



## January Newsletter 2007

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A happy new year to you all and a warm welcome back to school. We had a super Christmas at school. The Carol Concert and the infant and junior performances were very enjoyable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both children and staff for their hard work over the Christmas period and to everyone who supported our events so appreciatively.

### Assembly

On Friday afternoons we hold a special assembly, which is a celebration of good work, good behaviour and special achievements both in and outside school. It is an informal assembly and parents are very welcome to join us if they wish. The assembly starts at 2.40 pm.

### New PCs and Whole School Server

Great excitement on the first day back as a new 'XP' server and new state-of-the-art PCs were installed in our new computer suite. The whole school is now benefiting from the new system; all rooms are linked to the central server via teacher's laptops and interactive whiteboards with screened broadband internet connection. A very exciting development.

### Choir

The Choir will be taking part in the Hazel Grove Music Festival again this year. Mrs Holmes will be rehearsing children for this event. Rehearsals will take place during music lessons (no after school club). Your child is welcome to join—but please make sure they are available to participate in the event which is on Saturday, 3 March (morning).

### Class Assemblies

Year 5 / 6	2 February
Year 4 / 5	8 February
Year 3	16 February
Year 2	2 March
Year 1	9 March
Reception	23 March
Easter Assembly	30 March

### League Tables

A brief mention regarding the recently published 'league tables' which you may have seen in the local press before Christmas. These attempt to give some measure of schools' performance based on their Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) results for the previous year. The measures are based on one of two scales; a mainstream school scale and a special school scale.

As one of Stockport's four Resourced schools, Brookside doesn't really fit either of these scales. Our league table position is affected by this and is not a true and complete reflection of our Year 6 children's achievements.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of last year's Year 6 on their individual successes and wish them continued success at their High Schools.

### Warm-Weather Clothing

A reminder that children may bring in tracksuit bottoms, or old trousers to change into for outside PE lessons. These lessons still carry on if the weather is dry. Also, of course, children do need a coat in school for break and lunch-time in this cold weather.



### Curriculum Information

Letters from class teachers outlining the work to be done this term will be sent out at the beginning of week beginning 15 January.

## Governing Body

As a result of the latest Governing Body election, Mr Richard Legg has been voted onto the Governing Body. I would like to say thank you to both candidates—elections for parent governors are far from the norm in most schools. We are very lucky to have such support from our parents/carers. Thank you also to all who voted; an excellent response. The current Governing Body is comprised of:

Mr G Fernyhough	LEA representative
Mrs J Stewart	LEA representative
Mr J Roling	Parent Governor
Mrs L Wych	Parent Governor
Mrs C Leach	Parent Governor
Mr R Legg	Parent Governor
Mrs M Dooley	Community Governor
Mr P Franklin	Community Governor (Chair)
Mrs L Leonard	Community Governor
Mrs F Cavanagh	Staff Governor
Mrs S Pogson	Staff Governor
Mr G Bulman	Staff Governor

## Consultation Week

This term's consultation meetings will be on 21 & 22 March. Further details in the next newsletter.

## Baubles

The winning entries this Christmas were Josie Bray, Siana Miller, Joanne Fulton, Patrick Nolan, Rohan Patel, Tom Shepherdson and Sophie Fielding. Well done to all those who took part—the tree in the hall looked fabulous

## Sex Information Evening

As part of our Personal, Social, Health education curriculum (PSHE) all junior children in school will be learning about issues concerning health, families, relationships and reproduction. We have delivered this curriculum at Brookside for many years and have found it is much appreciated by families. The lessons are entirely positive and age appropriate. There will be an opportunity to look at the material we will use (including a series of short videos) on Tuesday 13 February at 7.00 pm. The format and content will be exactly the same as in previous years. Please note there is a tear-off slip to indicate you wish to attend.

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## Sex Information Evening

Name of child:

I will be attending the above information evening.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brooksiders

Due to lack of demand the Playscheme will not be running on the In-service Day, 9 February.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that all bills must be settled within 7 days of receipt. Brooksiders is run by a voluntary committee on a not-for-profit basis. It has not got cash reserves to fall back on for salaries, insurances, OFSTED registration etc. Thank you very much.

## Correspondence with school

As you are aware we ask that parents write to us to confirm their child's absence. You may email us at [headteacher@brookside.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brookside.stockport.sch.uk) for this or any other matter.

## KS1 Girls' Toilets

A big thank you to Mr Shiels for assisting our student Miss Jefferies in making the girls' toilet a more pleasant environment. There is now a peaceful seaside mural including the children's own undersea designs.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 January		Swimming starts for Class 5 / 6
15 January	9.00 am	Bags2School collection
23 January	6.30 pm	Y2 and Y6 Information Evening— (parents only please)
23 January	7.30 pm	BFG Meeting
9 February		School closed for In-Service
13 February	7.00 pm	Sex Information Evening
16 February		School Closes
26 February	8.55 am	School re-opens
3 March		Hazel Grove Music Festival
21 March	3.30 pm	Consultation Afternoon
22 March	3.30 pm	Consultation Afternoon
29 March		Folk Dance Evening
30 March		School closes

## BAGS2SCHOOL

Clear out your wardrobes and drawers—it's that time again!!

We have already sent out bags for you to fill—declutter and enjoy the chance to go out and buy new clothes (whilst raising money for school at the same time!!) We have some spare bags in the office if you need any more. Our last collection raised a wonderful £310.00

The van will be here to collect on 15 January between 8.45—9.15 am.

## CLUB NEWS

Clubs start again on 15 January. The Folk Dance Club will be preparing for the Festival at the Town Hall in March. There will be no Gym in January as Mrs Brownsword is convalescing after a hospital stay. We will contact you when she is back to full health. Year 1 Sewing Club will start after Easter.

	Pre-School	Lunchtime	After School	Finish Time
<b>Monday</b>		KS1 ICT (Yrs 1- 2)	Brass	4.00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>		Homework (all ages) Netball (Yrs 4,5 & 6)	Gym (not in January)	4.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.40 Wake up/Shake up (Yrs 2—6)		Folk Dance (Yrs 4 - 6)	4.00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>		KS2 ICT (Yrs 3—6)	Skipping (Yrs 3—6) Games Club (Yrs 4—6)	4.00 pm 4.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	8.40 Wake up/Shake up (Yrs 2—6)		Drama (Years 5 & 6)	4.00 pm

Please complete the slip indicating which clubs your child wishes to join, or is already a member of. We will notify you if your child cannot be accepted into a club.

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Club (s) \_\_\_\_\_



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer