

Brookside Newsletter



Dear Parents,



Merry Christmas from Sarah (Y6), ...



... from Harry (YF) ... and from
everyone at Brookside School!

A busy and exciting autumn term draws to a close here at Brookside as the children look forward to an equally exciting and busy Christmas and new year break.

It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many of you to the school during the last couple of weeks as the children in YF, Y1 & 2 and Y 5 & 6 presented carols, the Nativity and Oliver Twist so exceptionally well. It always makes me feel immensely proud to witness the first performances of our youngest children, many of whom are not yet five, through to our oldest pupils as they deliver their lines using Dickensian English.



Shepherds from the YF
Nativity



Y5 & 6 perform Oliver
Twist



The Y1 & 2 performance of
Christmas carols and the Nativity



Farewell to Mrs Harris

The end of our autumn term also marks the ends of many years of service to Brookside School for Mrs Harris. Mrs Harris has been a teaching assistant with us since 1994. I'm sure you'll join me and the rest of the staff here at Brookside in wishing Mrs Harris the very best of fortune for the future and thanking her for all her hard work and dedication to our school. Good luck, June!

Recent Out Of School Visits

Recent successful and enjoyable out of school visits include YF to White Post Farm, Y1 & 2 carol singing at Tutin Court, Y3 & 4 ice skating and Y5 & 6's Victorian Christmas at Newstead Abbey. Thanks to all of you who helped support the school and our children during the various trips and visits.



**Scented pomander making
at Newstead**



**Whitepost Farm at
Christmas**

Facebook and Photos

You will be aware that we have always had an open policy with regard to photos and videos during school performances and activities. As mentioned at the start of each Christmas performance, please be considerate, however, of differing views held amongst you with regard to publishing pictures on Facebook. If a photo you wish to share contains an image of another child I would urge caution and advise you against Facebooking it. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Chinese Head Teacher Visit To Brookside

Mrs Fang had a very successful and enjoyable visit to the UK. Her visit took in the sights of London, shopping on Oxford Street, Cambridge University and Southwell Minster. I'm confident that her most fulfilling experience, however, occurred here at Brookside. Our children did an excellent job of playing the perfect hosts and continually greeted her with 'neehow' in mandarin. A group of children also prepared a memento of iconic British and East Leake images for Mrs Fang to hang in her school in China.

That just about wraps up our autumn term here at Brookside. I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy new year. I hope the children have the most wonderful of Christmas breaks and look forward to seeing them all back at school on Thursday, 5th January 2012.

Merry Christmas,

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)