



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the time with family and friends.

A warm welcome to our new nursery children and families who started at Brookside this week and have settled in well.

You should have received a letter today via email from your child's teacher outlining what they will be learning this term and any other important information for their class.

Arrival at School

It is important that all children arrive at school in the morning on time to ensure for a smooth start to the day. The school day starts at 8.45am when all children are expected to be on the playground waiting to be welcomed into their classroom. Registers close at 8.55am with any child arriving after this time being marked as late. A smooth start is good for your child, but also other children in the class and ensures that they do not miss any of the teaching for the first lesson of the day which starts at 8.55am. The gate to the sports centre car park will now be locked at 9am, this will mean anyone who is later than 9am will need to access the school from the Bucknell Road. All children who are late to school will need to go through the school office to sign in for the morning session. We appreciate there may be the odd occasion where a child is late but this should not be a regular occurrence. A child who is 5 minutes late for school each day misses 3.5 days of school over a school year. Children do not like being late to school as they miss the start of the lesson, can feel embarrassed and you miss out on being able to speak to the teacher. If you would like to discuss any difficulties you have in getting your child to school on time in the morning then please speak to Mr Watt or your child's class teacher.

After School Club

New year, new job? Do not forget about our after school club, available from 3pm until 4.30pm or a full session until 6pm. We have an increasing number of children attending the club and Mrs Hekimova and her team are planning activities daily for the children who attend. Children have the opportunity to have a biscuit and drink at 3pm and children who stay for the full session have a healthy snack which always includes fruit or vegetables. After school club sessions need to be booked by 12 midday. Please email afterschoolclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk to book your child's place at after school club. A half session costs £6 and a full session costs £11.

Clubs

We are grateful to staff for volunteering to run clubs this term. Clubs will start during the week beginning 15th January and will finish the week beginning 19th March. There will be no clubs during the final week of term before the Easter break. Children will receive letters about the clubs from the teacher leading the club which you will need to return to them. If your child is not attending the club for any reason, please let the teacher leading the club know so that you are not called to enquire where your child is. Children who attended a club last term which is continuing will not need to sign up again.

Teacher	Day	Club	Year group	Where	Pick up
Miss Thompson	Tuesday	Drama & Music	KS2	Sports hall	Y3/4 door
Ms Mooney	Tuesday	Film club	KS2	ICT Suite	Y5/6
Mrs Martin	TBC	TBC	KS1		
Mr Simpson	Wednesday	Homework	KS2	ICT Suite	Y3/4
Mr Plumbe	Wednesday	Football	Y5/6	Field	Field
Mrs Flack	Wednesday	Construction	Y1/2	Class DF	Class DF
Miss Dobb	Wednesday	Fun Fit club	Y3/4	Sports hall	Y3/4 door
Miss Wise	Wednesday	KOBS	KS2	AW class	Y3/4 door
Miss Lewis/Mrs Davies	Wednesday	Film Club	KS1	EYFS	EYFS door
Mr Watt	Wednesday	Art Club	Y3/4	Art room	Y3/4 door
Miss Sadie	Thursday	Choir	KS2	Sports & Arts	Y3/4 door

Choir

Please note that choir will start this Thursday – **11th January**. There will be no choir on 18th January as Miss Sadie is not available. If your child was not in choir last term and would like to join then please speak to Miss Sadie.

Free School Meals

We may have a number of parents who are not currently claiming for free school meals who are entitled to do so. Even if your child receives a universal free school meal your child would be eligible for additional funding that can provide support for them in school and may be used to offer discounts on residential visits. Please call in to the school office to check whether the benefits you are in receipt of qualify for this additional funding.

Poetry Day

The school enjoyed an entertaining visit from published poet, James Carter last Thursday. As well as performing some of his poems to the school he also worked with all the classes throughout the day showing pupils how they could create their own poems. The day culminated with a showcase of some of the best poems written that day by the children. If you would like to find out more about James' work or order some of his books please go to: www.jamescarterpoet.co.uk

Attendance

The winner of this week's attendance award is— Class FH—Mr Harrison (Year 4).

Class	8/1/2018
BM	95.95%
DF	95.69%
CP	95.74%
AW	95.83%
LD	95.82%
FH	96.76%
CT	94.93%
RM	96.44%
CS	95.92%

Dates for your diary

FOBS Pancake Sale	Friday 9th February 3:00 p.m.
Half Term	Monday 12th—Friday 16th February
Book Fair	Tuesday 6th March—Tuesday 13th March
Clubs finish	Thursday 22nd March
Parents' Evenings	Monday 26th 3:00—6:00 p.m. Tuesday 27th March 3:00—7:00 p.m.
Final Assembly	Wednesday 28th March EYFS/KS1 9:15 a.m. and KS2 2:15 p.m.

Best wishes,

Mr N Cornell