



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children are well and keeping safe and healthy during this uncertain time. Last week was a very difficult week with many unknown elements to be navigated and resolved in a very short period of time. The main aim was to keep a calm and normal environment for the children to reduce any anxiety, whilst preparing the school for the inevitable closure. I would like to thank all of the staff for ensuring that this was possible and that school life continued as normal.

Teachers have worked very hard to provide activities for children to complete at home. These will be updated on a weekly basis in term time via the OneDrive link provided.

Well done to all parents who have become teachers this week. I am sure you are all pleased it is Friday and the end of the week. Supporting learning at home can be difficult (even for parents who are teachers). All we ask is that the children have a go at the work and do their best. If you are not sure what your child needs to do you can email the teachers using the email addresses that we created for the closure period.

Please do not worry too much about your child not being in school. Every child in the country and millions across the world are in the same situation. We are fortunate that we live in a time with the Internet to support learning, communication and for entertainment. The BBC have also put more educational content on the iPlayer to support learning during the school closure. Hopefully children will also get to read lots more books during this time. Reading is one of the most important things children can do to improve their education.

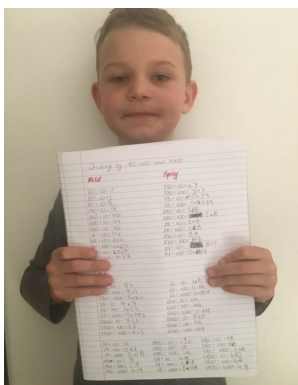
It has been wonderful to hear about so many children continuing their learning at home and we have really enjoyed seeing photos of them.

Is Brookside still open?

Like many schools, we are partially open for key workers' and vulnerable children only. This is only for those children who absolutely need to attend. Children should only come to school if there is no other childcare available. If you are a key-worker and the other parent is not carrying out essential work in the fight against Covid-19, your child should stay at home. Whilst we appreciate it is difficult to work from home with children around they should still be at home. Staying at home is the safest place for your child and means less risk of them catching or spreading coronavirus. This will also reduce the amount of staff needed to be in school and reduce their risk. Thank you for respecting this and keeping us all safe. By staying home and following social distancing rules we can all do our bit to help the NHS and save lives.

Virtual Headteacher's Awards

Well done to the following children for working hard and producing excellent work during the first week of the school closure: Dharma (Class DD), Elliot (Class CP), Franek and Cali (Class AW), Oliver (Class AV), Keira and Brody (Class LD), Lucca and Maisie (Class CS), Samuel and Abby (Class FH), Freya and Damian (Class CC), John Paul (Class VL). Keep up the good work children!



ParentPay refunds

Due to the restrictions around coronavirus and the possibility of schools not opening for the foreseeable future, we are offering refunds on credits of £10.00 or over for Meals and Wraparound Care.

To establish your balances on Meals, Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club please log onto www.parentpay.com where you will be able to view if you are in credit of £10.00 or more. If so, and you would like to be refunded, please email Clare Smith on csmi3038@brookside.oxon.sch.uk, by Monday 30th March stating whether you would like a refund and if so for what (i.e. Meals, Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club or a combination of these)

As you can imagine the School Administration is extremely busy at the moment, so please bear with us. Refunds will be carried out in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

EYFS Story Time

Have a look on the EYFS One Drive folder for a story time with Miss Carter. We are hoping we will be able to record more and that you enjoy watching these together at home.

I hope the final week of home learning goes well and you all have a peaceful Easter holiday.

Stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

FAST Programme—Would you like to answer a survey about FAST?

Families Active, Sporting Together (FAST) is a programme by Cherwell District Council where families can get access to FREE physical activity sessions at schools and local community spaces. The programme also offers discounted access to activities and sports at local leisure centres.

We want to improve FAST and offer families the best programme we can. That is why Brookside Primary School is contacting you today!

We want to hear from you about which activities you're most likely to participate in with your family, regardless if you are already a FAST member or not.

The survey is optional and all answers are completely anonymous. The information collected by the survey will be used for programme management, in programme materials and for reports. The survey has 7 questions and takes about **3 minute** to answer.

If you have any questions about this survey please contact Andriele Madison at andriele@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk

If you're happy to take part in the survey please click [here](#)

Or use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QWY3Y3B>

If you are not a member of FAST and would like to find out more, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your help!