



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last week of the after school clubs run by teachers. Apart from choir, which will not be on next week but will continue the week after parents' evening until the Spring Sing on 1st April. Tuition sessions will also still continue until Easter. Thank you to all the staff members who gave up their time voluntarily to provide these clubs and opportunities to our children.

Parent/Carer evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you at next week's teacher consultation meetings. Hopefully, you have all managed to download the Arbor app and have booked an appointment using this system. If you are having problems then please contact the school office and Mrs Ashcroft will be able to help you.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in on Wednesday 19th March to take class photos. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform on this day.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Welby who is expecting her first baby in the summer holidays.

Smoke Free Gates

As you will have seen from the information sent out a few weeks ago, Brookside is taking part in Oxfordshire County Council's 'Smoke Free Gates' programme. This is to ensure that all children, parents, staff and visitors can enter or leave the school in a smoke/vape free environment. The eco-councillors have worked hard to produce posters which are displayed on the gates. Thank you for your cooperation with this and keeping Brookside smoke/vape free for all.

World Book Day

It was wonderful to see the children dressed up as book inspired characters last Friday. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of book based activities to promote a love of reading. Hopefully, your child is enjoying the book they were given as part of Brookside's Big Book Swap. Thank you for your donations and the staff who worked very hard to coordinate this initiative.

Red Nose Day – 21st March

A reminder that we will be celebrating 40 years of Red Nose Day on 21st March. Red Noses will be on sale for a minimum donation of £2 from Monday 17th March. Children are welcome to come dressed in their best red outfit. There will also be a cake sale to raise money. Please see the email sent earlier this week for full details.



Smartphones

One of the many challenges of parenting nowadays is the impact of smartphones on children. How many arguments in your household are about 'screentime' or phone use?

The evidence is clear. Smartphones are harmful to children and are damaging their childhood and development. For the first time in human history, many children are spending more time on devices than they are playing – an activity crucial to our healthy development. Smartphones are also experience blockers, distracting children from engaging in the real world. 12-15year-olds in the UK now spend an average of 35 hours a week – equivalent to many full time jobs – on their smartphone. This leaves little time for the real world activities and relationships that enable us to learn the essential life skills we need. On top of this, there are also all of the other potential dangers of smartphone use—inappropriate content, bullying, grooming etc. If you feel your child needs a phone, there are plenty of very low cost phones that can be used for calls and text messages only.

Football Reports

Brookside boys had two matches over the last week. In the first game they took on Bure Park unfortunately falling to a 5-1 defeat. Fortunately, the second fixture brought better news as the boys managed to beat Grendon Underwood 3-1 with a fantastic team performance. A great recovery from the team.

Brookside girls took on Chesterton girls in a tight game. Chesterton took an early 2-0 lead but the girls showed great resilience and got it back to 2-1. The second half was tricky for Brookside going up the slope and we eventually fell to a 4-1 defeat. The girls never gave up and kept trying to the end, however tasted defeat for the first time.

Science Week

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Curly Wurly Challenge across all phases of the school. It was great to see your competitive sides! Well done to all children who participated and gave the challenge a go - we did not quite reach World Record lengths but our longest was 1m 69cm from two pupils in UKS2!

Diary Dates

Parents' evenings—Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March 2025

Class Photos—Wednesday 19th March 2025

End of Term - Friday 4th April 2025

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



Your School Lunch

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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)</p>	<p>Pork Sausages (EF) Veggie Sausage (VG) Ham Bap (V, DF) Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage & Vegetable Medley Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>Oriental Chicken Noodles (DF) Rustic Tomato Pasta Bake (EF, DF) Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (EF) Broccoli & Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge (V) with Pears</p>	<p>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)</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.

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The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. And, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

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