

Brooke V.C. C. of E. Primary School

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Changes are afoot...

It was either Plato or Socrates who once said, "If things don't change they'll stay as they are." And how right they were.

Nothing stays the same for long and it's particularly true in school life.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to several members of staff. After many years of very hard work in which she has touched the lives of hundreds of children, **Mrs Hill** is leaving us to spend more time with her family.

Miss Jones is on her way to Dubai to teach in an international school as the next step in her journey.

Mrs Williams will be going to Easton College to study for a degree in Animal Welfare.

Mr Duffus and **Mrs Boyle**, both of whom work supporting individual children in Robin class, will be leaving. **Mr Duffus** is going to study for a Masters Degree in Music Therapy at Anglia Ruskin University in



Cambridge and **Mrs Boyle** and her family are returning to Ireland.

Mrs Moore will be reducing her hours to work just Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

And of course, **Mrs de Mierre** is unlikely to be with us at lunchtimes in September, at least we hope the baby will be out by then, unless it decides to hang on and miss the 'terrible-twos' completely!

If you feel you could be one of our team and have the skills to help our children with their learning, have a look at the adverts on the next couple of pages and if you would like to find out more, please come and have a chat with me.

So look out for these wonderful members of staff who have served the school so faithfully, thank them, wish them well on their way and look out for some new faces joining us in September.

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Pupil Specific Teaching Assistant



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Norfolk Pay Scale D, points 14 to 17 depending on experience

Required for 15 hours per week. Initially this contract is temporary for one year and is to support a specific child in Key Stage 1. To start in September 2016.

We are looking to appoint someone who:

- enjoys working with children
- is able to work well as part of a team
- has experience of working in Foundation/Key Stage 1 and of supporting children with learning or behavioural needs
- ideally has an NVQ 2 Teaching Assistant qualification
- is able to establish a positive, caring, relationship with children
- is able to use their initiative/ideas to support learning needs
- can be flexible and demonstrate the ability to work as part of a team
- shows patience and empathy when working with young children
- is willing to administer supported intimate care when necessary
- can support the class teacher in gathering evidence of a child's ability

Our school is a welcoming and friendly place with wonderful children. We are proud to be at the centre of a supportive community. If you are creative, hard-working and ambitious for the children that you work with to succeed, then please apply.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment.

A full DBS check will be required before taking up the post and references will be requested.

Visits to the school are very welcome.

Application forms may be downloaded from our website www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk and returned to the school via email to office@brooke.norfolk.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday July 1st at midday

Interview date: Tuesday July 5th.

Three Teaching Assistants



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Post 1: Permanent, 27.5 hours per week, term time only to support learning in our Robin class of mixed Reception and Year 1 children

Post 2: Permanent, 17.5 hours in 5 mornings per week, term time only to support learning in our Owl class of year 4 children

Post 3: Permanent, 17.5 hours in 5 mornings per week, term time only to support learning in our Jay and Swallow classes of year 5 and 6 children

These posts are all to commence in September 2016.

We are looking to appoint someone who:

- enjoys working with children
- is able to work well as part of a team
- For Post 1, has experience of working in Foundation/Key Stage 1 and of supporting children's learning
- For Posts 2 and 3, has experience of supporting maths and English teaching to a high level in Key Stage 2
- ideally has an NVQ 2 or 3 Teaching Assistant qualification
- is able to establish a positive, caring, relationship with children
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Lunchtime Runners

The enthusiasm for running amongst the children here is beyond anything I have ever come across. The numbers of children who come to Cross Country Club during the winter months, and who attend Athletics during the summer, is outstanding—especially for a school without a field!

So as a treat we have started a weekly Lunchtime Running Group on a Monday at 12:30. I am very grateful to be supported by Mrs Brown, Mrs Smith and Mrs Taylor, so we are able to run the children safely around the village.

We started under grey skies on Monday lunchtime and gently jogged to the main road where we crossed and regrouped into three groups. Mrs

Smith led at a gentle pace with Mrs Brown and Mrs Taylor splitting the cohort into three groups of 9 or 10. Mr Robinson was the tail runner.

As we jogged past the Meres towards the Church it began to spit, to drizzle and then to pour. By the time we had turned into Entrance Lane and reached the field, the long grass around the path was dripping and so were we!

