



# Brookside Primary School

Learn Together - Achieve Together



## Brookside Bugle

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### WELCOME BACK

On behalf of all of the Staff and Governors at Brookside, I would like to welcome you all back, and hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful holiday.

A special welcome to our new Reception children and to other children who have joined us this year. We hope that you have a long and happy association with Brookside, and that you enjoy the many opportunities for children, parents and families to be an integral part of our school community.

Parents are always very welcome at Brookside. We are open to your suggestions about how we might improve your child's time at this, their school. This is probably the most formative time in their lives! We can't promise to work miracles - but we will always try! We like to work in partnership with you as your input, time and support certainly helps with the progress that your child makes.

What a pleasure it was to welcome your children back to Brookside the last two weeks! Their happy faces and renewed enthusiasm for the new term and new teachers was a real delight to see! We are all looking forward to a new academic year and all of the exciting challenges ahead of us.

### MAD SCIENCE ASSEMBLY



On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September we had a very exciting assembly by Mad Science. Neutron Naomi, shared various fun experiments for the whole school, from making human electrical circuits to chemical reactions to make light. The interactive assembly had members of the audience taking part. The assembly certainly entertained the school and left the children wanting more. Mad Science will be running their after school club starting in October.



### GOLD AWARDS FOR ATTENDANCE

#### AMAZING 100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR 2017-18

At the end of a year where we have had an unusual amount of sickness absence - from children and staff, I am delighted to announce that the following children have attended school with a 100% attendance record for three whole terms.

This is indeed a remarkable and special achievement!

**Gold attendance awards go to:**

**Alfie, Charlie, Darcie, Rosie and Amelia**

We also had bronze Award winners and Silver award winners.

Well done to all our attendance award winners.

Overall attendance last year was 95.44%



## BROOKSIDE RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2019

For parents who wish to apply for a place in Brookside's Reception Year Group 2019/20, further information is available from Stockport Council at:

[www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

This is for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.

I have been delighted to have already started showing parents and children around school. If you know anyone who is thinking about choosing Brookside - do please encourage them to give us a call and I will be pleased to meet them.

**Don't forget our Open Morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** which will be an ideal opportunity for people to see our school 'in action'.

Applications are made online. If you can't access the online system from home, the facility is available from some of the many Information Centres across the borough or at Fred Perry House.

If you require any more information, please call the Admissions Support and Advice Team on 0161 217 6022 or email

[admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk)

## SCHOOLMEALS

School meals are provided by Dolce who offer a wide choice of fresh, healthy home cooked food. The children having school dinners have increased considerably and they are very popular.

Don't forget that the Government are funding the cost of a school meal for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two through the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.

If your child is in KS2 the preferred method of payment is via Direct Debit, to be set up through Live Kitchen using the following link:

<https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/direct/>

If you choose to still pay by cash or cheque, please put the money in an envelope, with your child's name and class clearly marked, and put in the red box just inside the entrance door to school. The cost is £2.25 per day.

This term's menu can be found on the following link:

[http://www.dolce.co.uk/catering/menus/choice\\_menu](http://www.dolce.co.uk/catering/menus/choice_menu)

If you need any further advice regarding School meals please call in to the school office and speak to either Mrs Brennan or Miss Moore.

## CAR PARKING

The school car park and approach road is restricted space and not available for parents to use when dropping off or collecting children, please keep clear at ALL times for access of emergency services, delivery vehicles and coaches. Parents are asked to park legally on local roads, drive slowly near school, and to keep local residents' driveways clear.

**The Car park is not to be used by children at any time.**

## SAFEGUARDING AT BROOKSIDE

Brookside primary school is a Safeguarding School. If you would like to see or read our Safeguarding policy it is available to parents via the school website. Alternatively, a copy of the policy is available for you to read in the main entrance of school. We also have a leaflet prepared describing the schools prevent duty for parents available on the website or paper copies can be seen in the main entrance.

If you have any concerns about a child you can talk to the schools Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Tavernor or in his absence Mrs Barker or Mrs Warner.

Links to our Safeguarding policy, prevent leaflet and external links for parents with advice for keeping children safe can be found on the website by clicking 'About Brookside' in the main menu and then 'Safeguarding' in the subsequent menu.

## JEWELLERY, MAKE UP AND HAIRCUTS

If your child has pierced ears, please make sure that they are able to remove these for PE/Swimming/Sports lessons. Having taken Health and safety advice, if they are unable to do this because the ears have been pierced recently, then they must come to school with their earrings taped up. **Once a child is able to remove earrings they must remove them for all PE lessons.** I know that - as parents - you will agree that your child's safety should never be compromised. I have been pleased to see that simple studs are being worn in school rather than 'fashion' earrings - so you are all supporting school's expectations!

May I also remind you that 'make up' is not allowed - and this includes nail varnish and no extreme hairstyles or hair colours are permitted. An 'extreme haircut' is one that stands out and draws attention to the child (e.g. shaved head, tramlines, patterns shaved into the hair or very high or short 'back and sides'.) Thank you for your co-operation with these.

It is accepted that many children wear watches to school, but the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to these items.

## WATER BOTTLES REMINDER

Remember that your child often needs a drink of water after running around at playtime - so having their own named water bottle in school is very important. A plastic bottle is fine as long as it is named.

