



# Brookside Primary School

*Every Child Counts*

**Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 8**

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15th December 2017

Dear Parents,

It was good to see so many families at this week's performances. Our children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 all did a fantastic job putting on wonderful Christmas productions and concerts. Well done to all of the children for learning their lines and the words of all of the songs and carols. Thank you to all of the staff who worked very hard in ensuring these shows were such a success.

A reminder that this term finishes on Tuesday 19th December and, as always, we finish at the usual time of 3:00 p.m.

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas spending time with your family and friends and enjoy this magical time of year.

## **FOBS**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas bazaar last week and to all members of FOBS for organising and running the event. Thanks also to all the staff who helped out on the day. It was a successful event that raised over £700. Thank you from FOBS for all your support this year.

## **School Meals**

When we return in the new year there will be a slight change to the menu. On Thursday 4th January pizza will be served instead of spaghetti bolognese. The new menu is on our website and will start on the week beginning 15th January 2017.

[Menu January 2018—March 2018.](#)

The old menu will be served on the week beginning 8th January 2018:

Monday—Chicken and Sweetcorn pizza or Margherita pizza, sweetcorn, baked beans.

Tuesday—Beef meatballs or Veggie meatballs in a Tomato Sauce, rice, mixed broccoli and cauliflower.

Wednesday—Roast Pork or Quorn roast with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, green beans and carrots.

Thursday—Beef bolognese or vegetarian bolognese with pasta, broccoli and sweetcorn.

Friday—Breaded fish fillet or veggie sausage roll with chips or pasta, baked beans or peas.

A big thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Phillips for serving 224 Christmas dinners to the children and staff on Wednesday.

## **Staff News**

Mrs Chart will be leaving Brookside at the end of this term after working here for nearly 5 years as a teaching assistant. Thank you to Miss Chart for all of her hard work supporting many children with their learning and we wish her well in the future.

## **Times table champions**

Recently, children from Brookside took part in a national times table competition. This was organised by Tackling Tables who also produce the cards and tests that we use in school from Y2 to Y6. We are pleased to announce that Brookside had 5 winners who were: Isaac (CP), Sophie (CP), Evan (AW), Yasmine (LD) and Zhen Lin (FH). Huge congratulations to these children who have been awarded a certificate and WHSmiths voucher. We have seen such fantastic progress since September with the recall of times table and division facts, awarding more calculators this term than ever before! Who will earn their calculator in 2018?

## **Victorian Day**

Last week, children in years 3 and 4 were greeted by the sound of the school bell as they began their Victorian day. The morning began with a lesson following the strict rules of a Victorian classroom. Following this, the children had a great time making their tasty treats for our afternoon tea. The day was completed with a wonderful assembly to share some of the things that they learned during the topic. We were completely overwhelmed by the enormous turnout of parents and other family members to support the afternoon; children and staff thoroughly enjoyed sharing this celebration with so many of you.

## **Bike/Scooter Security**

A bike was stolen from the bike shed this week but fortunately was later found. Parents are reminded that any bikes, scooters etc. are left at your own risk and we would advise that you do not leave bikes/scooters in the bike shed or on the bike racks at the front of the school overnight.

**Attendance**

The winner of this week's attendance award is— Class DF—MRS FLACK

<b>Class</b>	<b>4/12/2017</b>	<b>11/12/2017</b>
BM	96.02%	93.91%
DF	95.31%	95.07%
CP	96.73%	90.48%
AW	96.51%	85.94%
LD	96.60%	91.58%
FH	97.94%	86.46%
CT	95.45%	93.33%
RM	96.77%	92.68%
CS	95.96%	87.13%

**Dates for your diary**

End of Term

Tuesday 19th December (school finishes at 3:00 p.m. as usual)

Spring Term starts

Thursday 4th January 2018

Have a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year,

Mr N Cornell