



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

**Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 5**

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5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good half term and enjoyed the time off school. This half term is always a busy and exciting one with Christmas fast approaching. We are pleased to inform you that we will be putting on Christmas productions and hope that you will be able to attend. This will be subject to the rules at the time but hopefully we will be allowed to have an audience in attendance. The dates for the Christmas productions are:

### **EYFS Nativities**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am nativity for Class EC's parents

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am nativity for Class VL's parents

### **Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Productions**

Tuesday 7th December 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8th December 1:30 p.m.

### **Key Stage 2 (Year 3,4,5 and 6) Carol Concert and FOBS Christmas Bazaar**

Thursday 16th December The bazaar starts at 3:00 p.m. and the concert is at 5:30 p.m.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We will be holding two parents' evenings on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd November. These will be in school and you will once again have the opportunity to look through your children's work books and see their classrooms. An email with the booking form will be sent out the week before.

### **BBC Children in Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

We will again be supporting the work of BBC Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be encouraged to come into school dressed as a rock star as it is the end of our TT Rockstars week. We are asking for a donation of £1 for children to wear their rock star clothes. There will be a Pudsey prize for the best dressed pupil and staff member! We will also have a range of Pudsey items for sale the week before.

### **Swimming**

Children in Y3 and Y4 have now finished their swimming lessons for the term. Lessons will restart in January 2022 with the first lesson on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

We are pleased to be supporting the work of the British Legion again this year. We have a range of commemorative items for children to purchase available from next week.

Zip pull – 50p    Reflector – 50p    Silicon Wristband - £1.00

Snap band - £1.50

Paper Poppy – 20p

Pin badge - £3

### **Menu**

A reminder that the lunch menu is continuing and a copy is on the final page of this newsletter. An updated menu with the dates is also available on the school website.

### **TT Rockstars Competition**

Next week, we have our annual TT Rockstars competition for England Rocks 2021. This is a national competition with thousands of schools taking part. Over the past two years, Brookside have done remarkably well finishing in the top 100 schools in the country. Can we make it three years running? The competition starts at 7.30am on Monday and finishes at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th November. Please encourage your child to log on to TT Rockstars at home to have fun earning points while learning their times tables. There are lots of prizes to be won including a rocktastic pizza party for the children who finish in the top 50 places for our school. Let's get Brookside rockin'!

### **Horrible Histories**

This week, the Year 5 children all thoroughly enjoyed a very special visit to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre; from the double decker bus that arrived to transport us there, to the exciting opportunities to meet many of the crazy characters from Britain's barmy past! The children particularly enjoyed wearing the 3D glasses during the show although the skull of Elizabeth 1st hurtling towards us was a little frightening!

It was wonderful to see the children so pleased to be venturing out together once again, everyone represented Brookside really well and had a fantastic time to together.

### **Year 6 Residential**

Children in Year 6 had an exciting week of outdoor activities in Norfolk this week. A big thank you to Mr Simpson, Mr Harrison and Miss Naidu for taking the children on this residential.

### **PGCE students**

Welcome to Mr Parsons (Class LD) and Mr Fortune (Class CP) who will be with us until the end of term as part of their school placements on their PGCE. We hope they enjoy their time at Brookside and working with our children.

### **Video streaming on TV and online**

A polite reminder to parents to monitor what your children are watching on your TV or online. We have had a few children discussing a programme which is on Netflix which is not suitable for children in primary school. This has caused upset to other children who have no idea what programme their friends are talking about.

### **FoBs**

A big thank you from FoBS for your support with the Halloween Discos. We have made a profit of £538 for the school from this event! Now on to Christmas. Christmas card designs and order forms should now have been received for all children. Orders can be made online and will be delivered direct to home. We will once again resume our Christmas Bazaar, a slightly smaller version than previous years but with all the popular stalls and crafts still in place. Please come and join us and help to raise more funds for the school. This will take place after school on the same day as the KS2 performance and food and drink will also be available. We will be holding a non uniform day in exchange for chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola in early December. All dates included at the end of the Newsletter.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 22nd November/Tuesday 23rd November—Parents' evenings

Friday 3rd December—Non Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate (FoBS)

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EYFS Christmas Storytime—Monday 13th December 4:30 p.m.

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Thursday 16th December The bazaar starts at 3:00 p.m. and the concert is at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December—End of Term (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza	BRUNCH DAY	Roast British Pork with Apple sauce	ITALIAN DAY	Golden Fish Fingers
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	All Day Breakfast (Sausage, Bacon, Omelette)	Quorn Roast (V)	Chicken Pasta Napoli	Homemade Veggie sausage roll (V)
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Baked Potato with Baked Beans and Summer slaw (V)	Veggie All Day Breakfast (Quorn Sausage, Grilled Halloumi, Omelette) (V)	Mixed veggie noodle pot (V)	Veggie Pasta Carbonara (V)	Egg & Cress Roll (V)
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Carrots Peas	Tuna Melt Bap	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire pudding with Gravy	Chicken Caesar Wrap	Chips or pasta
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Fresh Salads	Hash Brown Tomatoes	Cauliflower Carrots	Garlic Bread	Baked Beans Peas
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Orange Biscuit	Banana Cake	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Rocket Iced Lolly with fruit
				Sicilian Lemon Cookie	

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Pepperoni Pizza	ASIAN DAY	Roast British Gammon Joint	SPORTY DAY	Crispy bubble Battered Fish Fillet
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Chicken Teriyaki	Quorn Roast (V)	Jumping Jackets with Tuna	Cheese Whirls (v)
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Baked Potato with BBQ Beans (V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (V)	Salmon and Cucumber Pasta pot	Faster Pasta Bake (V)	Ham and Tomato wrap
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Baked corn on the cob	Asian Couscous Salad pot (V)	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Egg & Spoon Roll (V)	Chips or Pasta
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Summer Slaw Peas	Rice	Summer Greens Carrots	Runner Beans Speedy Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Peach Traybake	Mango & Orange Smoothie	Comflake Crunch with Pineapple	Hopsotch Cake	Ice Cream Roll with Fruit
28 <sup>th</sup> March					

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8 <sup>th</sup> November	Ham & Sweetcorn Pizza	AMERICAN DAY	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	CLIMATE DAY	Harry Ramsden Battered fish with Lemon wedges
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Quorn Roast (V)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Veggie Samosas (V)
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Baked Potato with Cheese & Crunchy Coleslaw (V)	Veggie hotdog (V)	Pasta Pot with Ham and Tomato	Tex Mex Taco Bowls (V)	Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Peas Carrots	BBQ Pulled Pork Sub	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Egg & Tomato Bap (V)	Chips or Pasta
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Cranberry Oat Cookie	Potato Wedges	Cauliflower Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
14 <sup>th</sup> March		Boston Beans Baked corn on the cob	Cornflake crispy slice with Sultana Pot	Melting Moment with Peach Slices	Jelly with fruit
4 <sup>th</sup> April		Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie			

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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Thames Valley Police and the Fire and Rescue Services across Thames Valley are urging people to take extra care at Bonfire Night parties.

Having your own fireworks party or celebrating with family and friends can be great fun. But by far the safest way to enjoy these seasonal activities is to attend a professionally organised event.

We want everyone to enjoy a safe and trouble-free Bonfire Night and are working closely with Trading Standards to ensure fireworks aren't sold to those who are under 18.

Please think of others and remember that fireworks shouldn't be let off between 11pm and 7am.

If you are holding your own fireworks party please don't put your family or friends at risk, follow the safety advice below for a safe home display.

**Always remember to follow the fireworks code:**

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit
- Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors

More information can be found on the Thames Valley Police website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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