



# Brookside Primary School

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**Newsletter Spring Term Issue 1**

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the time with your families. 2019 has started well with all children enjoying 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 this term and other information relevant to the class.

## **Reception Full Time School Places for September 2019**

If your child is currently in the nursery (attending part time) and they are entitled to a full time Reception place in September, please ensure you have completed your online application and submitted it to Oxfordshire County Council by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. If you have any questions about this please see your child's class teacher, as soon as possible.

## **A Good Night's Sleep**

A number of pupils have recently said that they are not getting enough sleep and therefore are feeling tired in class. We have spoken to the School Health Nurse team for support in talking to children about a good sleep routine. Children of primary school age should be getting 10-12 hours sleep a night, which means going to bed in good time each evening. Without adequate sleep children struggle to concentrate and can feel cross and short tempered. We have spoken to children who feel tired about the importance of having a calm routine before bed, including dimming the lights and reading a story. The use of electronic devices, such as TVs, phones and tablets, close to bedtime can prevent children from settling to sleep because of the light which they produce. More information on 'sleep hygiene' can be found on this [Great Ormond Street Hospital Website](#) or on the information sheet which is available from the school office.

## **School Uniform**

As the weather has turned cooler we would like to remind parents of sending their child to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Pupils will be expected to continue to go outside for breaktime and lunchtime as well as some PE lessons throughout the winter months. Children need to be attending school with a school jumper and also a coat which is suitable for cooler weather as well as light rain. Children may also like to wear footwear suitable to the wet and possibly icy weather. We would be grateful if you could ask your child if their indoor plimsolls need replacing as there are a number of pupils who are missing this important part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support in keeping our children looking smart and well prepared for learning.

## **ParentPay**

As we start a new year please can you ensure that all payments for meals, breakfast club and after school club are paid for in advance. This saves the school lots of time and money chasing payments that could be spent much more productively. Thank you to all parents who always pay in advance.

## **Clubs**

A reminder that extra curricular clubs start next week and will finish the week ending Friday 29th March. Thank you to all staff who give up their time to run these clubs.

## **FOBS**

A huge thank you to all member of FOBS for their hard work organising and running the Christmas Bazaar on the last week of term. It was a very successful event and raised £1557.

This term there will be a Valentine's disco on the afternoon of 14th February—more details will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Staff News**

Welcome to Mrs Dodsworth who will be working in the school office on Fridays from now on.

## **Term dates**

If you are booking holidays our term dates for this year and next year can be accessed below and are also on our website.

[2018/2019](#)

[2019/2020](#)

## **Where has Brookside been?**

As part of our geography topics this term, it would be great if the children of Brookside could share photographs of themselves on tour around the United Kingdom. As part of our geography topics this term, we have displayed a large map of the United Kingdom outside of the Year 3 & 4 classrooms that we hope to display some of the photographs around in order to help the children locate different towns, cities and landmarks around the UK. If your child would like to share a photograph of themselves visiting around the UK, then we would really appreciate it if they could bring this to school labelled with their name and the location the photograph was taken in. Happy touring!

## Attendance

Well done to Mrs Flack/Miss Spearman's class who had 100% attendance this week.

Class	Week beginning 7th January
BM	94.09%
DF/NS	100.00%
CP	94.10%
AW	96.79%
LD	92.86%
FH	96.68%
CC	97.32%
RM/TS	96.83%
CS	95.93%

## Dates for your diary

Monday 18th February	Half Term
Monday 25th February	INSET Day—school closed
Monday 1st April	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2nd April	Parents' Evening
Friday 5th April	Final Assembly 9:15 a.m. EYFS and KS1 Final Assembly 2:15 p.m. KS2

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell