

# Brookside Newsletter

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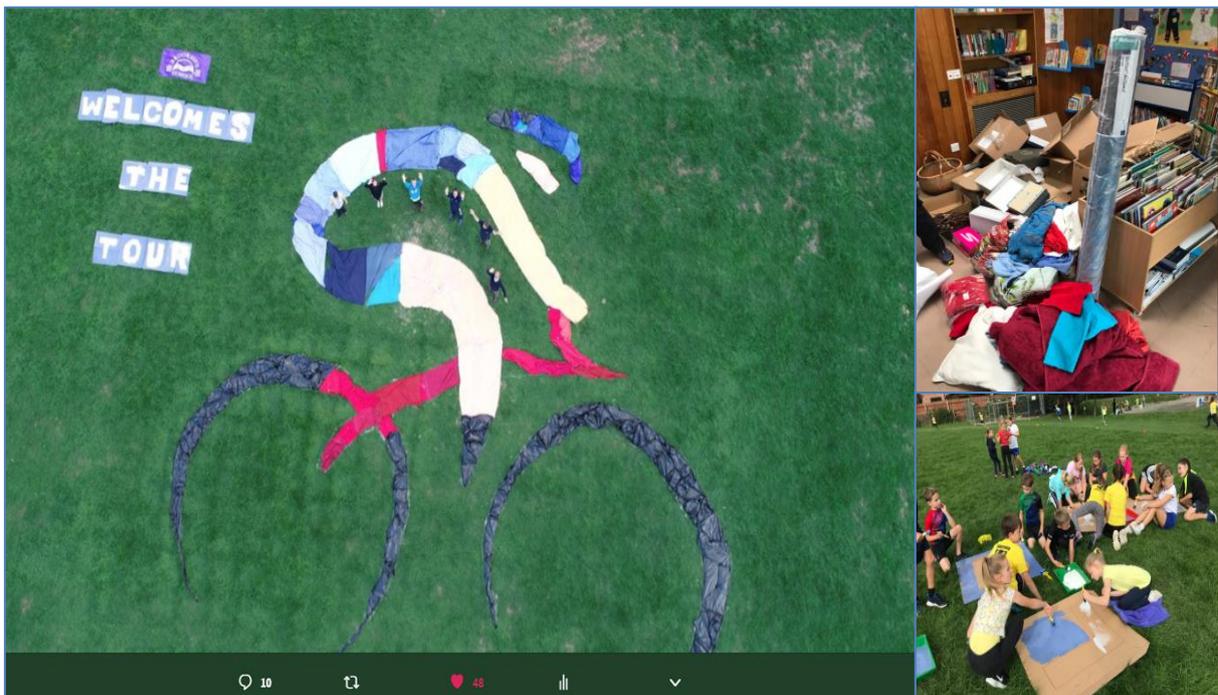
**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to Brookside after our gloriously sunny summer break. I hope the summer holiday was an enjoyable one for all of the children and that they are excited about the return to school. Welcome, too, to our new children and families who have just started with us this September – I look forward to the time ahead of working alongside one another.

## **Tour of Britain**

Thank you everyone for the contributions and support you offered to making our celebration of the Tour of Britain such a memorable one. Remarkably, the children were able to cycle, scoot, walk and run more than the entire combined distance of the race as they covered 1,398km! A fantastic fitness effort!

Alongside this was something equally remarkable – the magnificent landart feature that the children helped to create on our school field. For those of you that were able to watch the race coverage on TV, or recorded it as a playback, you will have seen that – deservedly – it received quite a good amount of camera time. It's magnificent and thank you, one again, for your support and contributions.



## **New Teaching Block**

It is exciting to be able to move the first group of children into our brand new teaching block. Our Year 5 class is the first to take up residence in the new build - our Year 6 children will be the next to transfer.



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## **Safeguarding Children**

Safeguarding of children is a priority for all of us at Brookside. We have two key members of staff trained as the school's 'Designated Persons for Child Protection'. These key staff members are:

Mrs Rachel Clark (Assistant Head Teacher)

Mr Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)

We also have a designated governor for child protection:

Mrs Reesha Armstead

The school's policy on Safeguarding & Child Protection is reviewed annually and is available from the school office or school website ([www.brooksideprimary.co.uk](http://www.brooksideprimary.co.uk)).

## **Welcome to new members of staff, new children and new families**

As well as new families and faces in our Foundation Unit, we welcome new members to our teaching team. Welcome to Miss Kenna, teacher within Year 1, and Mrs Wilkinson, who will work part-time in Years 5 & 6. Welcome to Brookside School.

