



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware from the letter sent out this morning we had our first confirmed case of COVID-19 at Brookside. This class will now isolate for 14 days and will not be in school. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. The rest of the school remains open as usual. Following the guidance, siblings of children in the class that has closed can still come to school unless they develop symptoms.

### Parents' Evenings

The feedback from the online parents' evening was very positive and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to hear about how your child has settled into their new class.

### COVID Guidance

A reminder of the importance to follow current COVID-19 guidance if your child has any of the three main symptoms of coronavirus. The symptoms are:

- high temperature
- new and continuous cough
- loss of the sense of taste and smell

If a child (or any member of a household) has any of the three main symptoms that person must have a COVID test. They then need to isolate along with everybody in the household until the result comes back. If the test result is negative then everyone can stop isolating (unless someone else in the household has developed symptoms). In the case of a positive test you will be told how long each person in the household has to isolate.

If a family member has been told to isolate as they have been a contact of someone who tested positive it is only that person who has to isolate and everyone else can go to school/work as usual. However, if that person develops symptoms then they must get a test and everyone must isolate until the result comes back.

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children In Need. We raised £296.40—well done everyone and thanks to Miss Wise for organising this.

### Christmas Meal

We are pleased to let you know that each child at Brookside will have a Christmas Meal in their bubble this year with decorations and Christmas music and some other treats. Children will be joined by the staff in their bubble to celebrate Christmas.

We have worked with Mrs Thomas, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Smith in the school kitchen to develop a meal which can be prepared for the children whilst still being able to provide food for the rest of the school.

As a result of the way school is working at the moment your child will be having their Christmas Meal on a set day (see below). Your child is welcome to order a Christmas Meal from the school kitchen at the usual cost of £2.30 via ParentPay. If your child does not want a Christmas Meal then it would be good if you could wrap their normal packed lunch up as lots of presents to make their meal more exciting and maybe include a couple of treats.

The menu will be as below as well as the blue and green option as usual. Children will all sit together to share their meal;

**Red** Turkey Bap  
 Chipolata sausage  
 Stuffing ball  
 Carrot batons  
 With a chocolate Christmas tree ice cream and a satsuma

**Purple** Veggie Sausage Bap  
 Stuffing ball  
 Carrot batons  
 With a chocolate Christmas tree ice cream and a satsuma

Day		
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS – Class VL and EC	Class BM
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class LD	Class CP
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Class DD	Class FH
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class AW	Class CC
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Class RM/TS	Class CS

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
					HOT DOG
TUNA AND SWEETCORN SANDWICH	TUNA & CUCUMBER SANDWICH	CHEESE SALAD WRAP	TUNA AND CUCUMBER SANDWICH	EGG AND TOMATO WRAP	CHEESE AND CUCUMBER SANDWICH
BLT SUB	HAM AND TOMATO BAP	EGG AND CRESS BAGEL	HAM AND CHEESE BAP	CHICKEN AND SALAD SUB	HAM SALAD BAP
SWEETCORN	CARROT BATONS	CRUDITES	SWEETCORN	CRUDITES	CORN ON THE COB
FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT	FRUIT OR YOGHURT
MANGO SMOOTHIE	GINGER COOKIE	JAM SPONGE	CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKE CAKE	MELTING MOMENTS	RASPBERRY SMOOTHIE

### Virtual Quad Kids Bicester Cluster competition

The children of Brookside school have amazed us all again with their brilliance! Before half-term, the children from Key Stage 1 and 2 took part in a virtual athletics competition in which every child competed in four events: a sprint, a long-distance run, a tennis ball throw, and a standing long jump. The teachers were so impressed with the children's efforts and the learning powers on show! Particularly resilience! The teachers collected every child's personal scores and they were submitted to the Bicester cluster competition, along with children from other schools in Bicester.

We were AMAZING!

Our year 3 and 4 children finished runners up in their competition and our year 5 and 6 children were the overall WINNERS of their age group!

A special mention goes to the following children who finished in the top 3 children in their year group competition:

Catherine M - 3rd place in the year 1 and 2 girls competition

Max S - 3rd place in the year 3 and 4 boys competition

Olivia R - 3rd place in the year 5 and 6 girls competition

Fred T - 3rd place in the year 5 and 6 boys competition

Bobbi M- 2nd place in the year 5 and 6 girls competition

Sangie C- 1st place in the year 5 and 6 girls competition

Well done to all the children who took place - we are very proud of you!

We also awarded house points to the top 3 performers from each class (boys and girls) and here is an update on this year's house competition.

