



# Brookside Primary School

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**Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 7**

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Dear Parents,

Monday was a special morning at Brookside as we began our Christmas celebrations. The whole school enjoyed decorating our tree and turning on our Christmas lights. A big thank you to Mr Smith for putting up the lights and making the hall look magical. We are looking forward to the productions next week and carol concert in the final week of term.

## **Christmas Dinner**

On Wednesday 18th December we are having our Christmas lunch. There is no need to pre-order, but the meal needs to be paid for in ParentPay if your child is in Years 3-6. Children who have packed lunches can bring in a special festive lunch on this day. Children are all welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish.

## **The Big Sing**

Well done to Miss Sadie and the children in the choir who performed at The Big Sing in Oxford Town Hall last week. The children enjoyed performing with a number of other Oxfordshire Schools at this festive concert. Thank you to Mrs Aston and Mr Watt for attending this event.



## **Non Uniform Day Friday 13th December**

Children can come to school in their own clothes next Friday in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the FOBS Christmas Bazaar. Thank you for your generous donations.

## **Photography during School Productions/Events**

We are sure many of you are looking forward to the school productions next week. At Brookside we ask that all images taken of the school production are taken for personal use only. Parents should not take shots of any child other than their own (except incidentally as part of a group shot). No photographs which include children other than your own should appear on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or elsewhere on the internet. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **Staff News**

Mrs Flack is leaving at the end of the term, after 20 years at Brookside. We would like to thank Mrs Flack for her hard work during this time and wish her well for the future.

## **NSPCC - Speak out, Stay Safe – Safeguarding**

All children in Y1-Y6 took part in the Speak out, Stay safe programme from the NSPCC Childline earlier this week. This national programme which is delivered in every state school in the country encourages children to ensure that they speak to a trusted adult about anything which concerns them. Please spend some time looking at the online resources which the NSPCC have on their website and if you have any questions about the content of this programme please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **Clubs**

After school clubs run by teachers and teaching assistants have now finished. They will restart during the week beginning 20th January. After School Club continues to run each day school is open – please email [afterschoolclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@brookside.oxon.sch.uk) to book.

## **Swimming**

Children in Y3 and Y4 will be swimming next term. The first swimming session will be on Tuesday 7th January which is the first day back after Christmas. A further email will be sent about swimming next week which we encourage parents to read carefully.

## **E-Safety - Computer games and apps**

As Christmas approaches we would like to encourage parents to consider the computer games and apps which your children are playing or watching their siblings or parents play. It is important that you safeguard your child from playing or viewing verbally and physically aggressive games. This website, <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>, provides information for parents on most common games and apps. Provided by the NSPCC and O2 it provides up to date information.

## **Cross Country**

Well done to all those children in KS1 and Years 5 and 6 who qualified for the Oxfordshire Cross Country Event at Sibford School on Friday 29th November. The track was hard and muddy, but everyone did incredibly well, all finishing within the top 60 in the county. A special congratulations goes to Noran who came 3rd out of all the KS1 girls across the county. Thank you to Mrs Cooper and parents who attended this event.



## Attendance

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

	Week Beginning 25th November	Week Beginning 2nd December
Class BM	91%	90%
Class DF	96%	98%
Class CP	95%	98%
Class AW	98%	98%
Class LD	97%	99%
Class FH	96%	96%
Class CC	95%	97%
Class RM/TS	92%	98%
Class CS	93%	94%

## Flu Vaccinations

Please ensure that you have submitted permission for your child to have the flu vaccination by this evening. Children will receive the nasal spray during the day on Thursday 12th December.

## Dates for your diary

KS1 Christmas Production	Monday 9th December 1:30 p.m. Tuesday 10th December 1:30 p.m.
EYFS Christmas Production	Wednesday 11th December 9:30 a.m. Thursday 12th December 1:30 p.m.
KS2 Carol Concert and FOBS Christmas Bazaar	Wednesday 18th December Bazaar from 3:00 p.m. Concert at 5:30 p.m.
End of Term	Thursday 19th December (3:00 p.m. finish)
INSET Day	Monday 6th January 2020 (school closed)
Spring Term starts	Tuesday 7th January 2020

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside