



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 7

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6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is always a special time of year at Brookside and the children are already getting excited. On Monday, the children enjoyed a special assembly where we sang Christmas songs as the Christmas tree was decorated. Over the last few weeks, we have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas performances and we are looking forward to you coming to see them. Dates and times of all performances are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 19th December children will have their Christmas lunch. The menu on this day will be a festive Christmas dinner (see below). If your child has a packed lunch you are welcome to decorate their lunch box and include some festive food for them to enjoy. Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.

Science

This term the Science Council, we made it our focus to spotlight science literature across the school. We researched age-appropriate books and magazines for each class and once they arrived, we distributed them. Children are enjoying reading them in their spare moments.

We managed to get the weather station installed and running, however due to the new planting in the Reflective Garden, we are yet to record any data. Will do this in the New Year.

In the New Year, we are going to be preparing for Science Week (10th to 14th March) which is based on 'change and adaptation'. We are going to run some activities and help the teachers to prepare. If you are a parent, or know anyone, who uses science in their career it would be great if you/they could come and talk to us (speak to Mrs Cooper).

FoBS

We had the first of our **FoBS Wreath Making Workshop** last night which was a sell out and a great success. We look forward to our second night hosting tonight and will share pictures of the beautiful festive wreaths made at the workshops on our socials.

We are busy planning our **FoBS Xmas Bazaar** taking place on **Wednesday 18th December 3.15-5pm** (followed by the KS2 Carol Concert) and are looking forward to our brand new Santa's Grotto, prize packed Raffle, hosting the external stalls booked and all the fun and games to be had by all. Please look out for an email with more details next week and updates via our socials.

Raffle tickets can be picked up from the office (please return to the class teacher with the money/stubs in an envelope) or purchase at one of our tabletop sales outside EYFS, at all Key Stages performances and of course at the Xmas Bazaar.

Our annual **Non-School Uniform day in exchange for chocolate** is on **Friday 13th December**. The children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes on this day in exchange for a donation of chocolate that will be used as a prize on our popular chocolate tombola stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these events, please contact us via chairoffobs@gmail.com or DM us via our social media platform. All are welcome and any amount of time appreciated!

Choir

Last week, the choir performed at OCC's Music Centre at Bayards Hill Primary School. This was a wonderful Christmas concert where our choir sang on their own and with other school choirs. This afternoon, the choir performed at St Edburg's Church as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. Well done to all of the children in the choir and thank you to Miss Young and Mrs Rudge for leading the choir at Brookside.

Building Work

Over the weekend scaffolding is due to be fitted to the EYFS/KS1 buildings as part of the roofing works. Access to all doors will still be available but there will be fencing around where the work is taking place. Please take care when walking near the scaffolding.

Football Report

Brookside boys travelled away to St Edburg's for their second fixture of the season. The boys started the game brightly, creating a couple of chances that unfortunately weren't converted. St Edburg's then capitalised on this and took the lead before half time. The second half proved challenging for Brookside with the light fading and we eventually fell to a 6-0 defeat. The boys never gave up and kept playing till the final whistle showing great determination and resilience. More fixtures to come after the Christmas break.

Diary Dates

KS1 Christmas Production—Tuesday 10th December 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday 11th December 1:30 p.m.

EYFS Christmas Production—Wednesday 11th December 9:30 a.m. and Thursday 12th December 9:30 a.m.

Non Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate donation—Friday 13th December

FoBS Christmas Bazaar (3:15 p.m.) and KS2 Carol Concert (5:00 p.m.)—Wednesday 18th December

End of Term—Friday 20th December

NSPCC Online Safety

In October some parents attended an online session with the NSPCC about how to help keep your child safe online. This event is run regularly, but not specifically for Brookside parents and can be booked using the link below. Other information is included below which links to the NSPCC website. We also have a leaflet available on the carousel in the school entrance hall.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/help-and-information/nspcc-phone-safety-toolkit>

NSPCC online safety workshops bookable via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/online-safety-sessions-for-parents-and-carers-3706529?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a **free** webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Reserve your space today!

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

ON 19th December 2024

**Roast Turkey (GF, DF, EF)
or Roasted Quorn (V, GF)**

Sage & Onion Stuffing (DF, EF)

Chipolata Sausage (DF, EF) or Veggie Sausage (DF, EF)

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Baton Carrots & Garden Peas

Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

**Santa's Iced Christmas
Treat (V)**

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Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 10th March, 31st March, 5th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Veggie Fajitas (VG) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chocolate Shortbread (V, DF, EF) with Melon	Traditional Cottage Pie (GF, EF) Veggie Cottage Pie (GF, EF) Tuna & Sweetcorn Bap (EF, DF) Broccoli & Vegetable Medley Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches	Roast Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Carrots Cinnamon Cookie (V, DF, EF)	Chicken, Spinach & Tomato Pasta (EF, DF) Fruity Vegetable Curry & Rice (VG, GF) Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Wrap (EF) Sweetcorn & Green Beans Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Strawberry Ice Cream (V, GF, EF)

WEEK TWO 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 17th March, 21st April, 12th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Five Bean Chilli with Rice (VG, GF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Drizzle Cake (V, DF)	Pork Sausages (EF) Veggie Sausage (VG) Ham Bag (V, DF) Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage & Vegetable Medley Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cauliflower Rice Crispy Cake (V, DF, EF)	Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Pizza Pinwheel & New Potatoes (V, EF) Tuna & Cucumber Bap (EF, DF) Peas & Green Beans Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Samosa's (VG) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Ginger biscuit (V, EF, DF) & Raisins

WEEK THREE 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 3rd March, 24th March, 28th April, 19th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (EF, V) Veggie Nugget Wrap (DF, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF) Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (VG) Salmon & Cucumber Pasta Salad (EF, DF) Fluffy Rice, Carrots & Peas Cranberry & Oat Biscuit (V, EF)	Roast British Gammon (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Green Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Oriental Chicken Noodles (DF) Rustic Tomato Pasta Bake (EF, DF) Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (EF) Broccoli & Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge (V) with Pears	Battered Fish (DF, EF) Crispy Quorn Dippers (VG) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Rocket Lolly (VG, GF)

Available daily – Natural yogurt, fresh fruit, fresh bread, salad bar and lots of fresh water!

Allergy advice - all our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts, gluten and other ingredients are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have an allergy, please let us know before ordering. Full allergen information is available from your school. Any fish we serve will vary depending on availability.

We only select fish from sustainable sources.

Suitable for vegetarians or vegetarian option available.

Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.

VEG: VEGETARIAN
VG: VEGAN


EF: EGG FREE
DF: DAIRY FREE
GF: GLUTEN FREE




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**Brookside Primary School Term and holiday dates
2024 - 2025**

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Friday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
	Dec-24					Jan-25					Feb-25					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Friday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		
	Mar-25					Apr-25					May-25					
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	
Thursday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	
Friday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
	Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
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Friday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31	

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For more information and to book, please see
www.oxbridgesingschool.com

Sat 21 & Mon 23 December 2024
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