



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a good half term break last week.

Brookside remains open during the lockdown but we have amended our risk assessment in light of the new restrictions in place across England.

As you will be aware from the letter sent out on Wednesday we kindly request that all parents wear face masks (unless medically exempt) whilst on the school site. In addition, we ask that only one parent accompanies children and you leave the site as soon as you have dropped off or collected your children. The law now states that we can only meet one other person in a public outside space. This also applies to schools so please do not gather in groups of more than 2 (excluding household members). This is to minimise risks to the school community and keep everyone safe.

Parents' Evenings

Next week we are holding our online parent/teacher meetings using Microsoft Teams. You should have received a letter with your appointment time and a link to the meeting. Please check the link works and you have the Teams app downloaded before the meeting.

Christmas at Brookside

Sadly, this Christmas will not be the same at Brookside due to the current restrictions in place. Unfortunately, there will not be any Christmas performances or concerts this year. However, we will ensure there is still lots of festive fun for the children at the end of the term. Further details will follow in future newsletters.

Library Book Review Competition

Win £10!

The book review competition deadline has been extended to Friday 13th November.

Simply log on to the school library website and leave a book review giving a brief synopsis of the book and why you would recommend it or why it wasn't your cup of tea. There are £10 book vouchers up for grabs for the best review in each phase of the school including EYFS. Don't forget you can reserve books online and have them delivered to your classroom! <https://apps.libresoft.co.uk/9312202-fpzkc1b69pg90ep18e1o-bps/>

Poppy Appeal

A reminder that poppies and other items are available in school. If you would like to donate to this excellent cause then please send your donation in an envelope and the item requested will be sent to your child's class. Items available are on the second page of this newsletter.

E-Safety – Remote Education

Should there be a need for your child to self-isolate we will provide work for your child. This will take various formats, but will include an element of online work. It is therefore important that you consider how to keep your child safe online and how to ensure that their screen time does not come excessive each day. At the end of this newsletter is a poster which I would encourage you to take some time to read with some tips on how to support your child when they are completing the remote education work set by Brookside.

Pastoral Support at Brookside for the whole family

We are aware of a number of parents who have been made redundant or have reduced income due to furlough. As a school we may be able to support you with some elements of this, please email or call the school office if you think that there is anything we may be able to do to help. This may involve putting you in touch with other support agencies who can provide additional help during the Coronavirus lockdown and beyond. We also have two learning mentors in school who will be able to provide pastoral support for your child's social, emotional and mental health.

Bicester Community Fridge

The volunteers who run the community fridge are aiming to continue to run the fridge during the second lockdown. The fridge is available for all community members and aims to stop food going to waste. It is located in the car park of the Garth on the Launton Road. Please follow the Community Fridge on Facebook to check its daily opening hours. The foodbank also continues to run, please speak to Mr Watt should you wish to use the foodbank as you will require a voucher.

FOBS

Hopefully you have all seen our raffle announcements along with all the prizes that can be won! At a price of 50p a ticket that can't be bad! We may have a few extra prizes coming in so keep looking, As you have probably noticed raffle ticket forms have been slightly delayed but you should have now received them. This will mean the first allocation of numbers will be announced on Wednesday 18th November via ParentHub. The final draw will still happen on Friday 4th December. (Full prize list below on page 3)

Events coming up:

Raffle Draw: Friday 4th December

Santa Storytime: Wednesday 16th December (via video link to classes)

Non Uniform Day: £1 per pupil (Christmas jumper optional) Last week of Term, Exact date TBC.

Poppy Appeal 2020

We are once again supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Due to coronavirus we ask that you send in donations for poppies or other items in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class and details of what you would like to order. These will then be given to your child in class. We have a limited supply of zip pulls, reflectors, wrist bands, snapbands and pin badges. Send your order in early to avoid disappointment.



Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Monday 9th—Thursday 12th November—Parent/Teacher Meetings on Microsoft Teams

Friday 18th December—End of Term (3:00 p.m. finish)

Monday 4th January—INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 5th January—Spring Term starts

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Friends of Brookside School CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



With thanks to: Tesco, Asda, Maiestic Wine, Boden, Bicester Heritage, The Story Museum, Bletchley Park, Blenheim Palace, Thrupp Canoe & Kayak Hire, Rebound Revolution, Bekonscot Model Village & Fairy Tale Farm.

REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks; however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.



WEEK 1 (28 th Sept, 19 th October, 16 th November, 7 th December, 11 th January, 1 st February, 1 st March, 22 nd March)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARGHERITA PIZZA	TUNA MELT & SALAD	VEGETABLE SAMOSAS	CHEESE & VEG PASTY	FISH FINGER BAP
CARROT BATONS	CRUDITES	SALAD	CRUDITES	SWEETCORN
CHEESE & CUCUMBER BAP	EGG & CRESS BAP	CHEESE & SALAD BAGEL	EGG & CRESS WRAP	TUNA & SWEETCORN SANDWICH
HAM & TOMATO SANDWICH	CHICKEN SALAD WRAP	TUNA & CUCUMBER SANDWICH	HAM & TOMATO PASTA	BLT SUB
FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT
GINGER CAKE	CRANBERRY COOKIES	CHOCOLATE CRISPY CAKE	SHORTBREAD	MANGO SMOOTHIE

WEEK 2 (5 th October, 3 rd November, 23 rd November, 14 th December, 18 th January, 9 th February, 8 th March, 29 th March)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARGHERITA PIZZA	CHICKEN & VEG PASTA	TEX MEX BOWL (Quorn Mince and beans)	STUFFED POTATO SKIN (Cheese)	HOT DOG
CARROT BATONS	CRUDITES	SWEETCORN	CRUDITES	CORN ON THE COB
TUNA & CUCUMBER SANDWICH	CHEESE SALAD WRAP	TUNA AND CUCUMBER SANDWICH	EGG AND TOMATO WRAP	CHEESE AND CUCUMBER SANDWICH
HAM AND TOMATO BAP	EGG AND CRESS BAGEL	HAM AND CHEESE BAP	CHICKEN AND SALAD SUB	HAM SALAD BAP
FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT
GINGER COOKIE	JAM SPONGE	CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKE CAKE	MELTING MOMENTS	RASPBERRY SMOOTHIE

WEEK 3 (12 th October, 9 th November, 30 th November, 5 th January, 25 th January, 22 nd February, 15 th March)				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARGHERITA PIZZA	TUNA AND SWEETCORN PASTA	BAKED BEAN AND SAUSAGE PASTY	CHEESE WHIRLS	VEGGIE SAUSAGE ROLL
CARROT STICKS	CRUDITES	SALAD	CRUDITES	CORN ON THE COB
EGG AND CRESS WRAP	CHEESE AND TOMATO TOASTIE	TUNA AND CUCUMBER BAP	EGG SALAD SANDWICH	CHEESE AND CUCUMBER SUB
HAM SALAD BAP	BBQ PULLED PORK SUB	CHICKEN SALAD WRAP	HAM AND CUCUMBER BAGEL	TUNA SALAD WRAP
FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT
SULTANA CAKE	FLAPJACK	LEMON AND GINGER COOKIE	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	ICE CREAM