



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

**Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 8**

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas productions this week. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception did a fantastic job during their performances and the children in Key Stage 1 were absolutely brilliant in their performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. Well done to them all for putting on such amazing shows for all who came to watch. Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped the children to learn their lines and for those who provided costumes for the children to wear. It was good that so many parents, siblings and grandparents came along to these special Christmas events. Thank you for coming in to support these productions. Finally, a big thank you to all the staff who worked incredibly hard to put these shows together.

It has been a long autumn term during which the children and staff have worked very hard. The last day of term is Friday 21st December and school finishes at the usual time for all pupils. We hope that you all have a good break and wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The Spring term starts on Monday 7th January 2019.

### Children In Need

After weeks of counting (and peeling off the coin fills), we are extremely pleased to let you know that at Brookside we have all worked extremely hard to raise a phenomenal total of **£974.00** for **BBC's Children in Need!** This total has surpassed our hopes of exceeding our 2017 total (£540) quite considerably and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous donations and support of the fundraising day last month. Also, a special thank you to the dedicated members of KOBs who worked extremely hard planning the event and have since spent lots of time peeling and sorting all of the donations. Members of FOBS also kindly helped us during the rush of the Bake Sale; thank you for your support. A huge thank you to Miss Wise for coordinating our fundraising at Brookside and to Mrs Smith (our bursar) and her daughters for counting and totalling all of the donations!

### Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 19th December children are having their Christmas lunch. Children who have packed lunches can bring in a festive lunch box on this day. This is always a really enjoyable experience for children at Brookside.

### Swimming

There is no swimming next week. When we return in the new year class AW, FH, LD and CC will swim on Tuesday 8th January until half term. Class CS, RM/TS, CP and DF will swim in the second half term.

### Clubs

We hope that your children enjoyed attending clubs this term. We are grateful to teachers who volunteer to run these clubs in their own time. Please see below the clubs which will be offered next term by staff. Clubs will start during the second week of term, the week beginning 14th January and will continue each week until Friday 29th March 2019. Letters will be given to children during the first week of term and should be returned to the teacher who is running the club. After School Club continues to be an option for childcare until 6pm each evening and runs every day that the school is open.

Teacher	Day	Club	Year Groups
Mrs Aston/Mrs Twitchen	Monday	Code X	Y3/4 (by invitation)
Mrs Flack	Tuesday	Book	Y1/2
Mr Harrison	Tuesday	Football	Y3/4
Mrs Cooper	Tuesday	Art and Craft	Y5/6
Mr Simpson	Wednesday	Homework	KS2
Mrs Martin	Wednesday	Film Club	Y1/2
Mrs Duncan	Wednesday	Art Club	Y3/4
Miss Carter/Mrs Davies	Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y3/4 (waiting list)
Miss Wise	Wednesday	KOBs	KS2
Miss Lewis	Wednesday	Creative Club	KS1
Miss Mooney/Mrs Smith	Wednesday	Journalism	Y5/6
Mr Plumbe	Wednesday	Football	Y5/6
Miss Sadie	Thursday	Choir	KS2
Mr Watt	Thursday lunchtime	Lunchtime Club	KS2

## Attendance

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

Class	Week beginning 3rd December	Week beginning 10th December
BM	97%	93%
DF	98%	98%
CP	99%	98%
AW	100%	96%
LD	94%	97%
FH	100%	97%
CC	98%	93%
RM/TS	93%	94%
CS	90%	94%

## Cross Country

On the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 15 athletes went to Sibford to take part in the finals and they did us proud! Every athlete showed self-belief and finished the course.

In the year 1 and 2 girls' race there were 60 children that took part and the results were as follows:

Scarlett-Rose 10 Olivia M 22 Noran 22 Isla B 46

In the year 1 and 2 boys' race there were 65 children competing.

Francis 13 Max A 14 Buster 18 Max S 29 Oliver M 42

In the year 3 and 4 girls' race there were 70 children taking part and Yasmine came 11<sup>th</sup>.

In the year 3 and 4 boys' race there were 72 children.

Fred 35 Rocco 20

In the year 5 and 6 boys' race there were 62 children.

Oscar 20 Chanju 43 Finn 49

***The year one and two boys came second overall out of seven schools.*** Truly a remarkable performance!

Thanks to all the parents who provided transport and also for your continued support!

## Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 12th December children from years 5 and 6 competed in the Bicester Swimming Gala at Bicester Leisure Centre. It was the first time Brookside had competed fully and all the children rose to the challenge. Special mentions go to Eleanor and Sam who finished in top positions for their heats and finals. Well done all.

## WWI Xander Gallery Opening

A huge thank you all the parents and friends who attended the unveiling of Year 5&6's World War One work at school on Thursday. We were blown away by the incredible turn out. The children have loved this topic and this is reflected in the quality of the work they have produced over the last three months. A massive thank you also to Mrs Davies as well for her inspiring creativity in putting the exhibition together.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19th December	Christmas lunch
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
Monday 7th January 2019	Spring Term starts
Monday 18th February	Half Term
Monday 25th February	INSET Day—school closed

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell