know Mr Moore was very proud of their efforts. Finally, our Y3/4 tennis team were crowned champions of St Helens – watch out at Wimbledon!

SATs

Our Year 6 completed their SATs tests this last week and I would like to thank the children, staff and parents for all their hard work in preparing them for their tests and helping them to achieve the best they can.

Mersey Forest

Mersey Forest have once again been in school doing more work: they have been busy preparing the grounds to accommodate a seated area in the shade and a sensory garden as well as tidy up some of the grounds on the junior playground. Thanks in particular goes to Mrs Griffiths who has liaised with Mersey Forest

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly on a Friday can be a really wonderful time where we celebrate a whole range of achievements of the children at Brook Lodge, but recently this has become more problematic. It has been noted that the general noise level has increased in recent weeks and whilst I acknowledge that there will be some noise from babies and toddlers, I would politely ask that adults attending respect the silence I expect of the children during the assembly and if the noise from their children is too much, then please feel free to move to the office area if necessary.

I have spoken to the children about this and about their need to ignore any noises and I certainly don't want to stop adults attending as those that do are actively supporting the school in promoting the ambitions and achievements of our pupils, but this does need to be done in an atmosphere where those children who are receiving their medals, trophies and certificates can do so in a calm, quiet and respectful way.

Enjoy your half-term break and a reminder that **school closes on Thursday 23 May and re-opens on Tuesday 4 June.**

Warmest regards

Mr Reece
Headteacher

