

parents newsletter



20th March 2019

Dear Parents,

The magical memories we recall from school days can last a lifetime. For me they are of a trip to London to visit St Pauls Cathedral, a trip to Easton Farm Park as well as a seaside trip to Lowestoft. Growing up on a farm and spending time outdoors has also been pivotal in my growing up and this has influenced my vision for Brooklands' children to experience learning outdoors and create their own special memories. Team Brooklands works tirelessly to help create fond memories for our children from visits to the forest and climbing trees, toasting marshmallows around a camp fire and learning to wood whittle. Memories too of trips to the seaside, scavenger hunts, foraging and wild cooking to name but a few. We want our children to experience the joy that comes with opportunities to experience new things whether it's a trip to our capital or something more local. With this in mind, we are planning a number of upcoming visits ranging from a trip to London, to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. We have also planned for a range of visitors to come to us at school and offer exciting workshops such as dance and music. Unfortunately, however, some of these activities do involve the need for additional funding. We strive to keep voluntary contributions as low as we possibly can. Sadly, however, if the school doesn't receive sufficient voluntary contributions it may be necessary to cancel an event. We very much hope that this won't be the case and that everyone will be able to enjoy the range of fabulous experiences we have planned this year.

Kind Regards

Christine Davy

Headteacher

Early Years

From September 2019 Grace Glanvill will teach our children in Early Years. In readiness for her role, over the next few months Grace will be attending a number of training events led by Alistair Bryce-Clegg. These courses will cover how to create a play-based environment for "Continuous Provision" and enable our children to be active learners and to take control of their own learning through quality play experiences and by creating a stimulating learning environment. All too often this potential is squeezed out of Early Years by a misguided belief that a 'formal' approach to teaching and learning is the only way to get results. We know from experience how valuable and stimulating learning can be when it is fun and engaging. Grace will also be undertaking Beach School training.

Music To Our Ears!

Brooklands is working to 'refresh' our approach to music and engage our children. Using technology, we believe that there is potential to make music more inclusive, engaging learners who may have an interest in video games, graphics and multimedia. Our Year 4 children have recently been creating their own music using the app "Garage Band".

Recruitment

I am pleased to report that Brooklands has received significant interest in our teaching vacancy for September. A number of candidates have toured the school and complemented Brooklands on its strong commitment to teacher development and the welcoming atmosphere at the school. I will be able to update you soon regarding any appointments.

Wellbeing Award for Schools

I am thrilled to say that Brooklands has become the first school in Suffolk to achieve The Wellbeing Award for Schools.

Brooklands Fundraising

Drum roll Donations from World Book Day raised £151.

Take a look in the library for some new titles chosen by our children.

Further exciting fund raising events are planned and dates can be found on the reverse of newsletters.

