



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assembly is next Friday at 9:15 a.m. and we hope you can join us for this. Classes will be sharing their harvest themed work in the sports hall. We ask that parents donate tins, packets and fresh food that will be sold at the end of the day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. In addition, FOBS will be running a Macmillan Coffee morning for parents immediately after the assembly.

Book Fair

The Travelling Books, book fair will be arriving in school on Wednesday and will be open from 3pm for 5 nights after school in the school main hall. The fair always showcases a range of new and classic books, some available at a good price too. Please come and support our promotion of good reading habits. A percentage of the takings are given to the school to spend on new books for classrooms.

Year 5&6 Trip

A reminder to all parents of Year 5&6 that we will be visiting Whipsnade Zoo on Thursday 28th September. If you have yet to pay please could you do so as soon as possible on ParentPay. Also, if your child is entitled to free school meals please could you advise your child's class teacher whether you will require a school packed lunch on this day. Many thanks.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 4th October the photographer will be in to take individual and family photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing their red school top on this day.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Can we please remind you that Breakfast Club does not start until 8 a.m. The children are the responsibility of parents until this time and breakfast club staff are not expected to open the doors before 8am. Please can you also ensure that your children are not using the vehicle gate to access the school site. After school club finishes at 4.30pm or 6pm. If you are likely to run late to collect please make other arrangements to collect your child. We may contact parents who drop off early or collect too late from our wrap around care if this continues to occur.

Sickness

There has been a number of children not attending school due to a sickness illness. Parents are reminded that the UK Public Health Agency guidelines state that pupils should not attend school until '48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.' We ask for your cooperation with this, although we realise the inconvenience it may cause. Should you be unsure please speak to the school office.

Library

The school library is open on a Tuesday and Thursday after school for children to withdraw books and to have a look at the range of books available. Mrs James and Mrs Coles look forward to seeing you in the library. The library is situated in the Brook building, if you are not sure where the library is, please ask in the school office.

Maths Course

Following on from the success of our first maths course in the summer we are working with Abingdon and Witney College to run another maths course for parents. Starting 27th September for 16 Weeks the course will take place at Brookside School from 9.30-11.15am. The aim of the course is to discover how maths is taught in schools, improve your confidence in maths and improve your maths skills. If you would like to take part then please let the school office know or contact our Home School Link Worker, Sue Phillips on 07557 012 774.

Local Offer

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice and Support Service are running a workshop and information session for parents whose children have Special Educational Needs (SEND). They will have information and answers about what's available locally for children and young people with SEND. The closest session to us takes place at the Littlebury Hotel on 3rd October 2017 from 9.30-12.30pm. To book your free place please email sendiass@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 01865 810516. The course is also being offer in Culham and Oxford in the evening, please speak to the school office if you would like the information of those sessions.

FOBS

The Friends of Brookside School have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 27th September at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to get involved then please come along. FOBS are hosting a MacMillan Coffee morning after the Harvest festival. Please come and have a cup of tea/coffee and cake for this good cause.

There will be a FOBS disco the week after half term, more details to follow.

Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— CP MR PLUMBE

Class	11/9/2017	22/9/2017
BM	95.00%	96.00%
DF	98.02%	93.10%
CP	97.04%	96.67%
AW	95.88%	89.29%
LD	98.67%	96.30%
FH	99.17%	92.31%
CT	97.04%	86.67%
RM	96.68%	86.67%
CS	99.20%	96.43%

Dates for your diary

Harvest Assembly
Parents' Evenings
Half Term
INSET Day

Friday 29th September 9:15 a.m.
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October
Monday 30th October

Best wishes,
Mr N Cornell