



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

Newsletter Spring Term Issue 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term is going well and children are enjoying learning about new topics across the curriculum.

## Book Swap

Is your bookshelf getting a little crowded? Did you get some new books for Christmas to replace those you've read?

In need of a book spring clean?

Brookside is looking to organise a Big Book Swap in a few weeks' time. We are asking for any unwanted children's books that you've grown out of or no longer want to read. You can donate one book or as many as you like. We will then group them according to age and invite everyone (whether you've brought in a book or not) to the book swap to choose a new read for free!

Just hand your books to your class teacher and we will do the rest. Please can we ask that

all books donated are in reasonable condition. Thank you for helping us to continue to promote a love of reading at Brookside.



## NSPCC Assembly

All children in Y1 to Y6 took part in a special assembly on Monday during which they watched an assembly led by Ant and Dec. A letter was sent about this last week which gave some resources which parents might like to discuss with their children at home. All children have then completed lessons in their classroom with their teacher and teaching assistant which reminded them of the importance of 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'.

## School Clubs

It has been great this week seeing children taking part in after school clubs. There are spaces still available in girls' football for children in Y4, 5 and 6. Clubs will run each week school is open until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Information about clubs for the summer term will be shared after the Easter break. Thank you to the teachers and teaching assistants who volunteer their time to run these clubs for the children.

## New School Menu from after half term

We have now received the new menu from the school caterers. This is being finalised at the moment to ensure that it meets the needs of all children in school. We hope to share this with you in the next couple of weeks and it will start after the half term holiday. Should you have any feedback about the school menu please email the school office with your thoughts. If your child has any dietary requirements and you have not informed the school office, please call or email as soon as possible so that we can ensure that you get the dietary requirement menu and that you have completed the diet form.

## Cold Weather

Please ensure that your child attends school with a coat each day, particularly during this cold weather. There has been a large number of children attending school this week without a coat to wear at breaktime and lunchtime.

## Attendance

We know that there are a number of colds and winter illnesses which are impacting the health of the children at Brookside. It remains important that your children attend school each day to ensure that they do not miss any essential learning. There are a few children who are late to school, this has an impact on their ability to settle into the first lesson of the day. Please ensure that you call or email the school office by 9.30am each day your child is absent from school.

## Cost of Living

We realise that the cost of living crisis is impacting the lives of many of us at the moment. As a school we continue to be able to provide FoodBank vouchers as well as being able to signpost to organisations who might be able to provide additional support to families. Cherwell District Council have provided this [website](#) which has some useful information specific to Bicester which you may find useful.

## Bicester Foodbank

No child or adult should have to face going hungry and this is why the Bicester foodbank will provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to the people of Bicester who are referred to them. They are part of the Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. If you would like a foodbank voucher then please contact the school office or your child's class teacher. A food voucher is emailed to you or printed out for you with information about how to collect it. *The foodbank is now open on a Saturday morning from 10am until 12 midday, making it easier for working parents to access the food bank.*

## Cycle Training

Well done to Harry, Lucas, Connor, Max S, Ina, Jake, Robyn, Buster and Franciszek in Year 6 who completed their cycle training last week in cold and wet conditions. Thank you to Miss Sadie for leading this training and to Mr Naidu, Mr Stewart, Mr Ashcroft, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Elliot for helping the children learn these important skills.

## Diary Dates

Monday 13th February—Friday 17th Half Term

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March—Parents' evenings

Friday 31st March—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
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Ham Pizza	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Battered Fish
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	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)
	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 Cookie & Fruit Portion	Steamed Broccoli Mixed Bean Salad	Savoy Cabbage Carrots	Apple Crumble & Cream	Baked Beans Peas
	<b>AND WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY</b>	Chocolate & Pear Sponge	Fruit Jelly		Vanilla Ice Cream
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WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Pepperoni Pizza	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Roast Chicken Breast & Gravy	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Fish Fingers
30 <sup>th</sup> January	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	Cheese Bap (V)	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Egg & Cress Bap (V)	Chips or Pasta
	Corn on the Cob	Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Cauliflower Green Beans	Carrots Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Lemon Cookie & Orange Wedge	Flapjack & Sultanas	Orange & Mango Smoothie	Peach Sponge	Rocket Lolly

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Ham Pizza	Pork Sausages in Onion Gravy	Roast Pork Loin & Gravy	Chicken & Leek Pie	Battered Fish
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Vegetarian Sausage and Onion Gravy (V)	Quorn Roast & Gravy (V)	Veggie Chilli & Rice (V)	Cheese Whirl (V)
	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 Cookie	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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