

21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Friday is the last day before the half term holiday. Please remember that Monday 7th June is an INSET day and Brookside will be closed to pupils. The final half term of the academic year starts on Tuesday 8th June.

COVID symptoms

A reminder that if your child has any coronavirus symptoms they will need to stay off school and take a PCR test. All household members will also have to isolate until the result comes back. A negative lateral flow test result does not mean a PCR is not needed for anyone who has coronavirus symptoms. The government are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case you should follow the <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u> and <u>book a PCR test</u> for your child.

We appreciate it can be frustrating arranging a test and then isolating whilst the result is processed but these are the current guidelines for all schools and workplaces.

#### **Staff News**

After 21 years at Brookside Mrs Martin will be retiring at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank Mrs Martin for her hard work and commitment to Brookside. The school will be a quieter place in September!

**Online Safety** 

Over recent months we know that more children are communicating with their family and friends online. We regularly remind all parents of the age which children are allowed to use messaging apps. We would encourage you to look at this website and discuss some of the ideas with your children over the weekend - <a href="https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/socialising-safely-online/">https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/socialising-safely-online/</a>

We would also encourage all parents to look at the website below with their children – it is a great website to have a look at with your children on a wet and windy weekend - https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendaryparent

Safeguarding

A reminder that should you have concerns about the safety of a child over the half term holiday please call Oxfordshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0345 050 7666. If you have an urgency concern for a child call 999 or 101. If you would prefer to remain anonymous then please call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. You are able to report to both Oxfordshire MASH and the NSPCC online should you prefer to do this.

Sun Safety

Hopefully, over the holiday and next term, the weather will start to improve. A reminder that all children should remember to 'Wrap, Splat, Hat' whilst at home and at school during the summer. On the next page of this newsletter you will find two competitions. Please complete these over the half term holiday and follow the instructions to enter your child's entry. Please also send the entries in with your child and pass to their teacher – there will be Brookside prizes for the best entries.

**Dates for your diary** 

Monday 31st May - Half Term Monday 7th June - INSET Day (school closed to pupils) Thursday 22nd July - End of Summer Term (3:00 p.m. finish)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

### **COMPETITION TIME!**

# SUMMER EXPLORERS' BACKPACK DESIGN COMPETITION

Can you design an amazing backpack for the Summer Explorers to take on their outdoor adventures? What will make the backpack special? What colour will it be? Will it have any special features or secret pockets?

Don't forget to include space for them to pack their Wrap, Splat, Hat items so they can stay sun-safe while they're exploring outdoors.

**Win a brilliant new scooter** for you and explorer binoculars for your classmates, as well as outdoor play equipment for your school!

**How to enter:** email a photo of the backpack design entry to **wrapsplathat@nationalschoolspartnership.com** with the entering child's name and age and the name and postcode of their school.

Good luck!

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## SUMMER EXPLORERS' PHOTO COMPETITION

All great explorers capture their adventures on camera! For a chance to **win** a **fantastic new bike** for you, explorer binoculars for your classmates, and outdoor play equipment for your school, think of a creative way for your backpack (the one you take on your adventures) to be the star of a photo in your favourite outdoor summer location.

Include your Wrap, Splat, Hat items either poking out or positioned artistically around it. We want to see the most inventive places for your backpack to pose for a photo – up a tree, on a beach, playing on the swings in your local park – the more fun the better! (But don't forget to respect local COVID guidelines.)

**How to enter:** email the photo entry to wrapsplathat@nationalschoolspartnership.com with the entering child's name and age, as well as the name and postcode of their school.

Make sure you also include this completed sentence starter: This is my favourite place to Wrap, Splat, Hat because...







### Brookside School Lunch Menu – Summer 2021

WEEK 1 – 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 19 <sup>th</sup> July						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
HAM PIZZA	TUNA MELT	BEEF BOLOGNESE PASTA	CHEESE WHIRL	FISH & CHIPS		
CORN ON THER COB	SALAD	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES		
MARGHERITA PIZZA	CHEESE AND CUCUMBER BAP	VEGGIE BOLOGNESE PASTA	TUNA SALAD SANDWICH	VEGGIE SAUASAGE AND CHIPS		
TUNA SANDWICH	HAM SALAD BAP	EGG & CRESS WRAP	HAM SALAD SANDWICH	CHEESE SALAD SANDWICH		
FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT		
PEACH TRAYBAKE	MELTING MOMENTS	Banana Cake	CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD	STRAWBERRY SMOOTHIE		

WEEK 2 – 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 5 <sup>th</sup> July						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
CHICKEN PIZZA	TUNA AND SWEETCORN PASTA	CHICKEN CURRY & RICE	STUFFED POTATO SKIN	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS		
CORN ON THER COB	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES		
MARGHERITA PIZZA	EGG & CRESS BAGUETTE	VEGGIE CURRY & RICE	CHEESE SALAD BAP	VEGGIE SAUSAGE AND CHIPS		
CHEESE SALAD SANDWICH	HAM & TOMATO BAGUETTE	TUNA AND CUCUMBER WRAP	HAM SALAD BAP	EGG & CRESS WRAP		
FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT		
GINGER CAKE	CHERRY COOKIE	CHOCOLATE CORNFLAKE CAKE	SHORTBREAD	ICE CREAM		

WEEK 3 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May, 24 <sup>th</sup> May, 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 12 <sup>th</sup> July						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
PEPPERONI PIZZA	TEX MEX TACO BOWL	MAC AND CHEESE	HOT DOGS	FISH & CHIPS		
CORN ON THER COB	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES		
MARGHERITA PIZZA	TUNA SALAD WRAP	EGG AND CRESS	VEGGIE HOT DOG	SAMOSA & CHIPS		
EGG SALAD SANDWICH	HAM SALAD WRAP	CHEESE SALAD BAGUETTE	HAM AND CUCUMBER SANDWICH	TUNA AND CUCUMBER BAP		
FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT	FRUIT OR YOGURT		
CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	FLAPJACK	JELLY	GINGER COOKIE	ICE CREAM		