



BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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April Newsletter

Dear Parents

Well it didn't feel much like summer this morning when I arrived at school, but believe it or not we now begin our Summer Term! A very warm welcome back to all our children and staff and I look forward to all of our pupils taking their positive next steps in their personal learning journeys as the new term unfolds. On the back of this letter, you can see this half-term's learning overview for your child's class. As usual, it is also displayed on our school website if you click on the 'Classrooms' tab. While you're there, remember to have a look at the 'Calendar' tab too for all upcoming events. We also put all of our letters like this one on the website and you'll see them if you click on the 'Newsletters' tab.

At the end of the month, we will be very sad to say goodbye to Angela Bridson, our office assistant. Miss Bridson will be moving on to pastures new and we wish her well in the next chapter of her life. She will be missed by our children and staff and I'm sure by yourselves. Miss Bridson has been a wonderful calm presence in our office, greeting visitors to school and supporting staff in their day-to-day work. In her place, and following an open advertisement and interview for the job, we are pleased to welcome our new admin assistant, Emily Hankin. You may have already seen Miss Hankin as she started her new role at Brookside this morning where she will be working alongside Miss Bridson until the end of the month. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss Hankin to Brookside and wishing her well in her new role.

In our Spring Meeting, Governors were pleased to ratify the new school timings which take effect from September 2024. This is to bring us in line with expectations set out by the DfE that children should be receiving 32.5 hours of schooling per week. So from September 2024, I can confirm that **children will begin the day at 8:45 and end at 3:15**. Our wrap-around care, Kidz Club, run by Mrs Lockhart will continue and prices will not be affected: Breakfast Club will start at 8am and run to 8:45 and After-School Club will start at 3:15 and run to 5:30. I should remind parents that Kidz Club is a privately run business, managed by Mrs Lockhart, and indeed has its own Ofsted inspection separate to the school (graded Good in November 2022) and any enquiries you may have about Club should be directed to Mrs Lockhart.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