We have water coolers - not water fountains, without provision of plastic cups. We would never let your child go without a drink when needed - obviously - but the majority of pupils do always have a bottle in school.

## HOMEWORK REMINDER

It is compulsory to complete at least 3 of the activities on the homework grid. These should be signed off on the homework grid and the grid should be returned to school the week before the end of the half term. Completed activities may be shown and celebrated in school on a Friday each week. Children will also be rewarded for completed activities. If this requirement is not met children will be expected to complete an alternative activity during school hours.

## PARENTS SURVEY RESULTS 2018

QUESTION	TRUE	MOSTLY TRUE	HARDLY TRUE	NOT TRUE	DON'T KNOW
1 My child is happy at this school	76%	23%	0%	1%	0%
2 My child feels safe at this school	92%	8%	0%	0%	0%
3 My child makes good progress at this school	74%	23%	1%	1%	1%
4 My child is well looked after at this school	85%	14%	0%	0%	1%
5 My child is taught well at this school	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%
6 My child receives appropriate homework for their age	72%	17%	5%	5%	1%
7 This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	64%	28%	4%	0%	4%
8 This school deals effectively with bullying	55%	16%	4%	0%	25%
9 This school is well led and managed	82%	18%	0%	0%	0%
10 This school responds well to any concerns I raise	77%	21%	0%	0%	2%
11 I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	63%	30%	7%	0%	0%
12 I would recommend this school to another parent	94%	5%	0%	0%	1%

## ENRICHMENT WEEK AND OPEN MORNING

Continuing from previous year's successes we will once again be having our Faith Week. Each class will be focusing their learning on a different faith. We will be having faith speakers, sharing their culture through leading assemblies and working alongside teachers on activities in classes. On the Thursday morning we will be having an open morning for you to come into school to see the exciting work the children having been doing.

### Reception Focus: Festivals

Year One: Buddhism

Year Two: Islam

Year Three: Christianity

Year Four: Hinduism

Year Five: Sikhism

Year Six: Judaism

## ATTENDANCE

In order to improve the attendance of all children at school we have set a target of 96% for attendance throughout the whole school.

Reception	99.09%	Year Four	94.88%
Year One	97.06%	Year Five	97.29%
Year Two	98.13%	Year Six	98.99%
Year Three	97.60%	Whole School	97.46%

Well done to all our classes over the 96% target – R,Y1,Y2,Y3,Y5,Y6

You should have received a copy of our attendance policy. Please make sure you understand your responsibilities for your child's attendance. Please note under the terms of the schools new attendance policy fines will be issued for future unauthorised holidays

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th September	Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer
Friday 5th October	Harvest Assembly- No parents due to Fire Regulations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Walk to School Fortnight
Thursday 11th October	Manchester Mayor Visiting
Monday 15th to Thursday 18th October	Faith Week
Thursday 18th October	Open Morning 9.10 -10. Break up for Half Term
Friday 19th October	INSET DAY
Monday 29th October	School open
Tuesday 30th October-	School photos
Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 27th December	Y5/6 Christmas Dance Display 2.40pm
Friday 30th November	Non uniform – Chocolate donations
Monday 3rd December	Year One and Two Christmas Show Evening 6.00pm
Monday 3rd December	Year 2 Road Safety – Step Outside
Tuesday 4th December	Year One and Two Christmas Show Afternoon 1.30pm
Tuesday 4th December	Year 5 Road Safety – Crashed Car Project
Wednesday 5th December	Year 6 Operation Eagle Eye and Year 4 Head smart project.
Thursday 6th December	Year 6 Operation Eagle Eye
Thursday 6th December	Christmas Brass assembly
Friday 7th December	Year 6 Speedwatch
Friday 7th December –	Christmas Fair 5.30pm-7.30pm
Wednesday 12th December	Non Uniform day – Bottle donations
Friday 14th December-	Key Stage Two Carol Service 1.30pm at St Thomas Church
Monday 17th December	EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 19th December	Non uniform Day/ Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk/ Children's Christmas parties
Monday 7th January	Break up for Christmas Holidays School Open for Spring Term.

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Friday 18th January – Year 5
Friday 1st February – Year 4
Friday 15th February – Year 3
Friday 8th March – Year 2
Friday 22nd March – Year 1
Friday 28th June – EYFS
Tuesday 23rd July – Year 6 Leavers Production
Tuesday 30th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

## INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

**The photographer will be in on the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photos for all children. We will endeavour as always, to take family photographs that morning. If you have a younger family member, do bring them in from 9am, and we will plan to take all family groups first. Your patience would be appreciated with this! Just to clarify, all children will have individual photos taken (even if they have been in a family group).

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018/19

School Term dates for the academic year 2018/19
<b>Autumn Term 2018</b>
Wednesday 5th September to Thursday 18th October
Monday 29th October to Wednesday 19th December
<b>Spring Term 2019</b>
Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February
Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April
<b>Summer Term 2019</b>
Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May
Monday 10th June – Tuesday 30th July
<b>Public Holidays</b>
May Day – Monday 6th May

**Please ensure that your contact details remain up to date. Let us know if you change your mobile or home telephone number. If you have an email address it would be very useful for the school office to have this as well. You must also make us aware of any medical needs or changes to the information we have.**