

# parents newsletter



3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

In the midst of a wet and blustery start to the year, I take this opportunity to wish you all best wishes for the year ahead. 2024 promises to be event-filled for many reasons from the adrenaline filled excitement of sporting events such as the Paris Olympics to the thrills and escapism of new cinema releases; the joy and connection of local music events to the fun and surprise that a leap year brings especially as our children will be with us on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. There is something for everyone to enjoy. Meanwhile, the General Election will doubtless bring about discussions, debates, and decisions that will ultimately shape the future of the country.

Brooklands 2024 brings its own exciting calendar of events and changes to get ready for. Most notably, improvements to our school grounds with new playground markings as well as extending the all-weather surfacing in our Early Years outside space. You will also see more outdoor play equipment for our youngest children. We are also working with our wrap-around-care providers, Brooklands Young Explorers, to extend their outdoor space for our children to use before and after school.

With your support, in all its forms, from attending Parent Forums, commenting on ClassDojo, responding to parental surveys and helping with events, we know that 2024 will be a year to remember.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **New Look 2024**

We start 2024 with a newly updated website. Our homepage now takes you directly to school events and our latest newsletter.

## **Closing Date Approaches**

The application deadline for a school place here at Brooklands for the 2024/2025 school year closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Application results will be able to be viewed on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, known as the National Offer Day.

For children starting school in September, we are already busy planning new and exciting surprises to make their experience as memorable as possible and supporting them in their transition to school.

## **Excitement Builds**

The year ahead will also see us reach record high pupil numbers as our school continues to grow. All children joining Brooklands are given an exciting bag filled with specially chosen items as part of their welcome to school.

## **What Will You Be Learning?**

Curriculum information for the term ahead 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.

## **Join The Conversation**

Our first Parent Forum of 2024 will be focused on our Early Years provision. Whether you are a parent of a child due to start school or an existing parent of a child in Early Years we'd love you to join us. See reverse for Parent Forum dates.

## **Library Update**

We have recently overhauled our school library with an impressive collection of new fiction books for quizzing on Accelerated Reader. Look out for new books coming home as well as posts on ClassDojo showcasing our new books.

## **Sharing What We Do So Well**

We have a number of dates booked already this term to host leaders from other schools, keen to see our curriculum provision.

## **Making A Difference In 2024**

How will you make a difference in 2024? We're really keen to hear how our families are making a difference. Whether it is through raising money for charity, campaigning for a cause or helping a neighbour. We would love to hear what you are doing and what you have planned. We're also really keen for you to share role models in our community to inspire our children. Whether, small or large, sharing stories can be inspirational for us all.