



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 3

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As Autumn progresses, the mornings and evenings are getting darker, meaning children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers for pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright clothing, making it easier for other road users to see them.

The good news for schools and families is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**. The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own. [Read the Footsteps programme here.](#)

## Measles, Mumps and Rubella

102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles. If your child has not had two doses of the combined MMR vaccine please go to this [website](#) to email the Oxfordshire Immunisations Team for further guidance.

## Mental Health Day

You will have received a letter earlier this week concerning how Brookside will be marking World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October. We hope we will be able to collect lots of items for the Bicester Food and also Hygiene Bank. We look forward to seeing lots of children in clothes which make them feel happy.

## Cross Country

Last week, Mr Harrison had the pleasure of taking some year 5 and 6 pupils to the Bicester Cross Country Competition. The children ran superbly against some tough competitors demonstrating excellent resilience and determination. Special mention to Francis Mtutu, Noran Amin and Lily Baker who have qualified for the regional final.

## Key Stage 2 Fruit Bar

From Monday children in KS2 will be able to purchase fresh fruit among other items from the Fruit Bar during breaktime. Please provide cash for your child to purchase these items, which they will be responsible for until they have spent it at break time. Prices are: Fresh Fruit - 30p, Toasted English Muffin - 50p, Viva Flavoured Milkshake - 50p and Fruit Juice 50p

Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with free fruit daily funded by the Department for Education. Children in EYFS continue to be provided with free milk throughout the year.

## European Day of Languages

Last week the children enjoyed learning about a number of other languages spoken in Europe. Thank you to Ms Spearman for organising this exciting and educational day for the children. Thank you to those parents who came in to support this event.

## Attendance

Good attendance in school is very important and makes a big difference to children's educational outcomes.

Please see below for information about attendance at Brookside.

### What YOU must do:

Telephone before 8.30am each day of your child's absence and report your child's absence on the absence line. Tell us in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Email and then phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## Victorian Day

The children in lower key stage 2 had the opportunity to dress up for their Victorian Day. They learnt about Victorian schools, paid 1p for their school day, practised cursive handwriting on 'slate', sang the national anthem and made a collage of Queen Victoria. There were some brilliant costumes - thank you parents and carers for doing such a great job!



### **Milton Keynes Museum Trip**

Lower key stage 2 also visited the Milton Keynes Museum where they learned about all the Victorian Inventions thought up to make everyday life easier for them. They visited the Victorian House, as well as looking at their communication techniques and their modes of transport. It was a fantastic day out and thank you to the museum and all the staff and volunteers for making the trip a success.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 9th October—Flu immunisations

Monday 23rd October—27th October Half Term

Monday 30th October—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November—Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 22nd November—Individual School Photos

EYFS Christmas Production Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December 9:30 a.m.

Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 1:30 p.m.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert Thursday 14th December 5:00 p.m.

FoBS Christmas Bazaar Thursday 14th December 3:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



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# Your School Lunch

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## WEEK ONE

20<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Tex Mex Vegetable &amp; Bean Fajitas (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Crunchy Coleslaw (VG) &amp; Cucumber Sticks</p> <p>Moorish Melting Moments (VG) with Pears</p>	<p>Cheesy Cottage Pie (GF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (VG)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese &amp; Tomato Sub (V, EF)</p> <p>Peas &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p>Peach</p> <p>Blondie</p>	<p>Roast British Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Roast Quorn (V, GF)</p> <p>Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG)</p> <p>Crispy Roast Potatoes &amp; Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy</p> <p>Curly Cabbage &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Shortbread (DF, EF) with Raisins</p>	<p>Sticky BBQ Chicken (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Jumping Jackfruit and Sweet Potato</p> <p>Curry (VG, GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Fluffy Rice, Broccoli &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Chocolate Cracknell (DF, EF) with Mandarins</p>	<p>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Hotdog (VG)</p> <p>Ham, Cream Cheese &amp; Cucumber Wrap (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta</p> <p>Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Strawberry Ice Cream (GF, EF) with Fruit</p>

## WEEK TWO

27<sup>th</sup> February, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Baked Potato with Boston Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Smokey BBQ Pulled Pork Sub (DF, EF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Fresh Green Salad &amp; Red Apple Slaw (VG, GF)</p> <p>Golden Cornflake Cookie (DF, EF) with Melon</p>	<p>Chicken Pot Pie (DF, GF, EF)</p> <p>Sweet &amp; Sour Veggie Noodles (VG)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese &amp; Tomato Bap (V, EF)</p> <p>Broccoli &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Zingy Orange Drizzle Cake (DF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Pork Bangers (EF)</p> <p>Veggie Bangers (VG)</p> <p>Sunshine Sweetcorn &amp; Tuna Wrap (DF, EF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Cauliflower &amp; Peas</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly with Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Cool &amp; Cheesy Pepperoni Pizza (EF)</p> <p>Creamy Tomato Pasta (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Carrots &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p>Banana Flapjack (DF, EF)</p>	<p>Golden Fish Fingers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Mild Veggie Samosas (VG)</p> <p>Free Range Egg &amp; Tomato Pasta Salad (V, DF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta</p> <p>Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (GF, EF) with Peaches</p>

## WEEK THREE

6<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Honey Roast Ham &amp; Sweetcorn Pizza (EF)</p> <p>Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (EF, V)</p> <p>Power Pasta Salad (VG)</p> <p>Corn on the Cob &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p>Cranberry Oat Cookie (EF) with Raisins</p>	<p>Beef Burger in a Bun (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Burger in a Bun (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese &amp; Slaw (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Potato Wedges with Peas &amp; Crunchy Coleslaw (GF, VG)</p> <p>Banana Cake (DF)</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Crunch Veggie Bite Wrap (VG)</p> <p>Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy</p> <p>Green Beans &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Oaty Apple Slice (EF)</p>	<p>Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Chunky Bean &amp; Veggie Chili (VG, GF)</p> <p>Egg &amp; Cress Bap (V, DF)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn</p> <p>Sultana &amp; Syrup Biscuit (EF)</p>	<p>Crispy Bubble Battered Fish Fillet (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Roll (VG)</p> <p>Salmon &amp; Cucumber Pasta Pot (DF, EF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta</p> <p>Baked Beans or Peas</p> <p>Orange &amp; Mango Iced Smoothie (GF, EF)</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.

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V VEGETARIAN  
VG VEGAN

EF EGG FREE  
DF DAIRY FREE  
GF GLUTEN FREE



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