## **Start of the school day/ end of the school day**

Cycles and scooters are welcomed at Brookside. We have a cycle/ scooter park tucked away near our school hall doors. For safety within the congested school grounds, we do ask that all cycling children dismount as they enter the school site and walk their cycles through the school grounds. With regard to scooters, we ask that the children scoot directly to the scooter park and do not play or free-wheel around the school playground.

Dogs are not permitted on to the school site, including its playgrounds entrance passages. This is in line with Nottinghamshire County Council policy.

Teachers are available for brief discussions at the start and the end of the school day. This is especially a factor at the start of the day when your child's teacher will need to be actively working alongside the children from 8.50a.m. onwards. If discussions with your child's teacher are likely to require several minutes or more, it would be appropriate to schedule a convenient time.

## **School Houses and our tribute to East Leake's generations past**

During last summer's sports day, we introduced colours and teams to the events. This proved really popular with the children and with many of you, our parents. Working under Mr Lead's guidance, we have decided to develop this idea further and introduce house teams. The colours have been supplemented with house names:

Jackson-Wass (Blue)

Pierrepoint-Burton (Green)

Pidcock-Reid (Red)

Goodacre-Mills (Yellow)

The symbolism within the names is that they pay tribute to pupils of Brookside School (or the East Leake Board School, as it was known at the time) from the turn of the twentieth century whose names went on to become carved into the stone of East Leake's war memorials. In the weeks and months that follow, our children will have opportunities to understand a little bit more about the life experienced by these young people, especially as we approach Remembrance Day and the centenary of the 1918 armistice. In the meantime, the children can embrace the community within their respective houses and endeavour to work as a collective as they tally up points and recognitions.

## **Tune in to Twitter**

You will know that the school has its own Twitter page and that each class has its own Twitter page too. Our Twitter pages are a fabulous way to connect to the events that happen every day in the classroom - you are invited to join so that you can experience the activities that take place as well. Each page is secure and is only viewable by those who have been granted access by the school. Twitter is very easy to use and is available on any smartphone, tablet or PC. If you are uncertain about how to access Twitter, speak with your child's teacher or the school office. It's simple – it's wonderful!

## **Attendance & Punctuality**

Just as it is in the world of adults, at Brookside we feel it is imperative that the children are punctual and ready to begin their school day at 8.50a.m. each morning. It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that each child routinely arrives at school on time. Children who regularly arrive late to school are denied the structured start to the day which is vital to their development. Regular lateness is also disruptive to the class and the class teacher. Lateness is recorded and persistent lateness will be followed up with families. Please make sure that your child is at school by 8:50.

Unforeseen and isolated occurrences of lateness for reasons outside of your control do, of course, happen. This is perfectly understood and is different to the routine lateness outlined above.

The overwhelming majority of you insist on good or outstanding school attendance for your child. This is proved by the fact that the average school attendance last year was 97%. This is fantastic!

At Brookside, we encourage all parents to support their child in achieving at least 95% attendance throughout the year. 95% attendance allows for up to ten days off because of illness or other circumstances. If you do have concerns about your child's attendance slipping below that of their peers, please speak with your child's teacher or Mr Kenny.

## **Sickness Absence**

Please remember to call the school office on the first day that your child is off school with sickness.

## **Administering Medicines**

As you can imagine, there are strict guidelines for schools with regard to administering and storing of medicines. The school's policy on medicine is available from the school's office and website. Please inform the school office immediately if your child suffers with any medical condition.

If your child suffers with asthma, it is essential that they have a fully working inhaler, clearly labelled with their name and class, in school at all times. It is also a requirement that parents of children who have use of an inhaler have completed the school's *'Request for child to carry his/her prescribed medicine'* (available from school office/ website).

School staff are able to administer certain medications so long as a *'Parental Agreement for Brookside to Administer Medicines'* form has been completed (again available from the school's office and website). Unless prescribed, the school is unable to administer any medicines that contain Ibuprofen or Aspirin.

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Please check that the school has your most up-to-date emergency contact details. Should you or your child's circumstances change, or your child develops an allergy, please contact school so details may be updated.

### **Free School Dinners for all Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Children**

Your Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child is entitled to a free school dinner. It remains your choice if you wish for your child to bring sandwiches to school.

Other than children with a free school meal entitlement, school dinners cost £2.29 a day for the children in Y3-6 and can be paid for using the sQuid system.

