



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 8

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and successful term at Brookside and the summer holidays are a very distant memory. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativities last week and the Key Stage 2 carol concert yesterday evening. I am always impressed by how the children and staff put on such fantastic productions. It is such a pleasure to see children enjoying themselves at these events.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work during the last term and particularly during this very busy festive period.

We wish all children, parents, governors and staff a very Happy Christmas and peaceful new year. We look forward to seeing the children for the start of the spring term on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all members of FOBs for working so hard in planning and running the Christmas Bazaar. We hope you all enjoyed the event which was really enjoyable and helps to raise valuable funds for the school.

Recycling

We are pleased to be supporting the Oxfordshire Oral Health Improvement team, which is led by one of our parents, in this recycling initiative.

The Colgate Oral Care Recycling Programme recycles the following oral care items;

- Any brand of toothpaste tubes and caps (please remove as much toothpaste as possible)
- Any brand of toothbrush outer packaging
- Any brand of toothbrush cartons
- Any brand of electric and battery toothbrush heads
- Any brand of toothbrushes

Thank you for your support in our latest recycling initiative. We continue to accept batteries for recycling. Boxes for both recycling initiatives are in the School entrance hall.

ParentPay

Please can you ensure that all meals, breakfast club and afterschool club payments are made in advance on ParentPay. We will be enforcing this more strictly in January. Thank you to all parents who always pay in advance, this saves a lot of time and money chasing outstanding payments.

Atomic Tom

Children in Key stage 1 and Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from Atomic Tom on Tuesday. Key Stage 1 had a Christmas Science assembly and Year 3 and 4 had Christmas science workshops. These fun sessions helped to bring Science to life and the children really enjoyed them.

Cycling

Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who took part in cycle training this week. Thank you to Miss Sadie, Mrs Warwas, Mrs Elliott, Mr Campbell and Mr Stewart who made this important training possible for our children.

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 the Christmas holiday.

Staff News

We are looking forward to two new staff members joining Brookside in January. Mr Verschoyle will be teaching Year 1 and 2 in key stage 1. Mrs Stanleigh is joining our teaching assistant team and will be working three days per week.

Attendance

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

	Week Beginning 9th December	Week Beginning 16th December
Class BM	97.78	92.19
Class DF	96.00	89.07
Class CP	97.41	98.41
Class AW	92.67	91.98
Class LD	97.59	97.04
Class FH	95.86	90.24
Class CC	97.59	95.10
Class RM/TS	94.67	85.05
Class CS	93.70	92.11

Dates for your diary

INSET Day	Monday 6th January 2020 (school closed)
Spring Term starts	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2020
Parents' Evenings	Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March 2020

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside