



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

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21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

## Internet Safety Session

We have organised an Internet safety session on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at **3.15pm – 4.30pm**. This will be delivered by the School Liaison Team from the Safety Centre Milton Keynes. The session is for **adults** only and is specifically designed to cover the current issues and risks faced by children concerning social media, gaming and cyberbullying, as well as guidance for setting parental controls. There will be a range of free resources available to take away from the session.

## Harvest Assembly

We hope you are able to join our harvest assemblies next Friday 28th September at 9:15 a.m. for EYFS/KS1 and 2:15 p.m. for KS2. Please can children bring in donations of food during next week. All donations will be sold after the assemblies to raise money for Macmillan.

## Book Fair

The travelling book fair will once again be visiting Brookside. It arrives on Wednesday 26th September and will be open every day after school in the main hall until Tuesday 2nd October. Children will have an opportunity to browse the selection of books in school during the week as well.

## Staff News

Mrs Smith will be leaving Brookside on Friday 5th October after 18 years as a teaching assistant. We wish Mrs Smith well and thank her for all of her hard work during her time at Brookside.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

FOBS will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September from 8:30—10:30 a.m. in the community room. Please come along and support this event and help raise money for this worthy cause.

## Applications for transfer to secondary school

Parents of children in Year 6 need to complete an online application by 31st October 2018. Full details of how to apply can be found here <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

## Lost Property

A brand new black Peter Storm waterproof jacket has been lost as well as a brand new size 30 jumper. Both items are labelled with the child's name. Please can you check that these have not been brought home by mistake.

## Rising Stars Parent Hub

At Brookside we use Rising Stars assessments to check pupils' progress during the year. Rising Stars have recently launched a Parent Hub that contains a bank of free worksheets, articles and advice that may help you support your child's learning during primary school.

[Click here to access the Parent Hub](#)

## Good to be Me Week and #HelloYellow Day - week beginning 8th October

The wellbeing and mental health of children and adults in the whole school community is important in order to support the best outcomes for our pupils. We will be marking World Mental Health Day on 10th October by raising money to support the work of Young Minds who support young people and their families. Young Minds hopes to spread the word that, whatever you're going through, you can talk to someone if you're struggling to cope. We are inviting pupils to wear something yellow on **Wednesday 10th October** as well as their school uniform, it could be a different coloured t-shirt, a hair tie or even a bow tie! We would welcome a donation of £1 per child which we can send to Young Minds so that they can continue their work with young people and their families across the UK.

As part of the Good to be Me week all children in Y1-Y6 will have the opportunity to take part in a **mindfulness** session with Elaine Whittaker who runs mindfulness and yoga courses in Bicester. Children will learn about the importance of relaxation and also learn some yoga moves. Elaine will also be running a session for **parents** who would like to find out more at **11.15am on Tuesday 9th October in the Sports Hall**. You can find out more about Elaine's work at [www.bicestermindfulness.co.uk](http://www.bicestermindfulness.co.uk) or by emailing Elaine on [elaine@yogabeing.co.uk](mailto:elaine@yogabeing.co.uk)

Some of the staff are also completing the Young Minds 10k in September Challenge - congratulations to Mrs Backham who has already completed her 10k and is wearing her medal with pride!

## Attendance

Well done to Mrs Cooper's class and Mr Plumbe's class who had the best attendance in the last two weeks.

Class	Week beginning 10th September	Week beginning 17th September
BM	98%	95%
DF	98%	98%
CP	99%	100%
AW	99%	96%
LD	96%	99%
FH	96%	97%
CC	100%	98%
RM/TS	97%	99%
CS	95%	90%

## Dates for your diary

Monday 15th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Monday 22nd October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	INSET day/Year 6 French Residential
Monday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday 12th December	EYFS Production 9:30 a.m.
Thursday 13th December	EYFS Production 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 20th December	KS2 Carol Concert 5:30 p.m.
Friday 21st December	End of Term 3:00 p.m. finish

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell