



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the pupils and staff at Brookside Primary! We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2021.



Christmas Carolling and Tree Decorating

From Monday 7th to Friday 11th December, pupils across Brookside Primary School took part in their Christmas performances, via Microsoft Teams. Parents, guardians and carers watched their children sing carols and decorate the Christmas tree with their special handmade ornaments. We would like to thank all the children for a fantastic performance!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, pupils donned their most eye-catching, festive garments, making an extra special appearance in their favourite knitwear for Christmas Jumper Day! The sea of Christmas colours looked so vibrant and colourful.



Christmas Lunch

With a mouth-watering Christmas lunch, a wonderful festive atmosphere and a magical ambience transpiring throughout, the Christmas lunch was undoubtedly a memorable moment for all! The children enjoyed snapping their crackers before tucking into a lovely festive Christmas meal enjoyed with delectable trimmings. We would like to extend our thanks to our kitchen staff who made the day special for our pupils.



Government Guidelines for Coronavirus

The government advises that capacity on public transport remains limited given the requirements for social distancing. This will be particularly challenging for children who travel to school via public transport.

As such, please encourage your child to walk or cycle to school where possible. Where this is not an option, we would like to reiterate the importance of parents, guardians and carers wearing face coverings on public transport for the duration of the journey, and for all to observe social distancing guidelines. Additionally, as confined spaces and limited ventilation on public transport can pose a risk to passengers, windows should also be kept open at all times to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The current government guidance states that anyone who has coronavirus symptoms such as a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell, should stay at home. Thus, we urge all parents, guardians and carers to adhere to government guidelines and follow best practices by keeping their child at home if they are displaying symptoms, in an attempt to reduce the risk of transmission. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Face Masks

We kindly ask all parents, guardians and carers to wear face masks whilst onsite and adhere to the start and end times so we remain compliant with government guidelines for COVID-19. Please arrive at your allocated time slot in the New Year so we are able to ensure that children remain in their respective bubbles. Please note, we will only allow one adult to drop and collect children to minimise numbers. Please do not be late collecting your child as we require sufficient staff presence to look after them without transferring bubbles. Thank you.

Term Dates and Holidays 2021

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Training: (Half day)	Monday 4th January 2021 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 5th January 2021 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 6th January 2021
Half Term:	Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021
Term Ends:	Wednesday 31st March 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Training: (All day)	Monday 19th April 2021 [Training – all day]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 20th April 2021 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Wednesday 21st April 2021
Bank Holiday:	Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Term Ends:	Wednesday 21st July 2021
Staff Training:	Thursday 22nd July 2021
Staff Training:	Friday 23rd July 2021



DECEMBER 2020 to JANUARY 2021

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Monday 21st December 2020 to Tuesday 5th January 2021	Christmas Holidays	
JANUARY		
Monday 4th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultations
Tuesday 5th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultations
Wednesday 6th		Start of Term
Monday 11th to Friday 15th		Life Bus Visit

Start of Term - January 2021

Please be reminded that school commences for the spring term on **Wednesday 6th January** at the staggered start times displayed in the table below.

It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons will begin promptly. It is extremely important that every child makes a positive start to the new term!

Year Group	Arrival Time	Dismissal Time
Nursery AM	8:30am	11:30am
Nursery PM	12:30pm	3:30pm
Years 2 and 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Years 1, 3 and 5	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception and Year 4	9:00am	3:30pm

Parent Consultations - January 2021

Parent Consultations will take place via **Microsoft Teams** on either **Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th January between 1:00 and 5:00pm**. Your allocated time slot will be sent home in a letter. Please ensure you download the Microsoft Teams application and have your child's classroom email and password available ahead of time. If you are unable to make the time that has been scheduled for you, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Track and Trace

As you are aware, in a bid to prevent transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been requesting that all parents, guardians and carers notify us of any positive cases of COVID-19 by either email or phone call to enable us to track and trace effectively. Please be advised that we will continue to track and trace until Thursday 24th December and ask that all parents, guardians and carers continue to report any positive cases once confirmed.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 4th January 2021</i>	
	MENU 3	

WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Holiday Requests

School holidays will not be approved during term. Any holidays taken during this period will be marked as unauthorised holiday. Parents, guardians and carers, please remember the importance of factoring any potential quarantine restrictions into your holiday, so that if any quarantine measures are required, these do not impact on your child's return to school in January. The Christmas Holidays are only two weeks long and, in most cases, you may have to quarantine for 14 days when you travel to a country and when you return to the United Kingdom. The Department for Education (DfE) guidance states that school attendance is mandatory so all absences will be referred and logged as unauthorised. Any term time holiday requests must be sent to the Headteacher in writing at least one month prior to travelling and before securing any travel arrangements.

Primary School Admissions 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on Friday 15th January 2021. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.