



Brookside Primary School

Every Child Counts

Newsletter Term 1 Issue 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Brookside. We hope you all had a good break and enjoyed a relaxing summer.

All children have made a good start and settled into their new classes well. They are already working hard on their learning.

You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher informing you of what they 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 another exciting and successful year ahead at Brookside.

ParentPay

A reminder that payment for school meals, after school club, breakfast club, school trips and residential visits needs to be paid online using ParentPay. New parents will be given login details soon.

Please can you ensure that all money owed is paid by the end of the week for school meals, breakfast club and after school club as this saves valuable time for our administration staff who have to follow up these payments. Any outstanding payments will now be chased weekly. If you are experiencing any problems with ParentPay then please call into the school office.

After School Club

Our After School Club runs every day from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. 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](#).

A reminder that children in after school club need to be collected from the main school reception where there is a door bell for you to notify staff.

Breakfast Club

All children at Brookside are welcome to attend our Breakfast Club, which runs daily from 8:00 a.m. As well as a healthy breakfast children get to play organised games and learn new crafts and skills as well as having a lot of fun. At the end of the session children go to their classes for the beginning of the school day. If you would like your child to attend the Breakfast Club please contact the school office or email breakfastclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk Each session costs £2.20 and needs to be prepaid on ParentPay.

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 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 are on our website for reference when booking holidays. If a child's attendance falls below 95% you will be contacted to discuss ways to improve your child's attendance. Children and classes with good attendance are rewarded with Ted (our attendance bear) and attendance certificates. Last year we were pleased that our whole school attendance improved and we want to this improvement to continue.

Parents' Evenings

The first parent/teacher meetings of the year will be on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October. Full details will go out nearer the time.

INSET Day

Our next INSET day is Monday 30th October and the school will be closed for all pupils.

Harvest Assembly

Our harvest assembly is on Friday 29th September at 9:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend and watch classes 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.

Swimming

Classes AW, LD, FH and CT are swimming this half term and start on Tuesday. If you need a swimming cap these are available for £1 in the school office.

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 £2.20 per day and need to be prepaid on ParentPay.

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.

Extra Curricular Clubs

A range of after school/lunchtime clubs will start on the week beginning 18th September, apart from choir which starts next week. Details of these clubs are below and separate letters will be sent home to apply for a place for each club next week.

| Teacher | Day | Club | Year Groups | Location | Pick Up Point |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Miss Carter | Monday lunchtime | Gardening EYFS | Y5/6 | EYFS Garden | N/A |
| Miss R Mooney | Tuesday | Film Club | Y5/6 | Class RM | Y5/6 door |
| Miss Thompson | Tuesday | Netball | Y5/6 | Outside 5/6 | Y5/6 door |
| Mr Simpson | Wednesday | Homework surgery | KS2 | Class CS | Y5/6 door |
| Miss Dobb | Wednesday | Board games | KS2 | Class LD | Y3/4 door |
| Miss Wise | Wednesday | KOBS | KS2 | Class AW | Y3/4 door |
| Mrs Martin | Wednesday | Construction | Y2 | Class BM | Class BM |
| Mrs D Flack | Wednesday | Book Club | Y2 | Library | Class DF |
| Mr C Plumbe | Wednesday | Football | Y5/6 | Field | Y3/4 door |
| Mr Watt | Wednesday | Sports Club | KS1 | Hall | Hall/Green corridor |
| Miss Sadie | Thursday | Choir | KS2 | Art room | Y3/4 door |

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