Mars - 89

Venus - 110

Saturn - 87

Jupiter - 57

Well done to Venus for winning term 1! (Mr Plumbe)

### E-Safety – The new Xbox

We are aware that the new Xbox Series X and Series S are on the Christmas list of some children. At the end of this newsletter we have put information about how you can ensure your child is kept safe whilst using this game. The information is also relevant for other gaming consoles. A reminder that children should not be playing or watching computer games which are not appropriate for their age group.

### Book Review Winners

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a review in the library competition, and well done to the winners Oliver H (Class BM) and Joshua P (Class RM), who have each won a £10 book voucher. All reviews can be read on the website by clicking on 'reviews' next time you log on. Maybe you'll be inspired to read one of the reviewed books next.

Room 13 by Robert Swindells

This is a great book that I have read and it is not too long. It's about a class who go on a residential. Though, the place that they are staying has a few secrets. My favourite part is the opening chapter as it is spooky and entertaining. I recommend this for ages 8+.

Joshua P

The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith

It is about a donkey that is silly. He only had three legs! His favourite word is hee haw! He is cranky if he does not have any coffee! He likes to bite clothes. I like reading it. I liked looking for the yellow bird. I think everyone in class BM would like it and Mrs Martin and Mrs Baker would like it as well.

Oliver H

### Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Wednesday 16th December—FOBS Father Christmas Story Time (this will take place in class with a virtual visit)

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



# What parents & carers need to know about... XBOX SERIES X|S

The Xbox Series X and Series S are the next-generation video game consoles from Microsoft. They offer improved graphics, sounds and much quicker loading times. Parents should note that the two versions available are quite different.



## Safely Setting up Your Xbox Series X / S

### Xbox Series X

Xbox Series X is a larger device, with a disc drive, twice as much storage and higher performance chips. It can play the new Xbox games at the highest resolution and with the best visuals. It enables you to run games from disc or digitally.



### Apply Family Settings

Both Xbox models offer important family controls that should be set-up before your family starts using the system. Although this can take a little time, it ensures that children have their own accounts and sets limits on spending, interactions and age ratings. If done correctly, children cannot circumvent these controls that require the parent's password to alter.



### Managing Spending

You can set a limit on spending via the family settings. This means that any additional purchase requires your password. Another alternative is not to put credit card details into your account and instead add credit as they need it using the book-token-like cards in-store or online.



### Setting Limits on Play-Time

You can specify the time of day and how long the console can be used to play without needing a password. Talk to your children and agree how long is appropriate, then set this together so it's something they understand and accept. On the Xbox Series X|S you can also limit time on a particular game, which is a good way to encourage children to play a wide range of experiences.



### Game Subscriptions

In addition to buying individual games digitally or in-store, you can also subscribe to services that offer access to 100's of games for a monthly fee. Xbox Game Pass is often bundled with the Xbox Gold subscription you need for playing online. Most of the bigger Xbox games are provided as part of the service, as well as a wide range of independent games that often offer educational and wellbeing based experiences.



### Xbox Series S

Xbox Series S is a smaller, disc-less version of the console which plays all the new games but with reduced visuals or possibly frame-rates. Because it doesn't support discs you can't play old games from discs and must purchase new games digitally. It also has smaller storage, offering 500GB which is about half that of the Xbox Series X.



### Setting Age-Ratings

You can set a limit that stops any older rated games being played without a password being entered. This is not only a good way to ensure children are playing appropriate content but is a good chance to talk about the games they are playing.



### Managing Online Interactions

Another important area of the Family Settings is specifying how and who your child can interact with online. Modern consoles enable players to share text, voice, images and video with each other. You can set whether they can do this, and also apply a password before they can add new friends.



### Creating Guest Account Password

An important step on the Xbox Series X|S set-up is specifying a passcode for your own account and a password to access the Guest account. This ensures that all users need to access the system with their own account and related limits and settings.



## Types of Accounts

### Set-Up Parent Accounts

Setting up a parents account is important so you can manage the console for your family. After downloading the Xbox app to aid set-up, connect to the internet and while the console updates, use the app to start specifying settings. Once updated, create a parent user account with an email address you regularly check and password specified.



### Set-Up Child Accounts

Setting up child accounts are important to be able to limit play-time, spending and apply age ratings automatically. Separate accounts for each child user can be set-up. It's a good idea to specify a password for the guest account so children cannot access this also. You can also download the Xbox Family Settings app to help you adjust these settings in the future without having to access the console directly.

### Meet our expert

Freelance family technology expert for the BBC. Andy runs the Family Gamer TV YouTube channel and contributes to a range of national media on the topic of video-games and family.



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<b>WEEK 1</b> (28 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 1 <sup>st</sup> February, 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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

<b>WEEK 2</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> October, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 9 <sup>th</sup> February, 8 <sup>th</sup> March, 29 <sup>th</sup> 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

<b>WEEK 3</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> October, 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 THNE 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