



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your generous donations of cakes and money for Children In Need today. The children enjoyed wearing spotty clothes and being able to buy cakes to support this event.



## **TT Rockstars Competition**

The TT Rockstars competition, 'England Rocks' certainly rocked KS2 at Brookside this week and what an astounding effort everyone put in! We are really pleased with our position of 50<sup>th</sup> place in the leader board out of 4,359 schools in the country. The top 50 scorers have all enjoyed a pizza party this afternoon to celebrate their success! A special well done to our top 3 scoring players –

First place – Molly (AW)

Second place – Jun (CS)

Third place – Lily (CS)

Thank you to Miss Wise for organising this and motivating our children to perform so well.

## **Safeguarding**

As part of our role in ensuring that children are kept safe both inside and outside school we have recently had visitors to school from Chiltern Railways and the RNLI to speak to the children. We are grateful to the representatives of the two organisations for coming to speak to the children.

## **Chiltern Railways**

All children in Years Three and Four took part in a session with Chris from Chiltern Railways. During the session they learnt about the company and where their trains run. They also spoke about the importance of staying safe whilst at the train stations in Bicester as well as when walking near the railway. The children demonstrated a really good knowledge of how to stay safe and learn that they must never run along a platform and also to stay behind the yellow line. They spoke about what to do if there is an issue on the trains and what to do if they feel unsafe. If your child is in Y3/4 please take some time to speak to them about what they learnt during the assembly.

## **Royal National Lifeboat Association**

Children in Y5/6 had a visit from Gareth from the RNLI this week. He spoke to them about the role of the RNLI in keeping boats and people safe along the coasts of the British Isles. He also spoke more generally about water safety along the rivers, canals, brooks and lakes which are more local to Bicester. Children learnt about how to 'Be Safe and Have Fun'. Staff were really impressed with the children's knowledge of what dangers there might be along the coast and water bodies in the UK. All children learnt about what to do if their friends fall in and also how to float if they fall into water.

## **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to the children who donated money to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We spoke about the work of the Poppy Appeal during assembly last Friday and it was great to speak to children who took part in Remembrance Sunday services with their uniformed organisations last weekend.

## **School Uniform**

As the cold weather has started in the last couple of weeks can we please remind you of the School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child attends school with a coat each day (even if the weather looks okay when they leave home) as we try to go outside in most weathers. If there is drizzle and your child does not have a coat they may be asked to shelter from the rain on their playground until the rain eases. A reminder that all children who choose to wear trousers or shorts should ensure that these are school style trousers or shorts. Leggings and tracksuit bottoms should not be worn on the days children are wearing school uniform. Black or grey tracksuit bottoms (unbranded) can be worn on PE days. Socks should be plain socks.

## **Student Update Forms**

All parents should have received a student update form during parent consultations. Please ensure that you return this to school. Mrs Ashcroft will be contacting all parents who have not returned their form over the next couple of weeks. We have to update this information annually.

## **Photographs**

A reminder that the photographer is coming to Brookside on Wednesday 22nd November to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform on this day. Any parents who have siblings that do not attend the school can arrive at 0815 for a sibling photograph. Please arrive and queue at the doors to the Sports Hall opposite the School Office.

## **Uniform Black Friday Sale**

MAPAC are holding a Black Friday sale between 24th—27th November. There will be 15% off everything if you use the code BF2023 at the checkout.

## **FoBS—sELFie with Santa**

The man himself will be making an appearance at our Christmas bazaar again this year. Timed entry tickets to the Grotto will be on sale Monday 27th November – Thursday 30th November from 3pm at the EYFS gate. Tickets are £3 which include meeting Santa, time for sELFie's and of course, a present. Card payments can be made.

### Food Bank and other financial support

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting all of us at home and at work. As a school we are able to support families by providing food bank vouchers, hygiene packs and beauty packs. We are also able to signpost parents to support from the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that you are receiving the correct benefits from the Government. If you would like any further support, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or Mr Watt via the office. Any additional support of this type does not appear on your child's school record and will remain confidential. This may be particularly important in the run up to Christmas.

### Bicester Open Doors Café

A reminder that Bicester Open Doors Café is available for anyone each Friday at the Methodist Church in Sheep Street from noon until 1.30pm. They turn surplus food into tasty meals for anyone who wishes to attend.

### Afterschool Clubs

Please note that next week is the last week for afterschool clubs apart from Choir. Choir will finish on Tuesday 12th December. The last date for all other clubs is Friday 24th November.

### Diary Dates

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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STARTS FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER!**

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# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
• TOGETHER •

## WEEK ONE October 30<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup> April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## WEEK TWO November 6<sup>th</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## WEEK THREE November 13<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>

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