



Learning for Life

Brookside Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Across the school, pupils have made an excellent start to the new academic year. They have settled quickly into school routines and are engaging enthusiastically with their learning across the curriculum.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Wednesday 23rd September. Individual photographs will be taken during the school day, and there will also be an opportunity for sibling photographs for children who attend Brookside.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full school uniform on this day.

Further information regarding photograph proofs and ordering arrangements will be provided by the photography company next week.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs run by school staff start next week. These clubs provide children with valuable opportunities to develop new skills, discover interests and gain experiences beyond the classroom. This term we are pleased to offer choir, colouring, construction, Lego, sports, football, board games, yoga, homework and film clubs. Thank you to all of the staff who generously give up their time to organise and run these activities.

Rocksteady

Do you have a budding musician at home? We currently have spaces available in our Rocksteady music sessions on Thursdays. Rocksteady offers children the opportunity to learn an instrument, develop their singing skills and experience the excitement of playing and performing as part of a band. Sessions are fun, engaging and help to build confidence, teamwork and a lifelong love of music. Lessons are led by Mat, a talented musician and experienced music teacher who inspires children to

grow in confidence while developing their musical skills.

If your child is interested in joining Rocksteady, please contact the school office for further information and details on how to sign up. We would love to see more of our young musicians getting involved.

Brookside Book Fair

Please visit our book fair to discover new books for your children to read with you at home. We have a fantastic offer of 3 books for the price of 2, so come along and grab a bargain. It will take place in the main hall after school from 3.20pm on Thursday 24th to Tuesday 29th September. When you buy books you also support the school by us receiving free books for your children to use. We look forward to seeing you there.



EYFS Water Play

You may have spotted the new water play area which Mr Smith (retired site manager) kindly made and installed for EYFS this week. The children are really enjoying exploring water in an exciting way. Many thanks to Mr Smith for all the hard work, creativity and continued support of the EYFS at Brookside.

In true Mr Smith style he has written a poem...

Mr Smith returned to school today
 To build something for the kids to play
 Measure, cut, drill and screw
 Looks like he may know what to do
 Trial and error and recycled parts
 Miss Carter thinks it's a work of art
 (It's a play thing)



Parking on Bucknell Road

We have recently received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking at the start and end of the school day, including vehicles blocking driveways and parking on the pavement/double yellow lines.

These actions are not only illegal but also create unsafe conditions for children, families and other road users. They also cause significant inconvenience to our neighbours and do not reflect the values of our school community.

We respectfully ask all parents to park considerately, legally and safely at all times. Where possible, please consider walking, cycling or scooting to school instead. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe and for showing respect to our neighbours and the wider community.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23 rd September	School Photos
Thursday 24 th - Tuesday 29 th September	Book Fair
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 18 th December	End of Term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside Primary School