



# Brookside Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term break. This half term is always a busy and enjoyable term with many special events for Christmas only a few weeks away. It was good to see so many parents attending the parents' evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your children's books and discuss their learning and progress with teachers.

### Children in Need

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be fundraising for Children in Need once again. We will be hosting a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation as well as a bake sale. Please bring your donations of sweet treats to school on Friday so that we can sell these during break and lunchtimes. Also, we now have Children in Need merchandise for sale and will bring this around to classes each afternoon next week – pin badges costing £1 each. Hopefully, you will have received the letter detailing the event in full. In previous years, we have been incredibly thankful for your generous donations and we are really hopeful for another successful year of fundraising! Thank you for your support and to Miss Wise for organising this event at Brookside.



### TTRS England Rocks Competition 2022

Next week is our annual TT Rockstars competition where we compete against schools across the whole country. All children in KS2 will take part, starting at 7.30am on Monday 14th November and ending at 7.30pm on Wednesday 16th November. Points can be earned in any game type between the hours of 7.30am and 7.30pm each day. Children will also have a 1 hour time limit each day - any points earned after the 60 minutes will not count in the competition. There will be certificates and prizes for the highest scoring children in each class and children who finish in the Top 50 leaderboard will be invited to a Rocktastic pizza party on Friday! We have done extremely well in this competition in previous years – last year we finished 42<sup>nd</sup> out of over 4000 schools. What position can we reach this year? Let's get Brookside rocking those tables again! Thank you to Mrs Duncan for organising this.

### Football Report

Yesterday, Mr Harrison took 9 year 5 and 6 girls to a Bicester Partnership Football Competition. The girls competed brilliantly and really enjoyed the games, displaying some excellent skill. Special mention to Ina, Scarlett and Esther who played brilliantly well. Mr Harrison said that it was a pleasure to take the girls and they were a credit to the school, representing Brookside in a real positive manner. Hopefully, more girls will now take part in football at Brookside or local clubs.

### Parking Problems

We have had a complaint from a resident of Bucknell Road that one of our parents parked across their drive when dropping off their child. Please park considerately and legally when dropping off or collecting your child.

### Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, you need to apply for a reception place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends our nursery. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2023. You can apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) – it's quick, easy and secure. If you need any help applying then please come into the school office.

### Staff News

Mrs Ward is leaving Brookside today to join another school. We would like to thank Mrs Ward for her hard work in Early Years over the last few years and wish her well in her new job.

Welcome to Mrs Thackway who joined Brookside recently as a teaching assistant in Year 3.

Welcome to Mrs Belton who has joined the kitchen team as catering supervisor at Brookside.

### Christmas Events

Please see the end of this newsletter for the dates and times of the Christmas productions and events.

### Clubs

A reminder that all clubs finish during the week ending 2nd December. Clubs will restart the week beginning 16th January. You will be sent more details about this in the new year.

### Student Update Forms

Please can you return these forms by Wednesday 16th November if you have yet to do so. It is vital that we have up to date contact details for you and your children. Thank you for completing these forms.

### Term Dates 2022/2023

Following the announcement of the additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May for the Coronation of His Majesty The King the term dates have been updated. [Term dates 2022/2023](#)

## Parent Governor

We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

A governor gives their time, skills and expertise in a voluntary capacity, to help their school provide children with the best possible education. Governing bodies are accountable for the strategic direction of their school and for the quality of education provided. We don't expect you to be an expert in education and welcome parents from all walks of life to bring different perspectives and views.

If you are interested please contact the Chair of Governors at the school on [office.2202@brookside.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2202@brookside.oxon.sch.uk)

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th December and Wednesday 7th December —Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 7th December—EYFS Nativity 9:30 a.m. for **Class EC parents (2 tickets per family)**

Thursday 8th December—EYFS Nativity 9:30 a.m. for **Class VL parents (2 tickets per family)**

Thursday 15th December—KS2 Carol Concert 5:30 p.m. (Christmas Bazaar from 3pm)

Monday 19th December - Christmas lunch

End of term— Tuesday 20th December (school finishes at 3:00 p.m. for all pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

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## Community News

# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ham Pizza	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Battered Fish
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	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)
September 5 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	Jacket Potato with Tuna & Sweetcorn Mayo	Noodle & Vegetable Stir Fry (V)	Cheese & Tomato Bap (V)	Pulled Pork Wrap	Ham and Tomato Pasta Pot
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	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
		Chocolate & Pear Sponge	Fruit Jelly		Vanilla Ice Cream

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pepperoni Pizza	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Roast Chicken Breast & Gravy	<b>CLIMATE DAY</b>	Fish Fingers
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Mediterranean Pasta Bake (V)	Quorn Fillet & Gravy (V)	Summer Quiche (V) & New Potatoes	Veggie Sausage Roll (V)
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Stuffed Roasted Red Peppers (V)	Salmon & Cucumber Wrap	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Ham & Tomato Pasta Pot
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red Apple Slaw Corn on the Cob	Cheese Bap (V)	Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Egg & Cress Bap (V)	Chips or Pasta
	Lemon Cookie & Orange Wedge	Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Cauliflower Green Beans	Carrots Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
		Flapjack & Sultanas	Orange & Mango Smoothie	Peach Sponge	Rocket Lolly

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ham Pizza	Pork Sausages in Onion Gravy	Roast Pork Loin & Gravy	Chicken & Leek Pie	Battered Fish
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V)	Vegetarian Sausage and Onion Gravy (V)	Quorn Roast & Gravy (V)	Veggie Chilli & Rice (V)	Cheese Whirl (V)
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jacket Potato and Baked Beans (V)	Seasonal Vegetable Pasta Pot (V)	Tuna Melt Bap	Ham & Tomato Wrap	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Pot
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	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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