### **Healthy Packed Lunches**

Some of you will choose for your child to bring a packed lunch to school. If so, I hope you are able to work with us and encourage a healthy lunchbox. Our belief is that most things are fine in moderation, an individual chocolate bar or packet snack included. As a consequence, it is felt that such snack and comfort foods should be limited to one per lunchbox, the rest of the content being made up of items such as sandwiches, fruit or yoghurt. Details of a healthy lunchbox can be found at [www.foodafactoflife.org.uk](http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk).

Due to a small number of children who suffer from allergies to nuts and nut products, please do not send your child to school with any foods that contain nuts or nut products. Sweets, including Haribos, and sugary drinks are not suitable for school packed lunches.

### **Diary Dates**

Please find a list of dates attached. Tickets for the BFG (Brookside Parents Fundraising Group) School of Rock outdoor cinema screening are available from the school office.

### **Finally,**

We are all looking forward to a busy and exciting year of learning and opportunities here at Brookside. We value immensely the partnership that we have with you, our parents, and look forward to working alongside one another this year.

Yours sincerely,

*Gary Kenny* (Head Teacher)

**BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL DATES 2018/19**  
**Autumn Term 2018**

Date	Day	Event	Time
5 - 7/9/18	Wed - Fri	Year 6 Residential Visit to Robinwood	
11/9-11/12	Tuesday	Swimming Starts - Yr 2	9.30
26/09/2018	Wednesday	Year 4 - Forest Schools	
03/10/2018	Wednesday	Year 4 - Forest Schools	
10/10/2018	Wednesday	Year 4 - Forest Schools	
12/10/2018	Friday	Harvest Festival/Selling of Produce/National Farmers Day	
23/10/2018	Tuesday	Parents Evening	
24/10/2018	Wednesday	Parents Evening	
<b>29/10-2/11</b>		<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>05/11/2018</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	
06/11/2018	Tuesday	Year 2 Swimming	9.30
07/11/2018	Wednesday	Year 4 - Forest Schools	
12/11/2018	Monday	Family/Individual Photos	am
12/11/2018	All Week	Anti Bullying Week	
14/11/2018	Wednesday	Year 4 - Forest Schools	
15/11/2018	Thursday	Children In Need	
<b>16/11/2018</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>19/11/2018</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
wc 3/12/18		Collection for the Homeless	
06/12/2018	Thursday	Foundation Dress Rehearsal	10.00
10/12/2018	Monday	KS1 Dress Rehearsal	2.00
10/12/2018	Monday	Foundation Production	10.00
11/12/2018	Tuesday	Foundation Production	10.00
11/12/2018	Tuesday pm	KS1 Production	2.00
12/12/2018	Wednesday pm	KS1 Production	2.00
18/12/2018	Tuesday pm	Foundation Party	
19/12/2018	Wednesday pm	KS1 Parties	
tbc		KS2 Parties	
tbc		Year 5/6 Production	
20/12/2018	Thursday	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>	
21/12/2018	Friday	Last Day of Autumn Term	

**Spring Term 2019**

<b>07/01/2019</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	
8/1-21/5 2019	Tuesday	Year 1 Swimming	9.30
25/01/2019	Friday	Young Voices - Birmingham	
<b>18/2-22/2</b>		<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>25/02/2018</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>26/02/2019</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Back to school</b>	
26/02/2019	Tuesday	Year 1 Swimming	9.30
06/03/2019	Wednesday	"Jungle Book" Theatre Production	pm
15/03/2019	Friday	"Red Nose" Day	
02/04/2019	Tuesday	Parents Evening	
03/04/2019	Wednesday	Parents Evening	
05/04/2019	Friday	Last Day of Spring Term	

**Summer Term 2019**

<b>23/04/2019</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	
23/04/2019	Tuesday	Year 1 Swimming	9.30
WC 13/5	All week	Year 6 SATs	
24/05/2019	Friday	Last Day	
<b>27/5-31/5</b>		<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>03/06/2019</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>04/06/2019</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Back to School</b>	
4/6-16/6	Tuesday	Year 6 Swimming	9.30
WC 10/6/19		National Year 1 Phonics Screening	
17/06/2019	Monday	School Photographer - Class Photos	
2 & 3/7/19	Tue/Wed	School Transition Days/Year 6 ELA Transition Days	
tbc		Yr 3/4 Production	
tbc		Yr 5/6/Production	
wc 8/7/18		Sports Week	
<b>12/07/2018</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>	
<b>24/07/2019</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Last Day for pupils</b>	

