



# Brookside Primary School

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**Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4**

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Dear Parents,

The first half of the autumn term has been a busy and enjoyable one at Brookside. It was good to see so many of you at the parents' evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed seeing your children's books and the opportunity to discuss their learning and progress with class teachers.

A reminder that **Monday 29th October** is an **INSET day** and school starts again on Tuesday 30th October. We hope you all have a good half term break.

## **Clubs**

There will be no KS2 clubs on Wednesday 31st October as it is the FOBS Halloween disco and KS2 teachers will be supervising during this time.

## **Student Update Forms**

Parents were all given a student update form at parent consultations. If you did not complete, sign and return these on the evening could you please ensure that you return these after the half term break. We are required by the Department for Education to update our records annually. If your details change during the year, please ensure you email these changes to the school office or drop into the office to make these changes. It is particularly important that your email details are updated if these change as most communication is sent via email from the school office.

## **Good to be Me Week and World Mental Health Day**

All children in school marked World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow to show their support for Young-Minds. Thank you for your donations, £190 was raised for the charity. Children also had the opportunity to take part in a yoga and mindfulness session. Work produced during the week with advice from the children about how to feel good about themselves is currently being displayed in the Xander Gallery. Please let us know if you wish to have a look with your child after school.

## **Fire Engine Visit**

On Thursday the children in KS1 were visited by the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. The children had a great time learning about the important job the fire and rescue service do and seeing the fire engine. Thank you to Mr Campbell and the crew for making this possible.

## **Phonics**

A number of EYFS parents attended a phonics session this week. Parents had the opportunity to learn about how we teach phonics and how this can be supported at home. Thank you to Miss Carter for running this session.

## **Internet Safety Session**

We have received positive feedback from the parents that attended the Internet safety session last week. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising the sessions for the children and parents.

## **Bag 2 School**

The next collection for Bag 2 School is on Tuesday 13th November. Your child should have brought home a bag today that you can fill with any unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding, curtains, towels etc.

## **Y5&6 Netball**

All of Year 5&6 enjoyed a trip over to the The Bicester School on Wednesday to make use of the netball courts there. A mini-house event took place with Saturn emerging as winners overall. A massive well done to all the children though who followed the rules closely, showed excellent team play and gave 100%.

## **Cake Sale**

A BIG, BIG thank you to everyone who donated and purchased cakes on Thursday and Friday this week. As you are aware we are raising money to erect a permanent memorial to those who served in the first World War, about which Years 5&6 are currently studying. We have yet to calculate how much we have raised but hope to have the silhouette statue in place next term.

## **ParentPay**

A reminder that payments for school meals, breakfast club and after school clubs should be paid before your child has a meal or attends a breakfast club or after school club session.

## **Year 3/4 Football**

Last week a group of children from Y3/4 played in a football tournament at The Cooper School. They all showed great determination and team spirit and enjoyed the afternoon. Well done to everyone that represented the school in this event.

## Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance over the last two weeks.

Class	Week beginning 8th October	Week beginning 15th October
BM	100%	90%
DF	100%	97%
CP	98%	98%
AW	99%	95%
LD	98%	95%
FH	97%	96%
CC	98%	93%
RM/TS	96%	98%
CS	98%	94%

## Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	INSET day/Year 6 French Residential departs
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	FOBS Christmas Bazaar (3:00 p.m.) KS2 Carol Concert (5:30 p.m.)
Friday 21st December	End of Term (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell