



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Brookside, we hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the good weather.

All children have settled into their new classes and are already working hard on their new topics. Today you will have received a letter from your child's class teacher informing you of what your child will be learning on a curriculum map and other important information about the term ahead. If you have any questions relating to this then please speak to your child's teacher. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead at Brookside.

After School Club

Our after school club runs every school day. If you would like your child to attend then please email afterschoolclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk to reserve you place. Full details can be found on our website under the extended schools section or you can click [here](#).

Attendance

Good attendance is vital to a child's educational success and it is important that children are on time and in school every day, unless they are ill. Holidays should not be taken in term time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Term dates for this year and next year are on our website for reference when booking holidays. Children and classes with good attendance are rewarded with Ted (our attendance bear) and attendance certificates.

Lunches

A reminder that all reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day as part of the universal free school meal initiative. Meals for children in Years 3—6 cost £2.10 per day and need to be paid in advance on ParentPay..

ParentPay

Please can we remind you to pay for all meals, breakfast club, after school club and school visits in advance using ParentPay. This saves school staff many hours in chasing outstanding debts. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries about charges on ParentPay then please contact the school office.

Inhalers

If your child has asthma please can you ensure that they have an inhaler in school at all times. These need to be in the original box with the prescription sticker and within the expiry date. You will also need to complete a medical form which can be collected from the school office.

Parents' Evenings

The first parent/teacher meetings of the year will be on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October. Full details will go out nearer the time.

INSET Day

Our next INSET day is on Monday 29th October and the school will be closed for all pupils apart from Year 6 children going to France.

Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assemblies are on Friday 28th September at 9:15 a.m. for EYFS and KS1 and 2:15 p.m. for KS2. Parents are welcome to attend and watch children share their harvest themed work. We will also be asking for donations of produce nearer the time that will be sold to raise money for charity.

New Parent Governor

We are looking for an additional Parent Governor and will be sending out paperwork in the next couple of weeks for this. If you have considered being involved in the running of your child's school and would like to offer support please consider applying for this role. Other parent governors are Michelle Campbell and John Ellis, who would be more than willing to discuss this with you. Mr Richard Brown is our Chair of Governors and he would also welcome the opportunity to enlighten you in more detail.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a number of after school clubs for pupils to attend. Letters to sign up for these clubs are available from the class teacher running the club. Clubs will start during the week beginning 17th September and will conclude during the week ending 7th December. Choir will start on Thursday 13th September. Please note that there will be no clubs during the week of parent consultations.

Teacher	Day	Club	Year Groups
Mrs Flack	Tuesday	Construction Club	KS1
Mr Harrison	Tuesday	Football Club	Y3/4
Mrs Cooper	Tuesday	Sports Club	Y5/6
Mr Simpson	Wednesday	Homework	KS2
Mrs Duncan	Wednesday	Puzzle Club	KS2
Miss Carter	Wednesday	Cooking	Y3/4
Mr Plumbe	Wednesday	Football	Y5/6
Miss Lewis	Wednesday	Creative Club	KS1
Miss Sadie	Thursday	Choir	KS2

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19th September Individual/Sibling Photographs
Monday 15th October Parents' Evening
Tuesday 16th October Parents' Evening
Monday 22nd October Half Term
Monday 29th October INSET day/Year 6 French Residential

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell