



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need

Once again this year, we have had a very successful fundraising event for Children in Need. The children all enjoyed the delicious cakes at break and lunchtime in the sunshine! Thank you so much for your generous donations which has enabled us to raise **£708.82** this year. We had many generous donations of cakes that showed Brookside has many talented bakers! Thank you to Miss Wise for organising the fundraising at Brookside. Please see our Brookside Star Bakers below.



Phase	Star Baker
EYFS	Jasmina (Class VL)
KS1	Zia (Class LD)
LKS2	John Paul (Class DD)
UKS2	Azalaya (Class AW)



TT Rockstars England Rocks 2022

We are very pleased to announce that Brookside finished 30th out of 4080 schools in our recent TT Rockstars competition. What a fantastic effort by all of our KS2 pupils! The top 50 children enjoyed their pizza party last week and today lots of certificates were handed out in assembly. Special mentions for Class AW who finished with the highest class average and Jiayee, Jan and Harmony who were our top 3 pupils in the school. Well done everybody and a big thank you to Mrs Duncan for organising this event for the children.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Duncan who is expecting her first baby in the spring.

School Christmas Dinner

The children will have their 'Christmas Dinner' at school on Monday 19th December for children in Reception to Y6. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time and there is no need to pre-order this meal. Children will be encouraged to wear a festive jumper or hat on this day. The price of this meal will be the same as other meals and payment should be made on ParentPay. If your child is not going to have a School Christmas Dinner then it would be good if you could wrap their lunch up like a present, perhaps with some surprise items!

Bicester Food Bank

The school continues to be able to provide food bank vouchers to family who are in need of support. Please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher. The food bank continues to provide the first parcel without the requirement of a voucher should you not be able to speak with school. Should you wish to discuss this further please speak to Mr Watt.

Flu Vaccine

If your child was absent from school or you did not provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccination when they visited Brookside then the School Health Nurse team are offering a catch up clinic at Bure Park School on Monday 5th December. If your child was absent then you will have received an email inviting you to book an appointment. If you did not send in consent, but now would like your child to receive the vaccination then please complete the consent on this website - <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms/parents/consent/>

Winter Viruses

A number of parents have asked us about how much time their child needs to remain off school when their child is experiencing symptoms of a winter illness. We follow the guidelines published by the NHS and the UK Health Security Agency. More details can be found on posters which are provided around school or by scanning the QR code on the poster. Children who have symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting must remain off school for 48 hours following their last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings/how-long-should-you-keep-your-child-off-school-checklist-poster-text-version>

Safeguarding – Digital Parenting

We know that parents will be considering what technology their children might be getting for Christmas. This [website](#) is worth reading to support parents in considering their role in digital parenting.

Cost of Living

We hope that parents found the letter sent out at October half term helpful when considering activities to do with your children over the holiday. If parents hear about free or low cost events or places to eat over the Christmas holiday then please email these to the school office so that they can be shared with other parents.

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you need to apply for a reception place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends our nursery. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2023. You can apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions – it's quick, easy and secure. If you need any help applying then please come into the school office.

Parent Governor

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

A governor gives their time, skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity, to help their school provide children with the best possible education. Governing bodies are accountable for the strategic direction of their school and for the quality of education provided. We don't expect you to be an expert in education and welcome parents from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views.

If you are interested please contact the Chair of Governors at the school on office.2202@brookside.oxon.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December —Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7th December—EYFS Nativity 9:30 a.m. Class EC parents

Thursday 8th December—EYFS Nativity 9:30 a.m. Class VL parents

Thursday 15th December—KS2 Carol Concert 5:30 p.m.

Monday 19th December - Christmas lunch

End of term— Tuesday 20th December (school finishes at 3:00 p.m. for all pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Community News

Hummingbird Centre

Please see the poster below advertising an event being held at the Hummingbird Centre in Launton taking place on Sunday 4th December. The event is aimed at bringing the community together as well as introducing new families to the work of the Hummingbird Centre.



The Hummingbird

LIGHT THE LIGHT

Sunday 4th December

12-5PM

1pm to 2pm Santa's Kissing Horse

2pm to 3pm Entertainment with a twist

3pm to 4pm Christmas Interactive Panto

4.30pm The Hummingbird Centre Christmas Tree Light Switch On

5pm End

Free Parking. Free Entry. Food. Hot Drinks. Raffle. Festive Stalls. Memory Tree Room and plenty more.

The Hummingbird Centre, Grange Barns, Station Road, Launton, OX26 5DX

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 th November	Ham Pizza	CLIMATE DAY	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Battered Fish
28 th November	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Plant Based Cajun Chicken Taco Bowl (V)	Quorn Roast & Gravy (V)	Spiced Chickpea & Butternut Squash Taco Bowl (V)	Vegetable Samosas (V)
19 th December	Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayo	Noodle & Vegetable Stir Fry (V)	Cheese & Tomato Bap (V)	Pulled Pork Wrap	Ham and Tomato Pasta Pot
	Corn on the Cob Baked Beans	Tuna Bap (V)	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips or Pasta
	Melting Moment Cookies & Fruit Portion	Steamed Broccoli Mixed Bean Salad	Savory Cabbage Carrots	Apple Crumble & Cream	Baked Beans Peas
		Chocolate & Pear Sponge	Fruit Jelly		Vanilla Ice Cream

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 th November	Pepperoni Pizza	CLIMATE DAY	Roast Chicken Breast & Gravy	CLIMATE DAY	Fish Fingers
5 th December	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Mediterranean Pasta Bake (V)	Quorn Fillet & Gravy (V)	Summer Quiche (V) & New Potatoes	Veggie Sausage Roll (V)
	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Stuffed Roasted Red Peppers (V)	Salmon & Cucumber Wrap	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Ham & Tomato Pasta Pot
	Red Apple Slaw Corn on the Cob	Cheese Bap (V)	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Egg & Cress Bap (V)	Chips or Pasta
	Lemon Cookies & Orange Wedge	Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Cauliflower Green Beans	Carrots Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
		Flapjack & Sultanas	Orange & Mango Smoothie	Peach Sponge	Rocket Lolly

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31 st October	Ham Pizza	Pork Sausages in Onion Gravy	Roast Pork Loin & Gravy	Chicken & Leek Pie	Battered Fish
21 st November	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Vegetarian Sausage and Onion Gravy (V)	Quorn Roast & Gravy (V)	Veggie Chili & Rice (V)	Cheese Whirl (V)
12 th December	Jacket Potato and Baked Beans (V)	Seasonal Vegetable Pasta Pot (V)	Tuna Melt Bap	Ham & Tomato Wrap	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot
	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Mashed Potato	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Chips or Pasta
	Cranberry & Oat Cookies	Broccoli and peas	Cauliflower Carrots	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie	Baked Beans Peas
		Crispie Cake & Raisins	Shortbread & Orange Wedge		Ice Cream Roll

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.



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