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November Newsletter

Dear Parents

It's great to be back at school for the start of the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you and your children had a lovely week off and that the children return refreshed and replenished for the next steps in their learning - the staff are raring to go! Accompanying 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.

November is a very busy month at school. Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme is 'The Power for Good'. This has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2024 – when over 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. To kick this off, for a bit of fun on Monday 10th, 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 14th 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 Pudsey-themed activities to excite and engage and we hope that a day with a serious purpose can also be a lot of fun.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Orme
Headteacher