We ran through the field, out onto the footpath by the main road and back to the Post Office, a distance of 2 miles (3km). We all completed it and by the smiles and laughter, all enjoyed the experience of splashing through the rain.

Let's see how many want to run next time!

Skoot-n-Skate

The next **Skoot-n-Skate** evening will be **next Friday, June 24th from 3:30 - 4:30.**

All are welcome to join us as we have a range of races and games on scooters and skates on the playground.

There will be refreshments and cakes from the Robin Class cake sale for parents and family supporters.

Please note that ALL participants will be expected to wear a helmet, though gloves, knee pads, elbow pads and full body armour are optional.



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Summer

This year's **SUMMER SPECTACULAR** is coming together very well, though there are still a lot of ways you can be involved in this wonderful event.

The evening of Friday, July 8th promises to be great fun with food and entertainments for all. Tickets will be £6 for adults and £3 for children. We have a licence until 10pm and are looking forward to a long, warm evening with the occasional Pimms thrown in.

And talking of thrown... Yes, once again there will be the opportunity to show Mr Robinson how much you appreciate him by helping him cool off with the Wet Sponge Throw.

Instead of hiring outside caterers, as we did last year, we will be running a barbecue with burgers and sausages and a vegetarian option. When you buy your ticket please let us know of any dietary requirements, such as vegetarian, gluten-free etc. and we will try to accommodate your needs.

On the subject of the barbecue, we still need to borrow a gas barbecue unit or two for the evening, so if you can help it would be much appreciated. We can collect and return it and it will be returned

clean! (even if it is collected mucky!)

Last year's desert table was an amazing sight to see and we would be very grateful if you could provide some more creations to supplement the strawberries and ice cream that will be available.

Mr Robinson and Mr Duffus, one of our Teaching Assistants, will be providing some musical opportunities for a sing-along during the evening, but I'm sure there are more musicians out there who would love to come and make a joyful, if not necessarily tuneful, noise. Please let me know if you would like to come and blow, scrape, pluck, strum, hit or warble for a good cause.

As usual there will be an additional £1 charge for the bouncy castles for the evening and we do need to build a rota of people prepared to supervise this for periods throughout the evening.

We will put up sign-up sheets in reception for you for the different ways you can be involved.

There will be a Chocolate non-uniform day on Friday, July 1st to collect items for the chocolate tombola.

Spectacular

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Picnic Time

With the Queen's birthday and the home nation's teams doing well at Euro 2016, as well as the England cricketers beating Sri Lanka and the rugby team scoring a resounding victory against Australia, what better way to enter into the mood of celebration than a picnic.

On Thursday, with the blessing of kind weather (at least until I cycled home against the current!) we all ate outside enjoying the fine weather, friendship, food and flags

I wonder how many national flags you can identify; hmmm!



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They're Back!

No, not the Independence Day aliens, but the unwanted, uninvited guests that from time-to-time trouble us all. Yes I'm talking about headlice. I'm sorry to have to mention it once again, but we have them in school at the moment. During the half-term break would you please take time to check your children's hair and scalp for eggs and larvae. Still the best treatment is thorough washing, conditioning and then combing with a special nit comb. It takes time and effort, but is definitely worth it. Also if you find any it is a good idea to wash pillow cases, sheets and hats just in case there are any eggs hiding there, just in case.
Thank you.

Diary Dates

- **Owl Class Assembly**—
Wednesday, June 22nd, 9:30
- **Scoot-n-skate**—Friday, 24th
June, 3:30—4:30
- **Robin Class Cake Sale**—Friday,
24th June
- **Jay Class Assembly**—
Wednesday, June 29th, 9:30
- **Chocolate Non-Uniform Day**—
Friday, July 1st
- **SPORTS DAY**—Wednesday, July
6th
- **PTFA SUMMER SPECTACULAR**
— Friday, July 8th, 18:00
- **The Peace Child**—
 - ◇ *Dress Rehearsal, Monday, July
11th, 2pm—3pm*
 - ◇ *Performances: Tuesday, July
12th, 2pm—3pm*
 - ◇ *Wednesday, July 13th, 6pm—
7pm*
- **Robin Class Assembly**—
Tuesday, July 12th, 9:30
- **KS1 trip to Thrigby Hall**—
Wednesday, July 13th
- **Leavers' Service**—St. Peters
Church, 10:30, Wednesday, July
20th
- **School Closes**—1pm,
Wednesday, July 20th

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