



Dear Children,

On Monday we look forward to welcoming you all back to Brooklands.

All the grown-ups in school are looking forward to seeing you and hearing about your Summer holiday and the special times you have had with your families. Perhaps you went away, or you enjoyed days out.

You will also see some new faces in school when you return. Look out for the many new children and their families starting school this term. Perhaps you have someone new in your class. Make them feel welcome as you have always done before. You may remember how nice it was when you first started and other children came up to you to say hello, welcoming you with kindness and friendship.

Whilst you have been away from Brooklands, we have been very busy making changes around the school. Just like we do every Summer holiday, we have had lots of painting done and we have also had new flooring installed. This time, you will see even more exciting changes as the school has new doors and the playground will look different. See if you can spot where things have changed when you come back to school.

You will also find lots of new and exciting books and learning materials to support your learning. Look out for our new 'Raffle' prizes too. I've tried to think very carefully about prizes I think you'd like. See if you can spot a T-Rex puzzle, a shiny sequined football and a pair of binoculars!

Our new teaching block now has doors, windows and the new classrooms are starting to look like they are ready for classes. Inside the new block the builders are making finishing touches with things like wood effect flooring, storage cupboards and fresh paint.

There are a few more exciting changes still to come. Over the next few weeks we will be getting a new trim trail which will have a wobbly bridge, log weave, balance beam, log pass, challenge net and jungle beams. Our playground will also be completely resurfaced and we will have a new scooter and cycle parking area.

At the back of the school, our builders are still constructing a new porch. This will take a few more weeks for them to finish. This area will also have a fence built around it. Because this area isn't finished yet, those of you in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will enter the school at the beginning of the school day through the Mud Room until we have the new porch. Early Years, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 will come and leave the same way as they have always done.

I hope that you are feeling excited about returning to school. To show you how to come into school on your first day I've asked your new teachers to post a video message welcoming you back. Look out for them on ClassDojo.

You will also see lots of new touches for the special moments in your life like when you lose a tooth or have a birthday. We are excited to have two birthdays on the first day back at school too! Happy Birthday Albie and Oscar.

Soon after we start the new term in September, we will announce who our new Head Boy and Head Girl. Like Rebecca and Daniel last year, they will continue to support school events. This year they will have new titles for their special roles. They will be known as Heads of School. We will also be announcing our Team Captains. Look out for them in Celebration.

I am always so impressed by you all. How you go out of your way to make a difference. Keep thinking about what is important to you and what you can do to bring about change. Perhaps it's donating to a Food Bank, litter picking or even protesting in a march about something you feel passionate about. I am looking forward to hearing more about the people and things that you would like to make a difference to and how you can continue to influence change.

In the term ahead I hope that you will continue to be that friend, that team member, who is always there to lend a hand and help. Remember to take time to ask others how they are doing. Stop and ask "Hey, are you ok? How can I help you?" Be kind to all those around you, and when you look around look for the good. Being a good team player can be as simple as saying 'Good job!' or 'I'm proud of you!' to someone when things go well. It can be letting the people around you know that you appreciate them. 'We couldn't have done this without you' is a wonderful thing for a person to hear, and I always smile when I hear someone say 'I really like that you are here'.

Your teachers have got new reading books ready for you to take home and I am sure that you will continue to work hard on your return back to school. Bring enthusiasm and energy to your learning and push yourself to do your best. Try and start to get back in to good habits by reading at home every day. You will spot lots of new books

in school which I've chosen carefully to make sure you all have stories that you enjoy and want to read.

I can't wait to see you all, and welcome new children, new faces and all the grown-ups too back to Brooklands.

See you in a few days,

Miss Davy