

parents newsletter



19th December 2017

Dear Parents

Wow! What a year we have had at Brooklands. We achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award, became finalists in the leading Suffolk Innovation Award, we have had some sensational new teachers join us (Rhian Brighton, Harry Legg and Charlie Goddard) and have also bid some sad farewells to staff as they have moved on to new adventures. The Brooklands' leadership welcomed a new Chair of Governors in 2017 – Alison Cole. Many of you will have seen Alison on the playground at the end of the school day. Alison joined us for Christmas dinner last week and enjoyed watching the children light up the stage in their Christmas plays. Above all else, our children continue to shine and thrive, achieving well above the national figures at the end of Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and Year 1 phonics screening.

In 2018 we can look forward to new links with schools in Ipswich and the exciting benefits this will bring along with more adventures in our new forest at Patten's Fen.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a special holiday.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Claire's First Christmas

Often unsung heroes of the Brooklands Team, our office support staff play a vital role in the school from noticing and recognising those special moments for your children like losing their first tooth to supporting me with strategic work like budget planning. Claire Le Roy joined the team to support Jane Day and Sharon Brooke more recently and has soon become a valued member of our front office staff.

Recognising Special Achievements

Today, we issued children who have behaved well across the term, our second limited edition badge. Badges have been awarded through their Student Story page on ClassDojo. In total there are six possible badges to collect and these are a great achievement. I am sure that you will all share in our pride and recognition of their achievement.

Leading the Way in Technology

Brooklands has just purchased 7 visualizers for use in each classroom. This exciting new equipment can also be used as a camera in hand held mode and will enable teachers to display children's work quickly and easily with the others in class, enabling feedback on learning and sharing good examples and demonstrating improvements.

We have also ordered 15 more iPads to support cross curricular learning, bringing our total across the school to 45!



Closing Date Approaching

If your child is due to start school in September 2018 the closing date for applications is midnight on 15th January 2018.

Forest School

Harry Goddard and Charlie Legg will be starting their Forest School training next term. Delivered over eight intense training days, once fully trained Harry and Charlie will lead Forest School sessions across the school.

Our Early Years children have already enjoyed several sessions at our new site, making their own mini fires with matches and preparing delicious hot chocolate on their camp fires. Our children learn so much from their forest adventures and we are extremely fortunate as a school to be able to offer this amazing learning experience that will always be part of their school memories.

