



BROOKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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November Newsletter

Dear Parents

As I'm sure you'll agree, it's great to be back at school as we commence the Autumn B half-term. I do hope you and your children had a good week off and that the children are back refreshed and replenished for the next steps in their learning; I know the staff are raring to go! On the back of this letter, you can have a look at the curriculum plans for your child this half-term. As usual, our teachers will be happy to chat with you about this if you have any queries.

You will recall before the holiday that we told you all about our forthcoming new **'Parent Hub'** app. Can I thank those parents who have already signed up and encourage those who haven't yet to do so – please see Miss Hankin in the school office if you need any help. Our intention is basically to go paperless and so the Parent Hub app on your phone will be the go-to destination for letters like this in the future and ensure that those letters which you might never see in those bottomless kit bags will become a thing of the past. It will also help us to keep costs down which I'm afraid is ever more essential.

November is a very busy month at school. Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. To kick this off, for a bit of fun on Monday 11th, we will be encouraging everyone in school to wear odd socks. At Brookside we spend a lot of our time teaching the children that everyone is different and this makes life interesting and enjoyable, but everyone is equal and we should treat others respectfully. Children in their classes across the school will enjoy a range of learning activities designed to underline the central anti-bullying message which I know you will reinforce at home.

Friday 15th November will be BBC Children in Need day and as usual the children can come in dressed up or with tweaks to their uniform to reflect the spotty theme and bring in a £1 donation for the charity. There will be a prize for the most 'SPOTacular' outfit for one boy and one girl in each class. In class, we will have a selection of beautifully designed Pudsey-themed activities that are certain to excite and engage and we hope that a day with a serious purpose can also be a lot of fun.

Y6 will be having their 'Bikeability' lessons from Thursday 14th to Tuesday 19th November and Mr Whitcombe has already informed parents about this separately. On Wednesday 27th November, Y5 will be having their trip to 'Safety Central' with Mr Griffiths to learn all about managing risks and staying safe.

If you are out and about with your children for Bonfire Night tomorrow have a great time and enjoy yourselves, and of course – stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

