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# Brookside Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Next week is Sports Week here at Brookside. Alongside Sports Day itself on the afternoon of Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, lots of other activities are planned for all of our children. Sports Week is designed to encourage the children to participate in and enjoy those activities that are healthy, energetic and promote fitness.

Mr Lowther, our Deputy Head, has attached some further information.

## **Help win 'The Silver Walking Boots Walk-To-School Award' for your child's class!**

We would like to launch Sports Week gently by promoting Walk-To-School Day on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It would be wonderful if as many children as possible could walk to school (or cycle or scoot) on the day. The class with the greatest participation will be awarded 'The Silver Walking Boots Walk-To-School Award'! (An accolade worth winning, I'm sure you'll agree).



The winning class will hold the award for one month and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the following month (or the date nearest to it) we shall once again promote Walk-To-School Day.

I appreciate that a number of you live outside of the village or travel some distance to get to school. May I suggest that on the day of Walk-To-School you park your car a small distance from the school so that your child can walk the final part of the journey? By doing so, your child will qualify as having taken part in Walk-To-School Day and allow their class to be two footsteps closer to our coveted award. Since I, myself, live outside of East Leake this is the journey I shall take on Monday morning.

I hope as many children as possible can walk, cycle or scoot the whole journey or part of the journey next Monday.

## **Rain/ Sun Canopies**

Next week is busy for other reasons too. Two sun/rain canopies are being installed in the school's playgrounds. One will be in the infant playground, the other will be outside the Year 4 classroom. The canopies will provide useful shelter for those of you that drop-off and pick-up your children from school. They will also provide useful shelter during the school day during playtimes, outdoor learning sessions and lunchtimes.

The purchase of the two canopies and the benefits these offer to so many of our children could not have happened without the determined fundraising efforts of the BFG (Brookside Fundraising Group). Thank you for supporting the BFG's garden parties, Bonfire Night celebrations, race nights, trip to London and coffee mornings (Don't forget Father's Day Coffee Morning tomorrow). Thank you also to all of you who have dedicated so much of your time and energy to the BFG, your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend and I hope we have clear skies for the East Leake Carnival,

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)