



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 8

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an enjoyable last full week at Brookside, with all of the children taking part in Christmas productions and concerts. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child take part in our nativities and carol concert.

A reminder that the last day of this term is on Wednesday 20th December. School finishes at 3:15 p.m. for all children. There is not an INSET day in January so all children will return on Monday 8th January.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Choir

The last two weeks have been very busy for choir with the run up to Christmas. We had a wonderful time performing at St. Edburg's tree festival last Friday and really appreciated the support of all the parents as well. This week, choir performed at Launton Grange Care Home which was a wonderful experience for the children and an absolute treat for the residents. I have been so impressed with the commitment and attitude of the choir members and it has been a real pleasure to take and watch them perform at various festivals. Choir will restart in January on a Tuesday and we have a few spaces if anyone would like to join and be part of us. (Mrs Davies)

Cycle Training

Well done to Lily, Jiayee, Callum, Beatriz, Ike, Mila, Isla, Elliott and Kutowa who took part in the cycle training this week. Amazing cycling was the examiner's comment and they all got Level 2. Thank you to Miss Sadie, Mrs Jenkins, Ed, Paul, Vicky, Tim and Chris who volunteered their time to give our children this vital life skill.



School Lunches

There are a couple of changes to the menu next week. It will be as below.

Monday-

Red – Rustic tomato and vegetable pasta
Green – Jacket Potato with cheddar cheese and coleslaw
Blue – Veggie nugget wrap
Salad bar and dessert

Tuesday –

Christmas lunch (as the menu within the newsletter)
Children can also wear a Christmas Jumper on this day.

Wednesday –

Red – Meatballs with tomato pasta
Green – Veggie samosa
Blue – Cheddar cheese and cucumber bap
Salad bar and dessert



Foodbank and Christmas support

Bicester foodbank will continue to be open over the Christmas break. If you are experiencing financial hardship and think you might need access to the foodbank for emergency food then please speak to Mr Watt, Mrs Swinburn, Mr Cornell or the school office before we close on Wednesday. Alternatively, please email the school office before 4pm on Wednesday. The foodbank is making available food and toys for people experiencing financial hardship particularly at Christmas. This year they can be accessed via school, so please let us know if you feel that you need access to this. This is a confidential service and will not be on your child's school record.

FoBS

Thank you to all members of FoBS for organising two very successful events in the past week. The wreath making was very popular and parents and staff enjoyed making their own Christmas wreath.

The Christmas bazaar was enjoyed by all after school yesterday. As you can appreciate, both events took a lot of planning and organisation. Thank you to everybody involved in running these enjoyable events that help to raise lots of additional funds for the children of Brookside.

Money Coaching Course in January

Bicester Town Church are making available a free money coaching course on behalf of Christians Against Poverty. This is a course which many parents have accessed before when there was a previous group running it. It is great news that it is available again in Bicester. Childcare is available. More information is available in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Parent Hub

The PTA use Parent Hub to communicate with parents. It is also sometimes used for school trips as well. To join please download the Parent Hub app on your phone. Tap 'Join a School' and enter the handle - @BrooksideBicester .You will need to input some information about you and your child to join. Please speak to the school office if you have any problems logging in.

Kids Breakfast at Brewers Fayre

Brewers Fayre continue to offer their year-round Christmas deal where two kids (under 16) eat for £1 with every adult having a Breakfast.

Cherwell Link Card

Residents living in the Cherwell district that are in receipt of an eligible benefit, or would benefit from using leisure facilities following a recommendation from a medical professional, could be entitled to a Cherwell Link Card which provides a 50 per cent discount on some recreational activities. <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/cherwell-link-card>

Sports Centre Car Park

The sports centre is having work completed in the car park between Wednesday 20th—Friday 22nd December. You may want to avoid using the car park on Wednesday due to this work. They have also asked us to remind parents not to park in the yellow hatched areas in the car park.

Diary Dates

Last day of Autumn Term—Wednesday 20th December

Start of the Spring Term—Monday 8th January 2024

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



Christmas LUNCH

ON

19th December 2023



**Roast Turkey or Roasted Quorn (V)
Served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Chipolata Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Baton Carrots & Garden Peas
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce**

**Santa's Iced Christmas
Treat**

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
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WEEK ONE

October 30th, November 20th, December 11th, January 15th, February 5th, March 4th, March 25th April 29th, May 20th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Mixed Pepper Pizza (V, EF)</p> <p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Baked Beans</p> <p>Pear & Chocolate Brownie (V)</p>	<p>Cheeseburger Pasta Bake (EF)</p> <p>Fruity Vegetable Curry (VG, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Fluffy Rice, Broccoli & Peas</p> <p>Lemon Crumble Shortbread (V, DF)</p>	<p>Roast British Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Roast Quorn (V, GF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese & Red Onion Wrap (V, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy</p> <p>Curly Cabbage & Carrots</p> <p>Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie (DF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake (V, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Apple Flapjack (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p>Golden Fish Fingers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Vegetable Spring Roll (VG)</p> <p>Honey Roast Ham & Cucumber Bap (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Strawberry Iced Smoothie (V, EF, DF, GF)</p>

WEEK TWO

November 6th, November 27th, December 18th, January 22nd, February 19th, March 11th, April 15th, May 6th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Rustic Tomato & Vegetable Pasta (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Nugget Wrap (VG)</p> <p>Baton Carrots & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF) with Mandarins</p>	<p>Moorish Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (GF)</p> <p>Tasty Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (V, DF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (V, EF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Cauliflower & Peas</p> <p>Cranberry & Oat Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p>Pork Bangers (EF)</p> <p>Veggie Bangers (VG)</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Couscous Salad (V, DF, EF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Creamy Chicken Mayo Wrap (EF, DF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Iced Cinnamon Swirl (V, DF, EF) With Raisins</p>	<p>Crispy Bubble Battered Fish (DF, EF)</p> <p>Mild Veggie Samosas (VG)</p> <p>Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad (D, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Peaches</p>

WEEK THREE

November 13th, December 4th, January 8th, January 29th, February 26th, March 18th, April 22nd, May 13th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Pineapple & Sweetcorn Pizza (V, EF)</p> <p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (EF, V)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Boston Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans</p> <p>Lemon & Honey Drizzle Cake with Melon (V)</p>	<p>Turkey & Vegetable Meatloaf (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Cheese & Onion Pinwheel (V, EF)</p> <p>Bean & Vegetable Fajita (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage & Peas</p> <p>Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Salmon & Cucumber Pasta Pot (DF, EF)</p> <p>Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans & Carrots</p> <p>Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Tuna Pasta Bake (EF)</p> <p>Chunky Bean & Veggie Chilli (VG, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Broccoli & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Rhubarb & Apple Crumble (V, DF, EF) with Custard (V, GF, EF)</p>	<p>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Roll (VG)</p> <p>Honey Roast Ham & Tomato Bap (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Orange & Mango Iced Smoothie (V, GF, EF, DF)</p>

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.

KEY:
V VEGETARIAN
VG VEGAN

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



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January

21st & 28th 11.30-2pm

Longfields Primary School

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