



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, we hope you had a good Christmas and enjoyed the time off school and work. The children have all returned to school full of enthusiasm for the new term ahead.

Family Fitness - Exciting FAST programme at Brookside Primary School

You and your child are invited to take part together in the FAST programme running at Brookside Primary School every Monday 15:30 – 16:30 (excluding half term). The first session will be on Monday 20th January and will run for 10 weeks. The programme offers a **FREE after school family activity programme** with Cherwell District Council's qualified Youth Activators and coaches in a variety of different sporting activities including Football, Netball, Cricket, Multi Sport games and play.

If you would like to be part of the 10-week programme please can you book your places through the school by Wednesday 13th January. Places are limited to 40 children and parents in total.

What is the FAST programme?

The FAST programme is an exciting new programme with the aim being to make it easier and accessible for families to enjoy physical activity and sport together.

The FAST programme will provide:

- FREE physical activity 10 week family programme in Primary Schools

- FREE locally-based activity sessions in parks and community centres

- FREE FAST card with heavily reduced local offers such as swims for £3 (instead of £13), reduced food offers and many more

- Resource packs and equipment to help families continue their favourite activities in their own time.

And much more – Keep an eye on our website for the latest incentives and details of the programme;

FAST Card

In order to register at the sessions at your school you need to sign up to get a FAST card which also entitles you to great heavily reduced and free offers / activities that are available to you locally.

To register you will need to fill in the application on the link below or search FAST card on the Cherwell District Council website;

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/3/leisure-and-culture/107/be-active-more-often/3>

We look forward to welcoming you on the FAST programme. Further details can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

Tin Forest

Children and staff have been working incredibly hard this week with Max and Andy two artistes who have been leading the children in making puppets and instruments. These will be used this afternoon to bring The Tin Forest alive which is the book we have been exploring all week. Thank you to those parents who supported your children in producing animals for the exhibition which will be open after school today. You are welcome to come and have a look at 3pm this afternoon.

The exhibition will remain in place until after parents evening, so make sure you find some time to find your child's work.

Thank you to Miss Sadie who has led the project this week which has been supported by the National Association of Primary Education, Oxfordshire branch who have provided funding for this week's project.

Internet Safety

Many children will have received tablets, consoles and devices for Christmas. There are many benefits to technology but children's usage needs to be monitored. We recommend that children do not have devices in their bedrooms and are turned off well before bedtime. A good night's sleep is really important for children.

Staff news

Our home school link worker, Gemma Carter, is leaving Brookside today. We wish her well in her new job and every success for the future.

Payments

We mentioned in the final newsletter of 2019 that we are asking that all meals, breakfast club and after school club payments are paid in advance. This helps to save time and money chasing outstanding payments. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Teachers will be running a range of extra-curriculum clubs this term. They will start from Monday 20th January and run until Friday 20th March. There will be no clubs the two weeks before the Easter break. Clubs take place from 3pm until 4pm and letters explaining more about the clubs will be given to children next week. Choir has already started and runs until 4.30pm each Thursday.

Please speak to the school office should you wish your child to take place in a club and you have not received a letter.

After School Club continues to run until 6pm each day that school is open. Please speak to Mrs Hekimova for more information

Extra Curriculum Clubs

Teacher	Club	Day and location	Collection Point
Miss Lewis and Mrs Davies	Creative Club (KS1)	Wednesday	Class VL
Mr Plumbe	KS1 Sports Club	Wednesday	Class CP
Miss Wise	KOBS (KS2)	Wednesday	Y3/4 door
Mrs Duncan	To be announced		
Mr Harrison	Football (Y5/6)	Tuesday	Y3/4 door
Mrs Cooper	Sports Club (Y5/6)	Tuesday	Y5/6 door
Miss Mooney	Homework (KS2)	Tuesday	Y5/6 door
Mr Simpson	To be announced		
Mrs Twitchen and Mrs Aston	Handwriting and Maths Club (for invited children)	Monday	Y3/4 door

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance during the last two weeks.

	Week Beginning 6th January
Class BM	
Class DF	
Class CP	
Class AW	
Class LD	
Class FH	
Class CC	
Class RM/TS	
Class CS	

Colgate Recycling

A reminder that we continue to recycle toothbrushes and other dental items as below.



Dates for your diary

Half Term Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

Parents' Evening Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March

End of Term Friday 3rd April (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



Families Active, Sporting Together

An exciting new family programme is making it easier for families to enjoy sports and leisure together.

New offers

Available January - April 2020



Family swim
**ONLY
£3**
with your
FAST card

Banbury

- ◆ **Family swim at Spiceball Leisure Centre** (2 adults and up to 3 children) normally £13 but £3 with FAST card
- ◆ **Woodgreen leisure centre gym offer** £2 for adult and child together Mon – Fri 3:30- 5:30pm and anytime at weekends (*children must be aged 11 and over to use the gym*)
- ◆ **Free entry to all Banbury United football games**
- ◆ **Banbury United family session** Sundays 9:30 – 11:30am (includes FREE hot drink)
- ◆ **Hawkes Sport Ltd** - 10% discount off sports equipment
- ◆ **Mulberry Café** - 10% off food and drink

Bicester

- ◆ **Family swim at Bicester Leisure Centre** (2 adults and up to 3 children) normally £13 but £3 with FAST card
- ◆ **Leisure centre gym offer** £2 for adult and child together Mon – Fri 3:30- 5:30pm and anytime at weekends (*children must be aged 11 and over to use the gym*)
- ◆ **Bicester Bowl** - £3 a game instead of £12.30
- ◆ **Table Tennis at Bicester Leisure Centre** - £1.50 a game instead of £6.80
- ◆ **Clip 'n Climb offer** - 15% off open climbs Monday – Friday
- ◆ **Clip 'n Climb** - Thursday at 4pm - £2.95 (instead of £12.95) phone up to book or turn up to the session.
- ◆ **Bicester Boxing club** family circuit - £1 instead of £5 on Mondays
- ◆ **Copper Kitchen** - 10% off food and drink

Kidlington

- ◆ **Family swim at Kidlington Leisure Centre** (2 adults and up to 3 children) normally £13 but £3 with FAST card
- ◆ **Leisure centre gym offer** £2 for adult and child together Mon – Fri 3:30- 5:30pm and anytime at weekends (*children must be aged 11 and over to use the gym*)
- ◆ **Table Tennis at Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre** - £1.50 a game instead of £6.80
- ◆ **Family tennis sessions at Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre**, starts 27 January, 4:30 – 5:30pm (6-week programme normally £25 but £10 with FAST card and includes racket)

To access these offers you must have a FAST card

Your card will give you access to these and subsequent offers. Take the card with you each time you attend an activity.

Sign up for your FAST card www.cherwell.gov.uk/FAST

