

parents newsletter



30th August 2024

Dear Parents,

For many of us it feels as if we have had a bit of a strange Summer with only a few days of sunshine, however, the season moves on and with this our thoughts are already focussed firmly on the new term ahead.

We will be welcoming both new and familiar faces to the Brooklands family and we particularly extend a warm welcome to all our new faces. Please say hello and reach out to parents and staff if you have any questions. Brooklands' parents shine out for us in their shared commitment and engagement with our school, always on hand to support and help. We rely heavily on our parent volunteers to support our Beach School and Forest School sessions and our active team of parents who organise events for the school, from bake sales to discos, giving their time to support. Together parents help to shape special memories with not only their own children but those of others. Through participation on ClassDojo our parents immerse themselves in our wonderful classroom moments, not just celebrating the milestones of their own child but also in recognising and applauding the achievements of others across the school. These efforts mean a lot and help to build relationships and show our children that we care.

Whether the 2024/25 academic year will be your last year with us as your child moves on to high school or you have seven years and beyond with us as your child starts school, the importance of connecting with fellow parents creates a space for sharing experiences, seeking advice, and building lasting friendships.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Sitting With Friends

A huge thank you to all those who have been involved in running events and those of you who have attended fund raising opportunities in support of our PTA. Thanks to your amazing efforts we have purchased outdoor playground seating for use at playtimes.

For more fundraising events coming up, please see reverse for 2024/25 events.

DfE Update - Attendance Rules

The Department for Education (DfE) has implemented significant updates to school attendance guidance aimed at reducing absenteeism. Brooklands updated Attendance Policy can be seen on our school website.

Of particular note is the update on holiday absence. In general terms, the DfE has clarified that it does not consider a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation as an exceptional circumstance.

Congratulations

We are delighted to share that Grace Glanvill has been promoted to the position of Assistant Headteacher at Brooklands. This new post reflects the needs of the school due to our expansion. We look forward to seeing Grace's impact and influence grow in this exciting new role.

Looking For Something Different?

We have recently created a new FaceBook page to signpost families to activities and events in the local area. Please "like" or "follow" us to find out what is happening.

Are You A Secret Role Model?

Brooklands is keen to hear from parents or people in our community who are working to bring about change. Whether those changes are small or big we are on the hunt for our local heroes and inspirational role models.

One such parent is campaigning to get a skatepark in Brantham. To support this initiative there is an event being organised for September 14th.

Already Planning For 2025

Do you have a child starting school in September 2025? We are now arranging tours to give parents the opportunity to learn more about what we offer.

If you know of anyone who is looking please let them know.

Coming Very Soon

Curriculum information will be made available from next week. Take a look and see what your child will be learning in order to help support and encourage them at home.