

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

I still remember taking my first class as if it were yesterday. The names and excited faces looking back at me. Moving into their twenties now, but they will always be in my memories. My love for teaching is as strong now as ever and my role has evolved into not just nurturing a single class, but supporting and nurturing a whole school in a multitude of ways whilst also developing talented teachers and leaders of the future.

At a time when it is hard to miss headlines about the recruitment crisis facing teaching I am thrilled to be able to support and foster exceptional teachers like Megan Glazin who has grown to become our Assistant Headteacher. Megan is an inspirational example of what one of our talented teachers have achieved when their skills are recognised, encouraged and enabled to progress in the profession and what great role models we have at Brooklands sharing with me their passion for teaching.

As we nurture the dreams of our children we are also nurturing our talent for the future.

Best wishes

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## Anti-bullying Charter

Brooklands' Anti-bullying charter is now displayed in the hall in parent and child friendly language. Please also be aware that if you have any concerns regarding bullying, don't hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or make an appointment with either myself or Mike Waddell.

## New Beginnings

It is wonderful to see that once again we have been inundated with applications to join the school in September. 30 children will be joining us in the Autumn, taught by Megan Glazin.

There is an information session planned for New Intake parents on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm, where we will be sharing information on how parents can support their child starting school. Parents will also receive a book bag for their child with information documents as well as bits for your child.

We also have three afternoons for New Intake children to spend in school with Miss Glazin to help them settle in (see reverse for dates).

## Building Relationships

I am pleased to announce the teaching arrangements from September designed to support the transition of our youngest children at Brooklands on to their next year.

Early Years	Megan Glazin
Year 1	Lily Loveday
Year 2	Cleonie Ward

We hope that this will enable our youngest children to begin to build up a relationship with their new class teacher.

Key Stage 2 teaching will be announced in early June.

## Learning Together

I was delighted to see how well received our Learning Together sessions were last term. So many of you took the time to give us your feedback. In response to your feedback Learning Together sessions this term will be focused on outdoor learning and include a range of subjects including art.

One of the particularly useful aspects of these sessions you informed me, was the opportunity to learn the spelling strategies your child uses in school so you can support their learning at home. We will be bearing this mind for future events.

## Support

At Brooklands we use the services of a range of outside agencies to support our children with additional needs. A number of these are funded through our school budget including play therapists, speech and language therapists and educational psychologists. This ensures regular interventions for our children and provides guidance for our teachers on supporting each child's needs.

If you feel that your child would benefit from support from outside agencies please have a chat with your child's class teacher.

## ClassDojo

Further to the introduction of ClassDojo we would like to evaluate its success and gather your feedback. Please visit the online survey on ClassDojo, taking a few minutes to share your experiences of this communication method.