



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Summer Term Issue 5

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Dear Parents,

We were delighted to welcome back children from Years 2,3,4 and 5 this week. This means every child has the opportunity to be in school and be taught by their own teacher for the remainder of the term. We also still have a keyworker group running.

Children have quickly settled back into the routine of school and have been working hard in lessons and having fun with their friends.

We appreciate that some parents do not yet feel comfortable to send their children back to school at this time or may be shielding so cannot return due to medical advice. Teachers are still providing work for children not in school to complete at home but this is no longer shared on the OneDrive. This work is now emailed directly to parents, printed in school for collection or dropped off by school staff. If you need to contact your child's class teacher then please email the school office.

Many parents have asked about the arrangements for September and how the school will operate. At the moment we are not sure how Brookside will look in September. But as soon as we know we will let you know.

Social Distancing

Thank you for ensuring social distancing on the school site when dropping off and collecting children. If waiting outside the school gates, please do not block the path on the Bucknell Road before and after school.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs D Davies and Miss Spearman who have both been appointed to permanent roles at Brookside. Mrs D Davies will continue to work 5 days per week and Miss Spearman will work 3 days per week. We are pleased to be able to retain Mrs Davies and Miss Spearman at Brookside.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July. This is also the day that you will find out about your child's new teacher for next year.

Free School Meals Vouchers

Vouchers for the summer holidays will be sent to all parents who are entitled to free school meals (not universal infant free school meals). These will be issued in 2 week blocks and will be emailed to parents.

Sun Safety

A reminder that children should come to school prepared for the weather. On sunny days we encourage all children to wear a hat when outside and come to school with long lasting sun cream applied.

Virtual Games

Well done to all of the children who participated in school and at home in the Virtual House Games. The results are as follows:

- 1st: Venus
- 2nd: Jupiter
- 3rd: Mars
- 4th: Saturn

Thank you to Mrs Cooper for organising this event.

Oxfordshire Libraries Reading Challenge

This summer, Oxfordshire Libraries and The Reading Agency are inviting all children to get the giggles with [Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020!](#)

Although Oxfordshire Libraries are closed for the time being, the good news is Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is available to join online! Parents and carers can register their children for free at sillysquad.org.uk and the Challenge runs from June into September.

This year children set their own reading challenge for the summer and as they read they collect digital rewards. They can read any books they like, comics, jokes, stories or information books. This can include ones they have at home, or if they are members of the library, they can download eBooks and eAudio from Oxfordshire Libraries. Parents and carers can join their children to the library by visiting www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Over 9500 children took part in last year's Summer Reading Challenge and although it will be running a bit differently this year, we hope you will join us to encourage even more children to keep reading!

Dates for your diary

Monday 20th July	End of Term for Bubble A
Tuesday 21st July	End of Term for Bubble B

2020/2021

Tuesday 1st September	INSET Day School Closed
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET Day School Closed
Thursday 3rd September	Autumn Term commences (Nursery and Reception children will be given their start dates soon)

Term dates for [2020/2021](#) can be found on our website.

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside