



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Spring Term Issue 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the holiday period.

It is a great shame that Brookside, and all schools, could not open to all pupils this week but it is understandable considering the soaring rates of positive COVID cases across the country. It is just a shame that this decision was not made sooner which would have given schools and parents more time to prepare and make arrangements.

Hopefully, the lockdown restrictions and roll out of mass vaccinations will help to get the virus back under control and allow schools to reopen as soon after half term as it safe.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Cooper who had a baby girl this week. Mum and baby are both doing well and we look forward to seeing them both soon.

Welcome to Miss Naidu who joined Brookside this week. Miss Naidu will be teaching Year 5 until Mrs Cooper returns from maternity leave.

Home Schooling

We hope that the children have enjoyed the first few days of home schooling. We appreciate that this can often be a cause of stress and suggest learning is broken up into manageable chunks of time. Hopefully, the pre recorded videos make learning more easily accessible for children as they can see and/or hear their teacher modelling what needs to be done in the lesson.

As these sessions are pre recorded it means they can be accessed at anytime as we appreciate siblings will often need to share devices. Or you may have to let children use your device whilst you are also trying to work from home.

Feedback from the live sessions on Teams today has been very positive. We hope the children enjoyed seeing and speaking to their teacher, teaching assistant and class mates. Children need to remember to unmute themselves when they want to speak and then mute themselves afterwards. But I'm sure we've all made that mistake when we've been using Teams or Zoom.

These live sessions will take place every Monday and Friday.

Daily Exercise

We recommend and encourage all children to take part in daily exercise as part of their home learning. Whether this be going for a walk, a run or a bike ride this is a really good way to reduce stress as well as keeping fit. Children can also take part in Street Tag whilst doing this.

Even when the weather is cold it is a good idea to get outside for your daily exercise. There are so many benefits to being active both physically and mentally. Let's see if we can return to school super fit!

Headteacher's Award

Well done to Alice (Class CS) who on Christmas Day, along with her brother, helped to deliver nine Christmas dinners and present bags to elderly residents around three villages. A fantastic example of community spirit and helping others out at a time of need. Well done Alice, we are very proud of you!

Terms Dates 2021/2022

These dates are now on our website on the parents tab.

Dates for your diary 2020/2021

Monday 15th— Friday 19th February—Half Term

Wednesday 31st March—last day of Spring Term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside